

Attendees

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| Lisa (Diva) Watkins | Ayelet Haran | Jennie Spector |
| Ruth Manning | Mara Gittleman | Traci Nottingham (took notes) |
| Jon Pope (presiding) | Jeff Secor | Frances Norwood |
| Lee Schere | Johanna Bauman | Jen Richman |
| Jean Kahler & Jessica Rowe & Graham | Alexandra Hayes | |

Announcements and Updates:

The meeting was held alongside our 14th Annual Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash

October 2012 Meeting Minutes - ratification 9 aye, 0 nay 3 abstentions

Traci announced that the Garden will need a new Secretary next year.

In October Traci & Redelia went to the Extending Your Harvest GreenThumb workshop, and brought back floating row-cover materials.

Traci proposed we try it over one of the communal beds this winter and even next spring to raise plants for our annual plant sale. We voted unanimously to use the row cover.

2013 is also the Garden's 15th Anniversary year and we should have a series of celebrations and events to mark the special occasion.

Jon P. announced he was stepping down as Coordinator and

Ruth added she is stepping down as Box Coordinator.

Compost report: Johanna - Johanna explained that we could use a chipper and thought that we could possibly get a one through BANG and share it among the 5 gardens. Jeff offered a contact that might be able to help; Greg at Imani Garden has a chipper and has offered to let gardens use it. He also added that the viburnum needs cutting back due to wind and storm damage.

Discussions:

Back of Garden and Trees

Lee spoke about compost operations and noted that the space where the Children's Bed is has been taken over and needs to be part of a larger conversation ; addressing conversations about trees shading beds, Jean K. noted that one can grow plants- including tomatoes- under the dogwood tree as she was assigned that box once, but agreed that under the plum tree is a difficult planting spot and that we should consider what to do about them. Traci noted that we should keep the Children's Bed as part of the Garden's educational component. If we eliminate it there won't be an opportunity for all kids to have a planting experience.

Jon then suggested we have planning meeting / committee over the winter and present ideas at the Winter Meeting at the end of February. Traci cautioned that the committee shouldn't be a top down directive telling everyone "this is what we are going to do" and Jean K. heartily agreed.

We voted unanimously Jon's proposal that we have a planning meeting in early January to present ideas at the Winter Meeting.

Frances thinks we should consider getting a new shed.

Winter Snow removal: Jon- Jon noted that Brain and Catherine usually take responsibility for shoveling the snow from in the garden sidewalk, but proposed that there be a Snow Removal Team for Service Hours credit. Johanna volunteered to lead that team.

Congratulations and welcome to new babies born, sons Stellan (Liz & Eric) and Eliezer (Hans & Rivka)

Recap of officers stepping down: Ruth has been box coordinator since 2008 and is turning over the reins; Jon P. stepping down as Coordinator; Traci is seeking a new Secretary /co-Secretary. Separate email notices will come regarding responsibilities and duties for these positions.

Mara offers her thanks to all the coordinators for their service.

Winter Meeting: Sunday February 24th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.