COMMUNITY VICTORY GARDEN COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 15th, 2017 7:00 PM
Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road
Nancy Marrer, Chairwoman, presiding

I. Call to Order - attendance; Dot Brenneis, Chris Mandel, Gordy and Gloria Barnes, Nancy Marrer, Carol and Dave Boyer, Sabrina Renner

II. Approval of Minutes – (5/18/2017)

III. Communications - General Garden News and Updates
   i. Email about bed planting by June 30th - Dot -email sent; 6 beds still untended
   iii. Penfield clean up - truckload of rotted wood and junk taken over to town drop-off
   iv. Cinder block collection (Girl Scout Project Compost) - free ones picked up for project; Dot will remind Sydney to move them behind shed

IV. Public Participation

V. Action Items
   i. locking the gate - once locks are located, we will start locking gates; gardeners will be emailed info (lock code 1741)

VI. Informational Items
   a. Financial
      i. Bed Registrations/middle beds in back and discount price - because of the shape of the garden/fence line, 6 center beds near the children's garden are smaller; next year we should offer these at a discount (perhaps $28 for 1, $40 for 2
      ii. 2017 Budget - Sabrina handed out current budget, total remaining $1700.16
      iii. Waiting List? 3 names on list
   b. Projects
      i. 2017 Eagle Project Update - no news
      ii. Critter Update - appears to be less voles than last year (2-3 seen), probably hanging out in compost pile; Nancy suggested using Castor Oil or peppermint along fence line to discourage them
      iii. July 4th Parade (on July 1st) - Dot suggested "40's" theme for float to help explain history of Victory Gardens; Nancy will investigate posters; need candy, since not many seeds are leftover; set-up of float will be June 30 @ Dot's, she will check inventory of supplies; need 4 bales of hay/straw from Rothfuss's
c. Operations
   i. Workday successes - good turnout for pizza party workday; next workday is Aug. 10, 6-8 pm - ice cream party
   ii. Garden tour - Roc. Civic Garden Center Tuesday Aug. 1st 6:30-8pm - Nancy called for several volunteers to help that evening; she will check with RCGC about refreshments; we should set up displays and PowerPoint presentation.
   iii. Mulch needs - skip straw this year; we will need more bark mulch for Nazareth volunteers in Aug.
   iv. Equipment - riding mower and self-propelled mowers getting repaired by town; is it worth repairing self-propelled mower - can Sabrina find out how much it might cost?

d. Communication
   i. The Sprout - remind gardeners to turn off water at hydrant, shut & lock gate, remove rocks, report and bait voles, next workday Aug. 10, first aid kit location and report injuries, traffic safety reminders when exiting garden, food shelf donations start mid-July, take home trash, bed planting by Jun. 30, call for cinderblock donations, pictures of common insect pests and what to use against them, call for donations of perennials for berm
   ii. Traffic safety - could a "parabolic" mirror be set up on telephone pole to help view traffic? Could Sabrina check with engineering dept?

VII. Held Items
   1. Filling Raised Beds - probably need to wait until Fall

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business - hold a meeting at Broccolo's? Dot will check about July meeting

X. Next Meeting: July 20th, 2017

XI. Adjournment