COMMUNITY VICTORY GARDEN COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 21st, 2017 7:00 PM
Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road
Nancy Marrer, Chairwoman, presiding
Attending: Chris Mandel, Gordy and Gloria Barnes, Nancy Marrer, Dot Brenneis,
Dave and Carol Boyer, Mark Whitmire, Lisa Ford

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Communications - General Garden News and Updates - 10 untended bed renters were sent letters; of them only 1 (2B) has preregistered.; consequences for untended beds and pre-registering them the following year need to be updated in members handbook for 2019
- Public Participation
- Action Items
  1. Election Nominations - Jan. election of Chair and Vice-Chair; let garden members know of this in Sprout, nominations to be received by 1/15; also encourage new committee members
- Informational Items
  - Financial
    - Remaining Funds -$107, going to cinder blocks; total number depends on Home Depot delivery price, and volunteers to pick them up; contact Sabrina
      - Compost Order with Remaining Funds - $600, going to compost order with Conor Trippe, to fill new raised beds ($30/yd, finer screened than in the past; ask for 2 trips for delivery; look for volunteers to help fill beds (school teams, Scouts); of course get gardeners to help fill their own beds
    - 2018 Budget Report - Dot will email to committee; anticipate slightly less income ($35) if small beds are discounted; discussion on whether we are getting value from our website vs. cost ($184) - Nancy suggested considering a community garden Facebook page, for free, easy to update; renewal in May; Nancy will investigate Amer. Community Gardening Assoc. again
    - Fee Structure for 2018 - because of the fence layout, and need to mow along the north side, it was suggested that smaller beds (11-15E) be discounted ($28 instead of $35; small & another bed $50 instead of $55); discussion over whether raised bed frames could be moved over center path, and /or to the north side of F beds (eliminate grass path at that end, mulch thickly instead). Mark will measure to see if raised bed frames can be moved to enlarge E beds.
- Projects
  - 2017 Girl Scout Gold Project Update Cinder Block Purchase - see above
  - Shelter construction planning - subcommittee needed
  - Critter Update - winter trapping - voles are active, Mark and Gordy have set traps; any beds not cleaned out are vole buffets
• Operations
  • Equipment Winterization - need to check sheds, or with Sabrina; move bench back to shed area for security

• Communications
  • i. The Sprout - election; website vs. Facebook page, feedback needed; update rule handbook in 2018 for 2019; shelter subcommittee; Boy Scout bench donation; voles & winter habits, impact of messy beds; workdays for 2018
  • ii. Spring Seed Starting Class - aim for Mid-March, check with Sabrina
  • iii. Update on PCVG version of Plant Sale - Proposed Date May 28th - will start discussions with former RCGC people after the holidays; owner of Artful Gardener store was heard to want to host sale, but she has very little space there.
  • iv. Workday schedule for 2018 season - Apr. 21, 9 am - 1 pm, hot choc. & cookies; June 7, 6-8 pm, pizza; Aug. 9, 6-8 pm, ice cream; Oct. 20, 9am - 1 pm, cider & donuts

• Held Items
• 1. Survey Results
• Old Business
• New Business - Dot will email rules handbook to committee to work on revising it
• Next Meeting @ January 18th, 2018
• Adjournment