

Estes Valley Community Garden Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 11, 2023

Those in attendance were Leslie Alexander, Doyle Baker, Jessica Beychok-Boyer, Deb Bruce, Jim Bruce, Clara Logue, Kim Muench, and Ren Gobris

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes of September 20 Board Meeting - Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved September Treasurer's Report. Regular expenses and VTS expenses need to be itemized separately. Doyle and Jim will meet to go over project expenditures and Ren will send format suggestions to Jim before the next Board meeting.

Committees: Deferred discussion on Committee reports

Garden Administration & Calendar

Submitted electronically. Attached to Minutes. Calendar submitted electronically to Board.

Garden Operations

Submitted electronically. Attached to Minutes

Events and Publicity

Submitted electronically. Attached to Minutes. Deb will send a revised article to the Board for approval.

Old Business

Senior Plot Raising Project.

Doyle shared a power point including: Key Decisions, Work Completed, Volunteer Hours, Next Steps and Volunteer Needs.

Gardeners have been a big help on the project and there is a need for 2-3 more days of gardeners helping, tasks to be decided.

Kim has been in touch with the town and a group of town employees can come during their work hours to assist.

Work schedule:

Volunteers needed on October 17, 18 and 20 beginning at 10 a.m.

15 Eagle Rock students October 21 & 22, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

October 22 – 10:00 a.m. : Volunteers who want to work on weekends

New Business

There will be a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, October 25 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the library. We will discuss roles, responsibilities and priorities of board members, strategic planning issues to address this winter and when and how to hold officer elections..

Response to Gardener Inappropriate Behavior

The Board voted to not allow a gardener to have a plot in the future and also to ban this gardener from EVCG. The gardener has been repeatedly warned about behavior to children. There was another incident in September involving a young child. This behavior has had a negative impact on our diversity initiative with a noticeably absence of children this year from our partnerships with the elementary school garden club, EVICS and the library.

Fall Work-Day Planning

Finalized tasks. There will be a sign-in table and gardeners can choose what tasks to complete. Priority – clear their own plots of organic matter and personal items and removing the wind screen. If work is complete and it seems appropriate gardeners may haul gravel and dirt. Ren will monitor this.

Doyle will purchase trash bags.

Communication

We discussed the need for a back-up person to send out emails when Leslie is not readily available. We will discuss this further at the special meeting. Ren will email gardeners when necessary.

Announcements:

- The Board took a non-meeting vote to establish the non-board position of Archivist and appointed Claire Hanson.
- Kim Muench will resign from the Board on November 1. She will be missed.

Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:22.