

MINUTES - August 15, 2024 Board meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ren at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Ren Gobris, Jessica Beychok-Boyer, Deb Bruce, Neil Alexander, Leslie Alexander, Pete McKellar, Linda Brown, Susan Porr

Ren led discussions about the Garden's ongoing issues, upcoming board transitions, and the need for better communication and coordination.

Linda Brown shared her background and experience, emphasizing leadership qualities developed over 30 years. She highlighted her involvement in various non-profit organizations, her experience in teaching and writing grants, and her recent endeavor in compiling a cookbook. Linda expressed her interest in being considered for the next president of EVCG and her commitment to using her skills for the benefit of the organization. She is retired and has time to devote to the Garden.

Susan Porr, who is a master gardener, discussed her interest in promoting gardening and food production through partnerships with nonprofits and schools. She shared her goal-oriented approach, including setting strategies and budgets. She highlighted her experience gardening in Texas as well as her involvement in a children's vegetable garden, which she co-leads. She discussed the Junior Master Gardener curriculum and her desire to assist the team at Falcon Ridge with their gardening project.

She emphasized the importance of providing proper training and resources to gardeners, especially considering the unique growing conditions at this elevation. She proposed offering early winter classes, to teach essential skills and help gardeners plan their plot as well as dividing the garden into teams to foster a sense of community and allow for problem-solving and resource-sharing among gardeners.

The Treasurer's report was sent to Board members before the Board meeting.

Jessica, Deb and possibly Ren plan to volunteer at the two upcoming Rotary events on Labor Day and September 21st and 22nd.

The Board discussed security measures for the garden due to several incidents of theft. The Board discussed the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of an extensive network of cameras and the use of signs as deterrents. The Board decided to install cameras at each gate, estimating a total cost of \$200 and the creation of signs stating that the site is monitored.

The Board voted to accept new members Linda Brown, Susan Porr and Stacey Winsor. Caprese Kempter will be formally asked to be the liaison between Falcon Ridge and EVCG.

Jessica will continue to maintain the corporate book.

## Next Steps

- Leslie will write to Stacey, Susan, and Linda welcoming them to the board and indicating the board's interest in their filling specific positions.
- Board will hold the annual meeting next Tuesday, August 20 at 5:00 PM.
- Ren will transition to the Treasurer role.
- Jessica will create signs indicating camera monitoring at the garden gates as a deterrent. We will install the signs as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Leslie Alexander  
Secretary