

Brewery Creek Community Garden BOD Meeting Minutes		Date and Time: Nov 1, 2022 @ 6:30 pm Location: Zoom	
Attendees:	Cheryl, Derrick, Kristina, Jaymie		
Regrets:	May, Cathy		
Agenda Items	Presented by:	Discussion:	Action items:
1. AGM	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minutes from the AGM, held October 4th still need to be shared with the garden membership ◦ AGM went well, however a small number of attendees present. Ideas for increasing future attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offer in-person AND virtual attendance options ▪ Door prizes? ▪ Time of year? Keep in the fall – maybe September ◦ Suggestions and topics that came up we'd like to pursue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorporate educational events such as seminars, tours, "meet and greets" and/or special events ▪ Encourage other gardeners to teach a seminar on a topic that interests them. ▪ Some garden members liked the concept of "Community Corners", used during the pandemic. Helped them learn about that section and resulted in some ongoing stewardship. ▪ 6 hours volunteer work annually – there is limited follow-through in enforcing this as tracking and following up seems a little daunting. However board feels it is reasonable expectation. Example from Co-op Housing was using a "buddy system" to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Kristina will share the AGM minutes with the garden membership. Board members to have a look and provide feedback to Kristina by Fri Nov 4. Kristina will also remind members there's always room for new board members! ◦ Jaymie will post AGM minutes on the website. ◦ Ideally, Future AGM's should offer virtual (ie. Zoom) and in-person options to capture the most participants ◦ Revisit in spring 2023, some ideas for educational opportunities and meet and greets. ◦ Host social events (eg. Potluck BBQ) biannually, at minimum. Sign-up lists seemed to encourage participation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the beginning of the season combined with the first workparty 2. Late summer/early fall at season end.

		pair old and new members.	
2. Registration, updates to Typeform & Increasing participation	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should also ask their consent to have their email shared with other gardeners • During annual registration (was March 1, 2022 this year), ask members to commit/choose a way to contribute to the garden that works best for them. Give members notice of changes that will be asked. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking as part of registration TypeForm: “As part of the communal garden work, how would you best like to help out for 6 volunteer hours?” Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant writing ▪ Little Diggers ▪ Attending/organizing Work parties ▪ Planning/organizing social events ▪ Planning/ taking part in Garden Projects (eg. Archway repair) ▪ Maintaining communal tools and/or shed and/or beds ▪ Joining the garden board of directors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Feedback from Registration, collect gardener’s emails and board to connect groups and provide encouragement to self-manage.
3. Plot Repairs	Cheryl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the newly purchased lumber is used! A big “Thank You” to David and Doug for all your hard work!! Lots of work done on plots #1-10 especially. • Garden board approves fees required to rent an EVO, if for < 2hours, without explicit approval, to pick up supplies. • Any additional repairs will have to wait until 2023 	
4. Finances	Kristina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current bank balance = \$491 • Grant cheque coming by the end of November to Cheryl for Urban Agriculture improvements. 	

		Approved for \$1000, and most of approval spent. Monies owed to Cheryl and Jaymie	
5. Plot swaps & open plots	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open plots starting 2023 = 27, 47, 50 (gardeners not returning). Derrick would like to have own plot for his family after years of sharing with others and many hours contributing to the board. He will take plot #27. • There have previously been requests to swap plots. How do we deal with these requests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the beginning of the growing year, once all available plots are known (sometime March likely), make all garden members aware of open plots. Give them 1 week to express interest in swapping plots. New plot assignments will be assigned thereafter. • DIGA (Disabled Independent Gardeners Association) is a local group that matches disabled gardeners with local accessible plots. They may not know about our accessible beds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give current members notice in March annually which plots are available. They have 1 week to express interest in swapping plots • Cheryl will talk to Posabilities about swapping to 47/48 • Jaymie will reach out to DIGA about plots 49/50.
6. Waitlist		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person on the list! (They have completed volunteer hours) 	
7. NEXT MEETING AND WORK PARTY		<p>NEXT WORK PARTY: tomorrow – Nov 2 Cheryl and Derrick will be there @ 3-5pm</p> <p>Priorities: Tidying Shed, trimming raspberries, raking leaves</p> <p>NEXT BOD MEETING: early Feb 2023</p>	Cheryl will send a last-minute invite tonight