

2019 Pine Street Community Garden AGM Minutes

Meeting held March 12, 2019, 5:30 pm at 1455 W 10th Avenue, Vancouver BC

1 Welcome and Quorum

The meeting was called to Order at 5:40 pm, and a Quorum present. Attendance list on file.
Thank you to all who attended!

2 Adoption of 2018 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were put forward for adoption (Joe S./ Daphne N.) and carried.

3 Adoption of 2019 Agenda

Agenda for the 2019 AGM was put forward (Mike W. / Kathryn T.) and carried.

4 Open floor to garden success stories

Nothing stolen/less theft in general; Glorious blueberries; great 'putting gardens to bed' workshop; successful presentation to Van Dusen; Tomatoes topped facebook hits.

5 Board Reports

5.1 President Update

Update on Arbutus Greenway Project.

Waterline to remain as-is as long as we can.

Tree replacements in progress.

Special General Meeting was held in Oct to update bylaws. New draft approved and in place.

Some of the changes included: changes for membership relative to plots and taking out the Gardener's handbook reference

No changes to fees or work hours

Marijuana is not permitted to be cultivated in any public place, and no smoking still applies

Invasive species - no spraying or further restrictions. No soil movement out of designated area.

Infrastructure grant successful - used for replacement tools and bark mulch for pathways.

Reminder that VanConnect is a way to reach out to the City, Community Police Stn on

Broadway, and 911 are standing resources for any issues.

Board is in process of changing insurance for a better rate.

5.2 Treasurer's Report:

Cost Effective to upgrade weed whackers as there was a longer replacement time.

Good shape for coming up next year.

Financial Statements circulated, and report on file.

5.3 Membership Report:

Circulated and discussed.

265 people on wait list with the top people from 2015.

13 available plots. 5 resignations + 8 cancellations due to community hours.

38% membership didn't complete community hours.

Proposal to reduce the hours to reduce the work hours from 8 to 6.

- discussion about the decrease in maintenance needed for the garden due to changes to the space.

Membership fee remains at \$35. Link on the website to download the form.

Continue with a mix of Saturday and Sunday options for work parties

- Sunday Mar 31 is 1st work party

Member for BC Garden Clubs

- access to presentations and information session.

Plot number installation continues.

Wait list issues:

- stop adding people to wait list
- put on new board's agenda

Retention of families, members of abilities, etc.

Decrease number of work parties

- once a month to ensure enough work accumulates.
- concentrates membership to develop a community.
- decreases the amount of work for the work party organizers.

Ideas for work party project:

Take back the orchard side compost area

Inherited composters from Maple St which could be used for green material

Clean up and utilize the composters for brown material.

Request for garbage canister for park and along corridor.

Other recommendations: A rolling compost bin plus green material bin put along fence, and a standard schedule for the compost work established.

Suggestion: Use some funds to install a small fence to deter animals from entering garden area along the pathway. City infrastructure grant due by April 1, 2019 which would be appropriate for this type of project.

Signage for bees encouraging public not to touch - Adam has a lead on a bee expert to help create signage.

Signage for public not to climb on the sheds.

Social media was very well done.

Could city be requested to trim trees and replace the ones that are competing with community garden. Adam has been working with city to try and get some action over the years without success.

5.4 City Liaison Report:

Parks Board continues to be content with PSCG to be there.

Some of the permanent Greenway development has occurred but there is not a plan or timeline for the PSCG area at this time.

5.5 Community Outreach Report

3 events run this past year.

One with honorarium given.

Tool inventory up to date with some maintenance needed for certain items.

6 Motions before the Membership

Motion to reduce work hours from 8 to 6 (Candice D. / Kathryn T.) carried unanimously.

7 2019 Goals and Dates

Membership dues deadline 31 March.

First Workparty 31 March.

Discussion of topics for new board to address:

- Fence, soil and mulch dumps, bird/bee/bat strategy
Daphne to make connections with experts to investigate strategies.
- Plot numbers and signage
- Compost expansion
- Write more grants!

8 Board Elections

The following board members have completed their 2-year term and/or resigned their chair:

Chair - Jeffrey S.

Daphne - Treasurer

Kathryn - Membership Coordinator

Candice - Membership Administrator

Chair: Motion for Mike W. to assume role of the Chair as planned. Approved by acclamation.

Vice-Chair: No volunteers. New board to call for volunteers or assign position.

Treasurer: Kathryn T. answered call for nomination and elected by acclamation.

Membership Coordinator: No volunteers. Joe S. and Sam volunteered to manage work party component of role, with support of Teresa M. and Tracy S.

Membership Administrator: No volunteers. New board to call for volunteers or assign position.

Community Outreach: No volunteers. New board to call for volunteers or assign position.

Continuing positions

- City Liaison: Adam V. will continue on for second year.
- Webmaster: David M. will continue on as a special volunteer.

9 Committees and Special Requests for Volunteers

Tree Committee

Contact City in regard to pruning of trees, especially those terrible Paulownias on the boulevard.

Compost Committee

- Jenni and Sharon to continue leading the committee of 10 members.
- Request for permission to set up the composters in 2 areas prior to Mar 31.
- Site inspection will occur with Jeffery to ensure the area is within PSCG lines.

Tracy S. and Teresa M. to join the work party team to run and organize the work parties.

10 Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Daphne N., and AGM was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Thanks to everyone for participation and best wishes for good gardening ahead!