

## **Napili Community Garden**

### **April 27, 2013, Meeting Minutes**

Meeting started at approximately 8:15 a.m. Present from the Garden Council, as well as other garden members included: Josie, Dwayne, Brenda, Robert, Steve, Taressa, and Jamie. Josie chaired the meeting.

- ❖ We talked about the positions on the Garden Council and that several people will continue in long-term temporary positions until we determine how best to proceed with nominations and elections. Josie indicated that we will continue to look for a chairperson and a vice chairperson. We talked about how we would go about issuing and getting back ballots and the percentage of gardeners that needed to vote for nominees. It was suggested that a ballot box in the shed for a month might work. This process will most likely begin once we have the master list of gardeners.
  
- ❖ Josie shared that Anita was turning over records on Sunday morning. Josie, Brenda and Jamie will meet with her for information and to ask questions. *(Note: Josie, Brenda and Jamie did meet with Anita on Sunday morning. Anita was wonderful and answered many questions about the procedures for the garden, the paperwork, the plot maps, etc. She was able to spend nearly an hour and a half with us. She has offered to stay in contact with Wes and help out however she can.)*
  
- ❖ We talked about the sink at the shed and it was decided that it was in a good location after all.
  
- ❖ Robert is in charge of community projects. We talked about the fact that April and Sandra have been planting flowers in community areas, and the feeling is that the plots along the berm should be developed as community areas. It was suggested that perhaps things like tomatoes, squash, lemon grass, etc. could be planted in the community plots because they take up a lot of room in individual gardens.
  - Along the same lines, we discussed other ideas for the community areas. Perhaps put stakes that say, "Future Home of . . ." Maybe management plans for the community areas would help people know what to do. Another idea would be for a person or group of people to "adopt" a community plot and work on it according to the plans.
  - We talked about the community hours and more about community areas. A reminder needs to go to all gardeners about the responsibilities of keeping the area around their gardens clean.
  - We discussed how people know whether or not they can take wood chips from the pile. It was noted that a "free for all attitude" is difficult at times, especially when it comes to compost. It disappeared before many gardeners who were entitled to compost were able to get any. How do we manage that and is more coming?
  - Wood chips: We should let landscapers in the area know that we need wood chips for the garden. Paths still need to be covered, orchards need it, and gardeners can use it. It was decided that the parking lot is in fact the easiest place for the landscapers to deliver the wood chips. It is the least complicated.

- Robert indicated he would take care of the compost and mulch delivery location.
- Thank you to Dwayne, Steve and Robert, who have been working on the physical areas of the garden.
  
- ❖ We talked about getting a dry erase board or some type of bulletin board by the front gate and perhaps even a sink in that upper area. Notices could be placed on the upper bulletin board, as well as in the shed. We also discussed some type of frame for the bulletin board to protect it from the elements. Josie indicated she would follow up with Ananda about the cork bulletin board she mentioned at the March meeting.
  
- ❖ Shade by the shed, as well as soap for the sink were discussed. We should look into getting or building some type of shade by the garden shed for meetings to be held, yearly signups for gardens, etc. Regular soap should not be at the sink. It was noted that only an organic biodegradable type of soap should be there, if any at all.
  
- ❖ We moved on to some key questions that need to be answered. How much money does the garden have? First, we need the list of people who have paid, a statement from Tri Isle as to our account, and we have determine what needs to remain in reserve. This will be taken care of once the deposit has been made with the recent checks received, and we obtain a statement from Tri Isle.
  - The biggest budget item is of course the water. How much per month? What about the pipes when they break, etc.?
  - Is it possible to get a prepaid card so that items can be purchased to repair leaks and pipes?
  - Can we have a petty cash account to reimburse for these items?
  - Right now, we tend to respond just to emergencies. It would be nice to have a “to do” list that we are able to work on.
  - What about “Passing the Hat” for capital improvements?
    - “Pass the Hat” projects might include some new heavy duty tools, or just tools such as good shovels, hoes etc.; a porta pot if the restroom cannot be fixed; items for a medicinal garden.
  - This led to a discussion about the restroom. This should be a high priority project. It is a composting toilet and does not need the permits that a porta pot would. It is missing a part for those who haven’t followed the problem. When the part was finally delivered, it was the wrong one. Is it possible that we can fabricate or have the part fabricated? That might be the best course of action.
  
- ❖ Dwayne has been working on Eddie’s area, so thank you to Dwayne. Eddie has been notified of the last two meetings, but we are unsure whether or not he is on island.
  
- ❖ Again, a point was made that children should be supervised in the garden at all times.
  
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.