

Minutes
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden
December 13, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board and garden members present were Taressa, Josie, Angela, Freddie, Dwayne, Sylvia, Dave, Brenda, Larry, Josh, Robert, Joe and Laura.

Taressa chaired the meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate a community rooted in sustainability by providing a place for cooperative organic gardening.

Financials and Membership

- Floyd has relocated to the mainland and Angela was introduced as the new treasurer, and she is working on bringing all of the records up to date. Angela officially took over on December 3rd. She prepared the September, October and November financial reports. Any funds received in October and November will be reflected on the December report.
- As far as October and November funds paid out, it was primarily the water and lease payments.
- Angela indicated that the December report will be more extensive than the prior months. She is comparing profit and loss statements and bringing everything up to date. There is a \$1.50 per month administration fee that has not been previously accounted for and that will be brought up to date and reflected on the December report as well. She will be following up with Tri Isle on how or when funds/fees/bills are sent out.
- Angela will be separating the Cash Box and Tri Isle on the reports on a go-forward basis.
- Jimmie was reimbursed for the first aid kits, and they will be refilled as needed.
- Food Bank – There was 200 pounds of donations, mostly squash. Brenda asked how to go about donating to the food bank. Food needs to be available for pick up early Thursday morning to go to the food bank.
- Memberships – There doesn't seem to be a clear idea of how many plots are available due to plots that appear to be abandoned. There is a waiting list for 20 x 20 plots.
- Plot fees are due by the end of December and gardeners will be notified that they are to be mailed to the PO Box.

Business

- Lisa and Gary are still working on compliance. According to some Board Members, we are not trying to discourage gardeners. It was noted that the Board can choose not to renew if someone will not keep up their garden, etc.

- There was a short discussion about community work hours. Suggested jobs are posted on the white board and weeding can always be done in the orchard.
- We talked about cutting down the nice bulletin board at the former entrance of the garden so it can be moved to an area where gardeners can again see it.
- Dave is still looking into various tools for the garden. He indicated that the weed eater is repaired and ready for pick up. Someone shared that Dickie at Kahana Irrigation will give us a good deal if we choose to purchase some tools through them.
- Irrigation – There was a recent water break and we have reimbursed Dwayne \$101 to purchase items for this repair and other items needed in the garden. It included gas for the weed eater, tie straps, tube for the wheelbarrow tire, pipe cutter and glue and primer.
- Taressa has called the County to fix the road. It is very difficult to get up the hill to the water pipes and Dwayne may actually need a set of chains for the rainy season.
- Freddie indicated that he would like some manure for the community trees.
- Backhoe use – Wes has told us that the state of the equipment is not good. He did not recommend that we use any of the equipment because we might get stuck with repairs. Wes did say that they will clear and help with berm to expand the two acres.
- If we can obtain/rent a backhoe, Charlie can do various cleanup projects and push the compost pile back.
- We hope to get some gravel for the road in the garden so it is not so slippery to get out of the garden from the parking area.
- Sylvia is working on the election forms, etc. She requested the dry erase boards be put up (done now) for the calendar and election details.
- Sylvia suggested using a box for forms and volunteers for the election committee, as well as a two-envelope system for the election itself; the ballot in a blank inside envelope, sealed in an outside envelope with the name, plot #, etc. The plot will be checked off from the outer envelope and the sealed inside envelope will be removed for counting of ballots. The ballots will need to be submitted before the February garden meeting. Everyone felt this was a good idea.
- There was a discussion about the trees on the edges of the 20 x 20 plots. The big trees, particularly banana trees, have gotten so big that they are shading other gardens to the extent that vegetables won't grow. Ideas were shared about maybe having trees in another area designated for people to maintain and harvest. There seems to be an abundance of banana trees, and the feeling was that we need to put them where they don't interfere so much with the plots.
- Freddie indicated that he is now planting cooking bananas, which are a smaller tree. He is also planting dragon fruit on the berms. Josh and Freddie talked about how bananas grow and how to plant them.
- It was noted that the 20 x 20's were originally developed for trees. It was also mentioned that 10 x 20 plots may be eliminated down the road.

- We talked about getting ideas about how to lay out the community garden on the expansion side. Ideas were discussed regarding citrus trees, and maybe special projects because some gardeners have expressed an interest in taro and sugar cane. It was suggested that we place a box in the shed for expansion ideas from the gardeners.
- The next General Meeting is scheduled for January 17th, time and place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.