

Attending: Mark Staves, Norma Jansma, Martha Chieply, Lois Huisman, Gordon Hubbard, Dean Ellinger, Mary Ellen McNaughton

1. Approval of agenda

2. Reports

- a. Credit card balance
- b. Financial statement
- c. Compost activity Mary Ellen's new sign has been erected, making a "gateway" to the compost from which directional signs are easily visible. Seems to be working well enough.
- d. Newsletter – first one has gone out, with good feedback. Martha and Lois will lead. Regular features will include: "Gardener spotlight", "recipe of the month". Next month's features will include: Garden critters (friend or foe); Composting: brown vs green; Organic – the why's and how's.
- e. FHNA efforts to engage with neighbors re their use of the garden: Mark and Dean still working on the letter.
- f. progress on easing the slope on the east driveway so that cars do not bottom out with the eventual goal making the driveways one way (Mark & Dean are working on this)
- g. progress on erecting a sign saying "no outlet" for east side grassy strip (Mark purchased the sign. It just needs to be posted.
- h. (pet) waste (Sheila – the city-run Hillcrest dog park has a dumpster. Suggestion we could erect a receptacle and a volunteer could run the pet waste over the dumpster. Voted down with one abstention and one "nay"
- i. solicitation for volunteers to weedwhack – within 10 minutes of posting on facebook, we had someone agree to help out. Sheila agreed to ask him whether this could be an ongoing commitment to share with Dean.

3. Discussions

- a. Theft of produce – lukewarm to little support for a garden "Sharing" box, as it is unknown whether this would act as a deterrent or an attractor. Instead, Lois and Mary Ellen agreed to draft a simple, (not mean) sign to post. Draft will be presented at the next meeting.
- b. Hoses – stashing thereof.  
Hose hangers:  
Mark/Dean/Sheila/everybody with interest – please bring plans/prototypes for a hose hanger potentially installable in annual plots to the next meeting.  
Suggestion to build supply gradually; make available to annual gardeners on a first come/first served basis (or as reward for volunteering, etc.);  
Signs to be installed on each faucet. Sheila/Lois agreed to work on these.
- c. Garden organization – working subcommittees – Ideas emerging from brainstorming:
  - Organizational structure outlined by the "Best Practices for Community Gardens" (Denver Urban Gardens) is broadly supported;
  - Broad support for including something in the spring mailout soliciting volunteers/sub-committee members. Sheila agrees to draft and bring to next meeting.