



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

Present: Lynne Couture, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnne Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Ellen Serra, and Carina Wordham

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 5/5/25 meeting minutes. Ms. Wordham made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. Organ. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported labor hours for the month of May totaled 139 and 84 pounds of vegetables were harvested. The garlic has been harvested and hung in the greenhouse to cure. The workday on May 31st was very productive. Tasks completed included harvesting, mowing, weeding, tomato maintenance, fertilizing and pest control. It was reported that there have been no butterfly sightings; therefore, no caterpillars are currently in the habitat.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

June Calendar: The June calendar was circulated and filled in by the gardeners.

Fourth of July Parade: It was agreed that the Garden participate in the Fourth of July Parade. Ms. Herbster will complete the necessary paperwork to sign up the Garden to participate.

Diseased Plants/Pests: After some discussion, it was decided that any diseased plants and/or pests should be placed in a heavy-duty plastic bag and taken to the dump instead of placing these items on the weed pile. This is to hopefully alleviate any further contamination of the plants in the Garden.

Plant Swap: Ms. Gibson introduced the idea of having a community Plant Swap to bring exposure to the Garden and to encourage more community involvement. The gardeners were requested to think about this idea and to continue the discussion of the logistics at the July meeting.

There being no further business, Ms. Kloster made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Gibson. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary