

## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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## Special Meeting Minutes November 4, 2024

**Present:** Becky DeMars, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Barbara Pilcher, Victoria Stuppy and Carina Wordham

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the 10/7/24 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: All gardeners received Ms. Maurer's October Council Report circulated to CAC.

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

**Garden Update:** Ms. Herbster reported the following – October Garden Hours: Labor – 103, Administrative – 10.25; YTD: Labor – 1,744.5, Administrative – 223.75. Garden Harvest: October vegetables – 73.32 pounds, YTD – approximately 2,627.32 pounds; October herbs – 8 pounds, YTD – 43.14. Ms. Herbster reported that all beds have been amended and winterized. Garlic has been planted in Row 18 and is coming up. The peanut harvest was minimal and planting of peanuts should be reconsidered in the future. Bok choy has been in demand and additional plants have been purchased. In Ms. Kelly's absence, Ms. Maurer reported that the bees are doing well but does not have enough nectar flow. Ms. Kelly will continue to monitor during the winter. Ms. Herbster reported that 1 Monarch was released in October. Ms. Herbster reported that our garden neighbor, Dustin, thanked us for the gift card and that he has installed a critter camera on the bluebird house to monitor activities at the garden during the nighttime hours. The Fall Project List is just about complete except for installing cardboard and applying woodchips. Ms. Maurer will contact Pamlico Tree Service to inquiry about a delivery of wood chips. All gardeners will be on the lookout for cardboard.

## **Old Business:**

**National Night Out:** RBCOG did not have many visitors to its display at National Night Out. Participation in this event will be reconsidered for next year.

New Business: None.

There being no further business, Ms. Stuppy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

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Jackie Herbster, Secretary