



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Meeting Minutes February 5, 2024

**Present:** Robin Beilby, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Carol Mabe, Chris Organ, Donna Ross, Ellen Serra and Mary Smolinski

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**Financial Report:** Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report.

**Garden Update:** Ms. Herbster reported that the lettuces, radishes and turnips did not survive the several cold snaps and have been removed. Broccoli and collards will be ready to harvest in the next several weeks. Ms. Maurer reported that the onion sets have arrived and ready for planting. An onion planting day is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024 at noon. Ms. Maurer also reported that we have all seeds necessary to start Spring planting. Ms. Smolinski has agreed for us to use her greenhouse for this purpose. A seed planting day will be scheduled soon. Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing well and she is continuing to feed them sugar water. She also reported that the old Queen will need to be replaced in the Spring. Ms. Kelly also reported there may be honey to be harvested in the Fall. Regarding the Herb Garden Renovation, Ms. Herbster reported that she is still researching items to be placed in the herb garden. Ms. Beilby volunteered to assist with the medicinal quadrant. Ms. Herbster reported that three-quarters of the fencing project has been completed. The entire project should be completed in the next several weeks.

#### Old Business:

**Fundraising:** The plant sale has been scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:30 am.

#### New Business:

**March Meeting:** Ms. Maurer reported that the Municipal Building is not available for the March meeting. Ms. Ross made a motion to hold a special meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 1:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Beilby and was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Fleming. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary