



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

## COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION BIANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 7, 2020

11:00 p.m., Library



*Mission: To provide the community with the opportunity and means to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, to educate people about the benefits of gardening and cultivate a community of people committed to sustainable land use in our city.*

MEETING ATTENDEES: See attached sign in sheet

**Discussion: Rodney called the meeting to order at 11:05 and the following items were discussed and agreed to by the consensus of those present:**

1. For the 2021 growing season:
  - a. Returning gardeners should send applications and payment to the City by December 15, 2020. Rodney will update applications on the garden website.
  - b. City will advertise for new plot holders via media releases and social media the first week of January, 2021
  - c. New members may apply up to Feb 15, 2021
2. The beds shall all be cleaned out by the end of the calendar year or the plot holder may lose their status as a returning gardener in good standing. Rodney will send email.
3. Group made the following requests of City staff:
  - a. Water spigot is hard to shut off
  - b. Inspect gravel between beds and refresh with new geotextile and gravel?
  - c. Hose may be missing washers and leaks at joints
  - d. Have "Free produce" yard signs made
  - e. "garden is for plottolders" sign
  - f. Stockpile straw?
4. City will pull the water meter to avoid fees over the winter and have it re-installed the first week of March 2020.

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5. There was a discussion about how to deal with excess produce. We need to have a better plan for this next year.
6. Starbuck provided used coffee grounds and many gardeners used them
7. Request for Tractor Supply is seeds in the spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 6, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the downtown library.**

CC: All 2020 plot holders  
Mark Haddock  
Cathy Beach  
Rodney Tissue

Attachment: Sign in sheet

