



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION BIANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 6, 2021

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

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 2022 growing season:
 - a. Returning gardeners should send applications and payment to the City by December 17, 2021. 2022 application is on the garden website www.diginhagerstown.org
 - b. City will advertise for new plot holders via media releases and social media the first week of January, 2022
 - c. New members may apply up to Feb 14, 2022
2. The beds shall all be cleaned out (except for winter crops) 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. The wooden bed frames will be renovated late this winter. The City has funding and we received a small grant. The consensus of those in attendance said they would like to see the existing frames stay and new wood put around them to minimize work for everyone. It would really improve the garden appearance if new geotextile and stone was laid between the beds to minimize weeds.
4. Group made the following requests of City staff:
 - a. Man gate lock is almost impossible to read and requested it be replaced
 - b. Dispose of old, unclaimed tomato cages
 - c. Suggested we change all locks after January 1 to "6262"
 - d. Hose may be missing washers and leaks at joints
5. City may pull the water meter to avoid fees over the winter

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6. Starbucks provided used coffee grounds and many gardeners used them
7. General concern about people forgetting to lock gate and sheds
8. Requests for Tractor Supply include:
 - a. Spade shovels
 - b. Landscape fabric and staples for pollinator area
 - c. Replace stolen tools
 - d. Pruners

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the downtown library.**

CC: All 2021 plot holders
Mark Haddock
Cathy Beach
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Attachment: Sign in sheet

SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting: Community Garden Fall Meeting Date: November 6, 2021

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