



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

## COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 9, 2019

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 2020 growing season:
  - a. Returning gardeners should send applications and payment to the City by December 16, 2019. 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, 2020
  - c. New members may apply up to Feb 15, 2020
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. Inspect gravel between beds and refresh with new geotextile and gravel?
  - b. Inspect beds timbers and replace as necessary
  - c. Have totes dumped until end of year
  - d. Reprogram lock # next spring
  - e. Remove large tote that gets to heavy
  - f. New load of Leafgro (for fall)
  - g. Have "Free produce" yard signs made
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. Classes: Since the classes were poorly attended the last two years, we will see if we can put instructional videos on the garden website.
6. There was a discussion about how to deal with people who do not keep up or abandon their plots and what to do with the produce. Rodney emails people concerning this issue. If there is a problem gardeners can email him with the information and he will contact the plot holder. Gardeners can also contact each other with questions concerning plots.
7. Requests for Tractor Supply:
  - a. Row covers
  - b. Seed mix for butterfly area
  - c. High quality hose reel
  - d. High quality hose nozzle
  - e. Additional mason bee house
  - f. Kneeling stool/seat
8. Other comments:
  - a. Common herb bed worked very well
  - b. Need to remind everyone garden is “organic”

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM in room 334 of the library.**

CC: All 2019 plot holders  
Mark Haddock  
Cathy Beach  
Rodney Tissue

Attachment: Sign in sheet