

Community Garden Meeting February 25, 2013

Meeting led by Attica Scott, Councilperson District 1

11 people in attendance

Introductions

The Core group subcommittee met last week and made a timeline for the garden.

Currently waiting on license agreement from attorney; other activities are contingent on getting this agreement completed.

Also, produced a draft gardener agreement and also have an agreement that Wayne provided to compare. Ari also has the agreement from the People's Garden. She will combine the three and send to the core group for approval.

Locks: provided a printout with several options for residents to compare. Officer Gregory has a contact that does environmental security (Larry Dison) and can offer advice on the best system to use. He will have Larry Dison contact Ari.

Banners: one on 28th side and one on Dumesnil side on fence. Donna is working on this.

STOMP: door to door canvassing to raise awareness about the garden. Need to decide on message. Also need generic flyers with information to hand out. Donna will create these. First STOMP will be after March 15. Need to involve residents in the door to door work. Ari will look for Parkland members of her NC3 group. She also has a group of volunteers to help out.

Spigots will be in week before the fence goes up (so the plumbing can be run). Locks can be installed or water turn on can be postponed.

Garden construction is scheduled for 1st day of Mayor's Week of Service (April 13).

Orientation: need orientation for gardeners to go over agreement. This will happen a couple of weeks after the build and will continue as new gardeners sign up.

April 8 will be the orientation for the build to organize volunteers, materials, etc. Other groups have used color coded name tags to assign people to certain tasks. Ari will contact Habitat for Humanity to see if they will offer sweat equity hours for volunteers. Attica will contact YouthBuild to see if they can offer volunteers.

Garden manager/assistant: Discussed getting youths for the summer through Kentuckiana Youth summer work program. The Health Dept. also has a Food Literacy program that might provide workers. Wayne suggested it might be best to have a resident gardener as the manager. As the gardeners sign up and go through orientation, a person might make themselves available for this position.

Several small grant programs were mentioned that could be applied for next year to supplement the \$10 annual gardening fee that will be charged for beds.

Next community meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, from 6 – 7pm.

Core group subcommittee will meet on Monday, March 11, from 6—7pm.

Donna will confirm with Maupin Elm. that the room is available for both those dates.