

Parkland Community Garden Meeting April 1, 2013

Meeting led by Attica Scott, Councilperson District 1

21 people in attendance

Introductions

STOMP:

Taking place tomorrow (Tuesday the 2nd), meet at the garden site to hand out fliers

Wednesday 3-430

Next week, 2 more STOMP events on Wednesday and Thursday

After STOMP on Thursday, will start clean up of site.

Stephanie said not to be hesitant if you've never done door to door work before. They will give you instructions and someone to work with.

Materials for clean up will be at the site: gloves, bags, dumpster, brooms, etc.

Rev. Butler (Calvary Baptist) said the corrections dept. would like to contribute. They can bring inmates to help clean up the site and also have officers that would like to lease a bed. They will come on Friday, April 12th.

Official clean up will take place on Friday from 10-2.

Lease agreement for property

Wayne Long (UK Extension) spoke with the District Extension Director who said that the UK legal dept. was still reviewing the document. After that, it will have to go back the City's Urban Renewal Dept. Garden Use Agreement for gardeners is complete except for information about the land lease. It was agreed that regardless of the status of the lease agreement, the project will move forward. (Guerilla gardening)

BC Plumbing has installed hydrants. We owe them and Councilwoman Butler a big thanks for expediting this process. Normally takes several weeks but they got it done in a few days. Need to invite them to the Build Day.

Raatz Fencing: just waiting for delivery of materials. Once delivered, installation will only take a couple of days.

Once fence is installed, materials can be delivered. The supplies that have been secured include:

- 2 Wheelbarrows – Ace Hardware
- 2 cordless screwdrivers – Ace Hardware

3 shovels – Youth Build
10 steel rakes – Brightside
10 yard rakes – Brightside
5 push brooms – Brightside
Litter bags, gloves – Brightside
Dumpster – Solid Waste Management Services
4 picnic tables – Metro Parks
Bobcat – Earthbound
Generator – the Edwards

Earth Bound was the first to step up and help last year by cutting many vacant lots with their equipment.

Locks are being selected. They will be word combination locks.

Still need compost bins. Mr. Edwards has a contact that may be able to provide them.

Still need wood chips. Sarah (UK Extension) is working with Limbwalkers Tree Service and city arborists to try and get free wood chips. Button Seed Co. has gone out of business and will donate the landscape fabric they have left. Sarah will find out how much there is.

If you know of a source for woodchips, please email Sarah. Sarah and Donna will also contact LG&E to see if they will deliver their wood chips to the site.

Wayne and Ari will coordinate the volunteers on Build Day. There will plenty of non-strenuous activities for those that can't help with the actual build. Ari will have projects and people can also take part in the documentary.

Volunteer Training/Coordination meeting moved to Friday, April 12 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Attica is finding out what kind of paint is needed for the raised beds made of cedar. The Center for Neighborhoods received a large donation of paint last year and she will see if it is the right kind. Boys West End School has an art therapy program and they could possibly come to paint the beds on the build day.

Contingency plan: If it rains on the Build Day, it will be postponed to the following Saturday, April 20. Attica will come up with some work that can still be done if people show up and can't come back the following Saturday.

The email with the meeting notes will contain links to the facebook event page and the Metro United Way page where volunteers should sign up so we can get some free materials.

Attica will follow up with WLKY. They had expressed interest in helping by getting local businesses involved.

There is discussion about a new report to update the corridor. Attica has put together a questionnaire about the residents' vision for the neighborhood and it has been handed out at local churches. Bill Gatewood will bring some to the Build Day so people can fill them out there.

Sustainability of the project is key. Core group and larger group should continue to meet to keep the garden going and work on future funding.

Donna is working on contacting the person that owns the house that borders the site to try and get the siding fixed.

Bill Gatewood offered to have the office open on the Build Day in case we need a place inside.

Sarah (UK Extension) has been talking to other groups about the garden and they are excited about what we're doing. This will be a model for other communities.

Residents will have priority for beds. The rest of the beds may be assigned by lottery.

Parkland boundaries according to PVA: West 34th Street, North Broadway, East 26th Street, and South Hemlock. Priority for beds may be based on proximity to garden.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 12th from 10 am to 2 pm.