

Pine Street Community Gardens

Annual General Meeting

Date: February 26, 2012
Time: 10:00 am, Kits Community House
Chair: Shelby Tay / Carly Burton / Ruth Chau

Agenda:

1. Meeting started at 10:10 AM

Quorum: confirmed

2. Number of voting members in attendance: 16

3. Sharing garden success stories

Gardeners shared with the group their successes and failures over the past gardening season. Common problems included tomatoes theft, garbage dumping and rats eating produce. Successes included new shed development in garden, success with heirloom tomatoes, leafy greens.

4. Director's report

Board members – Shelby Tay, Carly Burton and Ruth Chau, informed members the stepping down of Sarah Smith as Chair; Eric Jandciu, Christie Hurrell and Shelby Tay as board members.

5. Financial report:

Treasurer, Ruth Chau went over 2011 financial report, discussed funds received from membership, city of Vancouver grant and overall expenses.

Key mentions:

- With an increased number of plots in the gardens over these past years, our insurance rate may increase.
- Budget of \$1,500.00 (includes \$300.00 of pending funds from the City) is set aside for signage, shed and common space improvements.

Financial report can be downloaded from our website:

www.pinestreetcommunitygardens.ca

6. Gathering space and signage developments

Member, Adam Vasilevich went over in detail the original City of Vancouver grant application. Deadline for project completion report to City is June 2012.

Key mentions:

- Deliver community garden's identity signage, educational signage and gathering space.
- Identity signage
 - Reviewed of proposed signage by ex-chair, Sarah Smith
 - Member (and artist), Chris Leitch volunteers to work on design and to contact friend for quotation on a wood sign for Burrard St. (suggesting it could be more cost effective)

- Member, Adam Vasilevich volunteers to source aluminum signage as an alternative
- Educational signage – How to compost signs are a good start, could use more educational signage throughout gardens
- Shed + gathering space – All members agreed to paint shed
 - Member, Adam Vasilevich noted that numbers on the shed should remain to maintain resale value of unit
 - Member, Kristina Pikksaw volunteers to contact local neighbourhood organization to do artwork on the shed
 - Planters and plants to be sourced for gathering space

7. **City of Vancouver Garden Licensing Renewal**

Board member, Carly Burton went over City of Vancouver Garden Licensing Renewal Feedback.

Key mentions:

- Any structures erected require City approval; City addressed concerns with cement post trellis on the garden-side, and greenhouse domes on the orchard-side
- Shed and gathering space needs identification
- Park development on Fir Street. Member, Adam Vasilevich volunteers to liaison with the City on behalf of the Garden.
- All concerns in City's feedback must be addressed prior to Garden License Renewal in March 2013

8. **Elections: New board members & section reps**

- Verena Foxx to join the Board
- Catherine Munn as section rep, replacing Verena
- Adam Vasilevich to stay on as a section rep

Board members are to recruit new board members and to encourage involvement with other members.

9. **Votes: Garden cleanup / work party dates**

- 1 – Sunday, 22 April 2012 from 10 AM to 2 PM
- 2 – Sunday, 24 June 2012 from 10 AM to 2 PM
- 3 – Sunday, 9 September 2012 from 10 AM to 2 PM
- 4 – Sunday, 21 October 2012 from 1 PM to 4 PM

10. **Meeting ended at 11:45 AM**

Garden guidelines are available on our website, www.pinestreetcommunitygardens.ca

Garden Goals for 2012

- Maintain website
- Update notice board
- Create better signage for the garden
- Build communal gathering space
- Paint and greed shed to give it a garden identity
- Hold four successful work parties (and keep the garden tidy)
- Begin to form partnerships with community organizations and local businesses
- Hold workshops