

# Pine Street Community Gardens

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## Annual General Meeting

Sunday February 23, 2014 at 3pm - 5pm

Kitsilano Community Centre 2690 Larch Street, Vancouver BC

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A quorum of ten members was reached at 3:05 pm, at which time the meeting began. A total of 16 members attended the 2014 AGM. Thanks to those who did!

### Sharing Garden Stories

- on the orchard side, many gardeners did various types of landscaping to better define their plots and to make them more attractive
- the garden signs have been well-received; members of the public can be directed to read them if seen in violation of the mandates of the garden
- the new website was praised
- a discussion was held about city compliant non-intrusive mesh fences to deal with garden produce theft by people, pests (rodents, raccoons) and dogs.
- members are encouraged to not leave their backpacks, handbags and valuables lying around when gardening as there have been ongoing thefts.

### Chair Report - Verena Foxx, Chair (2012, 2013)

*As previously reflected in the Minutes of the October 24 final PSCG Board meeting*

### 2013 Garden Clean-ups

- Four communal clean-ups were scheduled in 2013 (April, June, September, October).
- The issue is still turnout, although it has improved since sign-in has been implemented. Members who had not shown up for clean-ups last year nor were not heard from, were all contacted about their plot/garden membership responsibilities. Some members are getting elderly, are ill, and injured with mobility issues. **It is important that members communicate their situations to the PSCG Board.**

**Extension of City of Vancouver Licence Agreement:** Signed.

### Garden Tasks Completed in 2013

- Three additional entry signs were made and posted
- All member emails and plot numbers updated
- Purchase and sharpening of tools
- Shed organization
- Plots moved off water line
- One large soil drop
- Several trips to the dump to remove garbage from gardens
- Membership cards issued

### Community Support

*The following collaborations were supported:*

- SFU PhD Study on Collaboration in community gardens
- UBC Department of Geography Film
- UBC PhD Study on Resource Management and Environmental studies
- Langara: European Fire Ant study
- Headway Centre's summer BBQ party

### **Financial Report Sarah Penfold, Treasurer (2013)**

Sarah submitted the 2013 Financial Report. Income from membership fees was \$..... After expenses (tool sharpening, soil drop, website) there was a ----- balance for the year. Current account balance to carry forward is \$3187.68. Total asset carry forward is \$----. This is consistent with the PSCG to carry forward a minimum of \$2500 each fiscal year.

### **Membership Coordinator Report Carly Burton (2012, 2013)**

Total plots 93

Wait list 182 (as far back as 2011)

Members who did not attend at least 3 of the 4 work parties in 2013: 30

An extensive discussion was then held on the responsibility of the PSCG Board to enforce its membership guidelines, especially in the case of the 30% members who are not adhering to the guidelines, as per community involvement in the community garden. A motion (Lulla/Carly) was put forward that: *Those members who did not show up for the minimally required communal clean-ups nor communicated their absence nor did any make-up work in 2013, will receive an email informing them that their plots will not be renewable for the 2014 garden season. Motion carried.*

### **Plot payment due date: March 31, 2014**

*Please submit a signed membership form, acknowledging that guidelines have been read, with your payment, made out to Pine Street Community Gardens.*

See PSCG website for mailing details.

### **Member Guidelines and Enforcement**

*All members are expected to read the Member Guidelines and Constitution when they renew their memberships, and to abide by them.*

**Motion #1 (amended, David/Teresa):** *To split large plots into smaller plots as they become available, and to inform the affected adjoining gardeners that the plot is being split, to accommodate any new configurations; with the goal of moving the wait-list forward and increasing garden membership. Motion carried.*

**Motion #2 (David/Carly):** *To schedule six communal clean-ups in 2014, with members committing to participate in a minimum of 4/6 of the communal clean-ups, starting in April and ending in October. Motion carried.*

### **Garden Clean-up/Work Party Dates 2014**

**Plan to attend the April and October clean-ups, as they are the most work.**

- April (Sunday 11-1), May (Monday 6-8 pm), June (Sunday 11-1pm), July (Monday 6-8pm), September (Sunday 11-1pm), October (Sunday 11-1pm)

*\*\* All dates will be posted on the PSCG website please mark your own calendars.*

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**City of Vancouver Park Update Adam Vaselovich**

Adam presented maps of the upcoming city park (due to be completed in June 2014), and the collaboration plan with the PSCG community including building circa 10 new wooden garden beds along the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue perimeter of the park; maintenance of a planned orchard in the park; outfitting a container as both a tool shed and meeting room; signage for the container.

**Motion #3 (Adam/Sue):** *To collaborate with the City of Vancouver Park/Garden integration plan, to allocate funds towards this project over two years and with grant applications, and to create two new Board positions to support this plan, namely: City Park Liaison and City Park Coordinator.* Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion #4 (Verena/Carly):** *To allocate up to six plots to non-profit community organizations with the intent of increasing community involvement.* Motion carried.

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**Webmaster Report David Manzl (2013)**

Website is interactive, responsive, photo driven and has a blog function.

Members are invited to send photos to David c/o [pinestreetcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:pinestreetcommunitygarden@gmail.com).

Members are encouraged to use the website for information and updates.

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**2014 PSCG Goals - *Let's keep Community in our Community Garden***

-Community Liaison

-Membership Commitments to the PSCG community

-One more sign at the park end

-Considering building of raised beds for our senior &/or mobility challenged garden members

**Elections: Board Members 2014 - The PSCG Board has increased to 8 members this year. Thanks to the new board members for putting their names forward.**

**Chair: Verena Foxx, Year 1, Term 2**

**1.Treasurer: Sarah Penfold, Year 2, Term 2 (Sarah was unavailable as Chair)**

**2.Membership Coordinator: Carly Burton, Year 1, Term 2**

**3.Webmaster: David Manzl, Year 2, Term 1**

**4.City Park Liaison: Adam Vasilevich, Year 1, Term 1**

**5.City Park Coordinator:Julia Lemieux, Year 1, Term 1**

**6.General Board Member: Teresa Ma, Year 1, Term 1**

**7.General Board Member: Lulla Sierra Johns, Year 1, Term 1**

Adjournment at 5:10 pm

---Thanks to everyone who brought treats to the meeting ---