

Minutes of the Hyatt Park Community Garden General Fall Meeting-November 9th, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by CoLeaders **Julia Stadler** and **Gretchen Imahori**. There were approximately 29 members in attendance in the 1st Floor Hyattsville Municipal Bldg. Also in attendance were the following members of the Executive Committee:

Ryan Sours (Treasurer), **Joe Buriel** (Secretary), **Laura Reams** (Plot Coordinator).

The following topics were covered:

1. **Garden Winterization**-Cardboard would be available for use. Suggestion that woodchips could be used over cardboard for winterization.

2. News/Updates/Vote –

-Use of job-specific emails instead of personal emails for corresponding with officers and Team Members.

-Short discussion of Team Member status (Landscape Maintenance and Pests-**Millard Smith**, Composting-**Janean Romines**, Out Reach-**Judy Kendall**, Perimeter and Rats-**Dave Roeder**).

-New Executive Committee addition: **Lisa Davidson**-Plot Monitor.

-Event Coordinators: **Katie Ablard**, **Marci LeFevre** (and **Evan**).

-Changes to garden rules/by laws: Gardeners should keep plots neat and be courteous to others. Proposed form letter to be sent to Gardeners Not in Good Standing, for violations of garden rules was presented.

-Installation of City supplied surveillance cameras.

-Wood chips are being supplied by the City.

-The adjoining playground will be refurbished and a fountain added.

3. Change of Officers-

Treasurer- **Riccardo Casalini** (**Ryan Sours** to remain Web Master).

Secretary- **Janet Griffin** (Starting next year).

4. **Leafgro/Horse manure**- Procurement to be headed by **Jenny Lesselbaum** and **Greg Smith**.

5. **Application Fees**- Due no later than Feb. 15th. The online application can check for residency. Suggestion by Treasurer to close bank account and use **Pay Pal** for all financial transactions was approved by the membership. Also, it was voted to eliminate the P.O. Box. **Ryan Sours** was thanked for his efforts as Treasurer and Web designer.

6. Plans for next year -

- Rebuilding of temporary fence.
- Take orders for Garden Tee Shirts (sizes Sm, Med., Lg. in Men's and Women's Sizes).
- Take initiative for new projects which come to mind.
- Possibly reschedule another gardening talk by Master Gardener.

Discussions: Greg Smith voiced his concern with Form Letter as being too severe. There followed a discussion of how the Executive Committee came to its wording. There was a general agreement that communication was key to preventing any misunderstands and ill-will between all in the garden.

Julia and Gretchen were thanked for their efforts in the leadership positions and were presented with coffee mugs with the new **Hyatt Park Community Garden** logo.

The meeting was adjourned around 12:15pm.