

# Minutes of the Hyatt Park Community Garden

26 March, 2011

The meeting was called to order around 12:10pm by moderator **Shani Warner** in the first floor meeting room of the Hyattsville Municipal Building. There were over 20 persons in attendance. Also in attendance was Council Woman **Ruth Ann Frasier** from Ward 5 (Community Garden is located in Ward 5). After all were welcomed, Shani Warner set about filling the various jobs needed for the garden. **Pech Yim** and **Jennifer Kubit** volunteered to serve as **Interim Co-Leaders** until such a time as more candidates were available for a more equitable selection. **Joe Buriel** offered his services as a **Recording Secretary** for the meetings. **Ryan Sours** volunteered to act as **Treasurer** and to see about establishing a bank account for the group. **Gretchen Imahori** said she would look into obtaining a PO Box for the organization. Other jobs listed in the **Community Garden Job Descriptions** were filled with volunteers from those in attendance (see attached **Hyattsville Community Garden Contacts** for listing of jobs assignments).

Garden plots had previously been assigned by a lottery system held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Since there were still some plots available, there was a motion forwarded for consideration addressing whether plots should be made available to persons who were not residents within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Hyattsville but who were interested in having a plot. It was decided that for the time being, only residents within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Hyattsville would be eligible for a plot. **Jean Smith** volunteered to develop a brochure to help advertise the remaining garden plots and **David Lansing** offered his services to help translate any advertising literature into Spanish. **Garden Plot Applications** were passed around to those in attendance for distribution to potential gardeners.

There was a motion passed that those with plots could obtain an additional plot if there were any available after May 30<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day).

There was a vote to not require any security deposit for gardeners, with the understanding that this issue could be revisited if there developed a problem with gardeners causing damage or abandoning their plots in poor condition.

After an introduction by Elizabeth Arnold, a motion was passed to co-sponsor a composting workshop with the **Hyattsville Environmental Committee** to be held on a Tuesday evening in mid to late April at the Hyattsville Municipal Building.

Council Woman Ruth Ann Frasier introduced herself and made a few comments in regards to the establishment of the Community Garden which is in her council ward. She offered to be of help in whatever way she could and gave out her contact information.

The next meeting was scheduled for **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11am. The meeting was adjourned at around 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Joe Buriel