

Brooklyn Committee Meeting Agenda

“Nurturing self-reliance and building community across generations.” **Members Present: Edith, Lynn, Jules**
Absent: Tae, Gerardo, Orlando, Donna

March 2nd, 2026 (5:30-& 7:00pm)

Location: Edith’s house

Start time: 5:40pm

- Ice breaker - What motivates you to be involved in the community garden?
 - Approve minutes from 2/2/26 Meeting (**Motion**)
 - Review copy
 - Motion: Lynn
 - Second: Edith
 - Discussion:
 - Review/Additions/Approve agenda for 3/2/26 (**Motion**)
 - **Additions: Follow up from last meeting and approve new garden members, invite members to share their personal gardening stories to increase engagement**
 - Revisions:
 - Motion: Lynn
 - Second: Edith
 - Discussion:
 - **Standards and Group Norms**
 - I statements, Keeping major work as agenda items, remain mission oriented, expect and accept lack of closure, keep business business, people are doing as best as they can, challenge idea-not the person, commitment to learn from each other, confidentiality, conflicts (refer to Tae & Caitlyn)
 - **Delegation and teamwork**
Tae and Jules - Emails, Admin, Onboardings

Lynn- General Maintenance - onboardings Compost, Oversees orders, PR **Orlando** Facebook, Social Media - need to create a new account, Jane needs to deactivate old accounts per Caitlyn

Orlando will follow up with Jane

Gerardo - Volunteers/ Work Days - Tyler teacher, Gerardo connecting with other gardens and school outreach

Donna - Kids and Elderly Programs, Education, Outreach

Edith - Seed keeping- Edith made a list of current seeds- muchas gracias!

- **Announcement(s)**

New garden members - see spreadsheet Caitlyn sent. All approved with the exception of Jen in Lake Lure. Send email to Melanie ADA

Caitlyn dropped the wire off at the garden, unsure if she ordered the 4 requested small beds for the berry house. Someone needs to grab the garden document binders

Jules created a new permit portal and submitted a new permit for the berry house - this can take 30 days to approve. Need to share an updated document folder with committee members - please check emails when this sends out

Lynn - Danny Dumpster March 16th, recommended berries - Tiff blue and bright whale. Harold is donating 4 dozen bamboo posts. Asparagus order Harold can cut the door in the shed?

Katy Gash speak life? Mural?

Edith created a list of current seeds - 2 packets of collard greens and 2 packets of onions, 1 red 1 white, 2 packets of Kale ordered from Johnny's?

Donna follow up with outreach ?

Orlando social media ?

**Workdays combined with Onboardings March 14th and 21st 11am - 2pm
weather depending**

End of season and cover crops have been planted, woohoo! Next year it was recommended to plant sporadically rather in rows per Steve at NC Extension, this needs to be cultivated in March

No major changes to application other than

Requiring 1 garden workday each month, collectively keeping track, someone needs to pick up documents each week

ADA bed utilization- 2 need to be filled (Veterans Farms) **Donna reached out to local nursing homes to see the level of interest for next year, thank you Donna! - Follow up?**

Fiscal Sponsorship secured with Caregivers of Mother Earth (C.O.M.E.) +Invite Elle (Executive Director of C.O.M.E.) to future Meeting

- **Budget**

- **\$868 current balance**

- +Order more ag cloth - wash what we have and double the amount of last time for next year**

- ~~Wire~~

- Screw in hooks? 4

- ~~Whiteboard - ordered - anyone know where or when this arrived? Caitlyn to find~~

- Dry erase markers

- Soil/mulch - March 16th**

- Berry House - order 4 small beds - children's beds County**

- Hendersonville needs to inspect it -**

- Jules needs to call the permit office**

- Make an outdoor stand out of palettes? Mike and Mauro?**

- Two soil testing kits - one for garden soil and one for danny dumpster soil THE SOIL WAS TESTED IN 2023 JULES WILL SHARE RESULTS**

- **Administrative tasks-** Chair, Vice Chair, and Caitlyn
Compliance, documentation, and oversight
- **Workdays March 14th and 21st** Build garden beds, fill with mulch/soil, garden ag cloth installation, current bed maintenance/harvest, organize shed, bring garden pots to Lowes • Upcoming Business/Garden Master To-Do list (**Continuing**)

Grant Writing Tae?

Construction, general maintenance, membership requirement **+Two times a month**

+No nighttime hours, no more sundays

+Tierra Fertil needs text communication in Spanish Delia knows about the garden

Make events on Facebook for workdays - Orlando can post this - Orlando follow up with Jane?

Specialized care of plants (planting, preventing disease, etc...)

+Twice a month ■ Composting (adding rotted vegetables to compost, stirring compost, etc...)

● **Garden Goals**

- Remain Mission Oriented-Refer to grant(s)
- Increase neighborhood community engagement
- Continue to grow sustainably

● **Harvest and Distribution Process**

- Harvest, Rinse, Weigh, Chill, and Distribute to neighborhood (1.6 miles)
Community members Terry Young, Lynn has contact information of Debbie Roundtree and Diane Caldwell

Text or email that harvested produce is in the garden Compost after a certain time

Utilize a stand outside - WHO WILL CREATE THIS? Mike and Mauro?

Combining harvest days with workdays when produce is ready

Culinary classes?

Renting the local industrial kitchen? **Partner with Field and Kitchen**

Document weight and needed information ■ Utilize volunteer day, utilize brochures, utilize seed packets and harvest, invite to next volunteer work day • **Create flier/RAC card**

*****Utilize documenting produce weight - separate binder for easy access for all members and explain to members the importance during onboardings *****

Schedule for next year -Canvassing to 1.6 parcel for awareness of application process and garden (what they want grown, educational events, etc.), exit survey for this year -**In addition to individual onboardings we'll do a large community onboarding in beginning of March** Send out member interest/open applications in mid-end of January ■ Send yes to private plot owners (including returning members) by March 3rd

Mandatory onboarding March 14th and 21st Beds planted by end of April -

Date TBD - weather dependant

Education events with community and communal groups throughout year

Two garden workdays per month (March-November) Only Saturdays, no evenings. 45 minutes of weeding requirement each month

Balance between committee member tasks/member tasks - Garden members committed to sub-committee work? Communicate with each other

When to review prospective members' applications? Sooner the better,

Have a decision by mid February

End of gardening season - Weather Permitting November

1st Next year do we need to start and end earlier?

Garden social events? How many and what type? - Needs to be internal (neighborhood or garden member driven)

• **Next Committee Meeting Monday March 30th 5:30- 7:00pm**

End time: 6:52 pm

■ Motion: Edith ■ Second: Lynn

Discussion:

Result: **Send email to approved members, follow up about ordered berry beds, order seeds, create shared folder, scan seeds in to share, workdays/onboardings 14th and 21st 11am- 2pm**