

Community Building Committee Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020 – 6:30pm

Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance: Anne LeDuc, Craig Skone, Cathy Plessner, Tom Dietsche, Britta Sherrill, Joyce Krech, Meggie Royer, Brian Wagner

Introductions/Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None

Approval of April 2020 Minutes

- The April 2020 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote. Craig moved the motion and Brian seconded.

No Contact Plant Share

- A formal in-person plant share event will not be held this spring, but the committee may hold out for a fall plant share. The decision on this will be made later in the summer.
- However, community members can set plants out with free signs on the boulevard on their own.
- The committee might consider holding a Facebook and Nextdoor event where community members can post if they have plants.

Alley Garden Awards

- Judging period will be pushed back to July 16-23 to allow more time for print newsletter.
- Craig has created 100 laminated flags. Assembly can be started within one or two weeks with 50 flags per volunteer.
- Britta will reach out to judges who have volunteered already to see if mid-July works for them and then send information to Craig.
- Native Garden Awards can be kept as they are; will coincide with the Alley Garden Awards. Judges can be on the lookout for native plants.

Community Building Apart

Master Gardening Classes

- Committee is considering several gardening classes throughout July and August.
- Craig has heard back from the Pollinator Friendly Alliance and Metro Blooms, who are both interested in doing classes. Metro Blooms also pointed us in the direction of already accessible classes.
- Still waiting to hear back from the Bee Lab at the U of M and will narrow down a timeframe with Metro Blooms and PFA.
- Craig will get in touch with Mary Lahr Schier, blogger at the Northern Gardener.
- Britta has been in touch with the Ramsey County master gardener program and they are potentially available for a presentation/panel.
- We can ask neighbors to register for the classes and limit to 20-25 people. Classes can be recorded and then shared on social media.

Read Brave

- Meggie will reach out to Maria Dahmus at UST to begin looking at dates for a July or fall Read Brave event via Zoom.

Other Class Ideas

- St. Paul Fire Department willing to do a fire prevention presentation.
- Webinar on renter rights, landlord responsibilities, establishing credit, etc.

- Presentation on Ford plant and other historical topics.
- Presentation on environmental issues and the St. Paul plan from RussStark.
- Britta will create a tentative spreadsheet schedule for e-events to be finalized by the June CBC meeting.

Updates/Announcements/Other Business

- Mac-Grove Mini Grants program is officially on hold for 2020. A portion of the grant money will be put towards Community Building Apart initiatives.
- Board meeting on Thursday, May 14 - discussing tenant rights, bylaw changes, annual meeting timeline, and special elections for renter, student, and business seats.
- Mac-Grove Fest is on hold for now; Britta is sending a survey to past participants to gauge interest for this year. A final decision will be made by July 1st.

Upcoming Events:

- Next CBC meeting will be Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.

Corrected minutes submitted by Meggie Royer
6/08/20