



BRUNNER FARMHOUSE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
4 April 2016

Meeting Summary

Routine Farmhouse business was discussed.

Roll Call

Present: Sherill Bunetta, Mark Brunner, Mary Jones, Teri Floyd, Azam Aslamy, Diana Hastings and Kevin Standbridge (staff)

Absent: All present

Guests: 7 Garden Sponsors (see list below)

Agenda ~ Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sherill Bunetta, Committee Chair, at 6:30 pm at the Brunner Farmhouse. The minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting and the agenda for tonight's meeting were approved as submitted.

Sherill welcomed the Garden Sponsors to a special meeting for them. She also introduced Azam Aslamy and Teri Floyd, new members of the Brunner Farmhouse Advisory Committee.

As planned, this regularly scheduled monthly meeting began with special meeting with our Garden Sponsors.

The following Garden Sponsors were present for this meeting:

1. Yellow Garden – Kelly Lein
2. Orange Garden – Sow and Grow (Marsha Allen, Linda Allen, and Marlene Bellamy)
3. White Garden – Roxie Juul
4. Foundation Garden – Roxie Juul
5. Bench Garden – Mark Brunner
6. Green Garden – ACA (Linda Donahue)
7. Ila Brunner Garden – Brunner Family (Mark Brunner on behalf of Tom Brunner)

The following Garden Sponsors were not present for this meeting:

1. Purple Garden – NEEDS A SPONSOR
2. Perimeter Garden – NEEDS A SPONSOR
3. Blue Garden – Parent Infant Support Group
4. Red Garden – African Drummers
5. Rose Garden – Renee Sereff and Wendy Kozisek
6. Raised Patio Garden – Girl Scouts Troop 640

Mark Brunner took the lead on this special meeting with our Garden Sponsors. Mark opened by speaking to the Goals, Expectations, and Technical Details of maintaining the gardens. He reminded the Sponsors that the details are in their notebooks.

He emphasized that regular maintenance and weed pulling is important to keep the gardens in control and looking good; once a month is not enough. Mark acknowledged that we know each of the Garden Sponsors take pride in their work. Mark also reminded everyone that members of this committee are always available if anyone has any questions on their gardens. Sherill is the primary Point of Contact.

Specifically Mark said:

1. If you feel something is not working right like the water system, please let us know.

2. Mark advised the Garden Sponsors that there is a Wheel Barrow behind the Farmhouse for their use. The code is 1908 to unlock it.
3. Mark reminded the Garden Sponsors that free mulch is provided and along with regular weed pulling, the mulch should help keep the weeds a bay.
4. Mark asked that Garden Sponsors let us know if a perennial dies. This committee has a fund for replacing these plants. Please keep in mind this committee has the expectation that the same or similar plant would go back in its place. If a plant does die, you should determine why it died before you put in a new one. And, of course, the color of your garden should always be kept in mind. Likewise, should you need to purchase a bag of dirt to add to your Garden that, like the cost of new plants, can be reimbursed if you provide the receipt.
5. There was a question regarding the sprinkler schedule. Kevin will provide the schedule to Sherill so she can share it with the Garden Sponsors. Mark reminded the Garden Sponsors that if a plant gets too high it may impede the ground sprinkler head. Be aware when you are planting whether you are on a drip system or a sprinkler head system. Also, remember it is important to note that not all plants have the same water needs. Perennials frequently use much less water than annuals.
6. Roxie Juul mentioned a very aggressive and invasive weed currently in the YELLOW garden. Mark discussed the use of "Round-Up" like products to control weeds. Kevin Standbridge (staff) stated these kinds of products are used by the City. Mark encourage old fashion weed pulling if possible because of the detriment to nearby plants if the weed killer product is over sprayed.
7. Roxie also advised the Committee that the snow removal actions of the City have left quite a bit of damage to the YELLOW Garden. It was suggested that we may need to MARK the sidewalks and perimeters of the gardens in winter to ensure snow removal does not damage the beds.
8. Roxie advised the Committee that someone is putting egg shells in the WHITE Garden. She would like for that to stop. Signage may be necessary.
9. Roxie advised the Committee that she has found several dead animals in the WHITE Garden. Roxie found buried animals in the raised white garden by the front steps. The critters (parakeet, small mammals, etc.) were buried in boxes, so it was intentional. Again, this is not allowed and we may need to post a sign.
10. Linda D. asked for advice on getting rid of the variegated grasses. This question may have been addressed during the Garden Tour.
11. Linda A. suggested you consider dwarf plants in order to manage the growth factor more easily.
12. Garden Sponsors were reminded NOT to plant bushes or trees in the specific color gardens.
13. The Advisory Committee will be putting the Sponsors signs out very soon.
14. On Wednesday, 13 April the Sow and Grow group will have a meeting at 9:30 am which is open to the public. The topic will be pruning and caring for Roses. This should be added to the FaceBook page and our website.
15. Sherill will send an e-mail to the Garden Sponsors that did not attend this meeting to advise them of the discussion.

At the end of this discussion the entire group went outside on a tour of the Gardens.

OLD BUSINESS

WINDMILL – Kevin briefed the new members of the Farmhouse Advisory Committee on the basics of the Windmill Donation Project. Kevin also mentioned he has recently been in touch with Phil Emery and told him we are still working the project. City Engineers are evaluating the alternate installation cost as outlined by the AERO Company. (Information provided by Tincy von Atzingen last month)

MONTHLY BUSINESS

1. HOUSE REQUESTS: No new House Request have been received
2. FOLDING CHAIRS: Sherill pointed out that we had two broken chairs. The manufacturer replaced the chairs under warranty. Normally the cost is \$75 each.

3. SPRING CLEAN-UP: The date is set for 14 May from 9 am to noon. A notice needs to be added to our Website and Facebook page. Direct Invitations should be sent to all regular House Users.
4. GROUNDS AND GARDENS: See Special meeting notes above.
5. ACTION LIST:
 - a. Item 59 Parking Lot – Per Kevin, City Engineers are considering a plan to remove the current crusher fine covering, put a layer of fabric down, and then relaying the crusher fine. Still pending; more information to follow.
 - b. Item 60 Broken Window – Per Kevin, there is a work order pending on the window.
 - c. Item 61 Art Hanging System – per Kevin, still pending.
 - d. Item 62 Hunter Douglas Shade – This item is closed. Mark had the shade repaired by Window Van Go here in Broomfield as a cost of \$85. Free repairs are no longer available.
6. FINANCES: The Brunner Farmhouse account balance is \$7414.15 as of 30 March 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Committee was advised that David R. Jennings, Enterprise photographer and All-around photographer for Broomfield, recently died. Sherill received a request to place a Memorial Bench in his name at the Farmhouse. The consensus was to deny the request for two reasons.
 - a. Mr. Jennings was not really associated with the Farmhouse.
 - b. This committee advised the City Council last year that we would not be adding more benches to the Farmhouse property.

It was suggested that if Mr. Jennings' photography collection include a photo of the Brunner Farmhouse, we would be happy to hang said photo in the Farmhouse permanently, as a Memorial. It was also suggested that there are other parks and open space areas, where a Memorial Bench for Mr. Jenner would be a welcome addition.

2. Next meeting will be May 2nd, 6:30 pm at the Farmhouse. At that meeting we will be holding an election for the Chairman and Secretary of this committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:08 p.m.

Approval

Minutes Prepared by Diana Hastings

Approved by 
Chair