

**Forest Heights Terrace Heights Community League
Garden Monthly Meeting Minutes**

September 22, 2015

Start: 6:36 pm End: 7:46 pm Location: Forest Terrace Heights Community League Hall (10150-80 Street) Recorder: Bonnie

<u>Present</u>	<u>Regrets</u> (sent email in advance)	<u>Not in Attendance</u> (no show)	<u>Guests</u>
Rae, Bonnie, Eric, Scott, Vince, Suzanne, Lynn (CRC)	Michelle (will be unable to attend meetings this year but will still act as treasurer for the group) Molly	None	Karen from Imperial Oil

ITEM	ITEM AND MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	Approval of the Minutes from previous meeting	Motion to approve the previous minutes Moved by: Bonnie Seconded by: Eric
2	Approval of the Agenda	-Bonnie added survey/discussion on group satisfaction Motion to approve the agenda Moved by: Bonnie Seconded by: Eric
3	Reports of Members	Actions/ Updates
3.1	Rae and Lynn on Site Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site 1: Footbridge site - Review from June Meeting - Our primary choice of site near the footbridge over Gretzky was assessed as river valley and as such would require an expensive (\$5000-\$8000 likely) environmental assessment to be done. 	For Footbridge site- -Arrange to meet with planner -See what comes from Council Meeting -Bonnie will contact Dustin to see how they went about the food forest in the river valley

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site also has water issues as hydrants cannot be used across roadways. Therefore we would need water trucked in. Large water cisterns might be considered unsightly. - The area is also zoned as a transportation corridor and would require a permit from transportation to use (\$75/year if I remember correctly) - Rae talked with Ben Henderson who suggested that council was voting on some changes that might affect our project, Lynn wasn't sure the changes would impact us. However, these won't be discussed in council until Oct 19th. - Also it seems like the planner on our project may have changed - Site 2: Ukrainian Boy scouts (79 St and 102 Ave) - In our June meeting we took and walk over there and Michelle took a picture of the sign to discover that the "Church" was a building for Plast Ukrainain Youth Organization. Michelle tried to contact them over the summer but never heard back. - Rae noticed that the building was in use after the clothing exchange and talked to them. - Suggested that we submit a proposal - Yarema Shulakewych % Plast Ukrainian Youth Org (780) 991-3813 - seemed receptive to the idea but mentioned that the available spaces were used for their parking lot and as a space for sports which they would likely not be willing to give up. Rae thought about considering letting them use our rink space as compensation if we end up going this route. 	<p>-We would also be interested in using flat spaces in Forsland park if it is somehow more feasible and not zoned the same way.</p> <p>-Currently holding off on proposal to Plast</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Bonnie and Rae on Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Through donations, BBQ, Pancake Breakfast we have raised a little over \$900 for the garden project. - One grant application was successful. Karen from Imperial Oil was at our meeting and presented us with a cheque for \$1500 and took pictures. - Completing the community garden process following the guidelines from Sustainable Food Edmonton should also grant us \$5000. - Therefore our current funding for the project is ~\$7500 - Our grant application with Age Friendly Edmonton is on hold. They wanted to see the site and be provided with a few more details on the project before committing funding. Requires that our garden be 	

	accessible and friendly for seniors but could provide up to \$5000 in funds for us to make this happen, which would be awesome.	
4.0	Open Issues	Actions/Updates
4.1	Site Selection - see section 3.1 Report	
4.2	Community Engagement - Community engagement is an ongoing issue. We discussed ways in which we could try to recruit more people and talked about events which we could use either as simple engagement strategies or to raise money for the garden. I have listed these under section 4.4 on Fundraising Opportunities. - It was mentioned that we aren't sure what information about the garden project is available on the community league website. Perhaps someone can take a look at this and provide better information to update if they deem it necessary	
4.3	Budget and Garden Design info	On hold until site issues are resolved- see March 2015 minutes for the majority of our planning information so far
4.4	Grants and Fundraising Opportunities - For information on Grants and Funding so far see section 3.2 - Possible fundraiser events/ideas that were discussed - Bake Sale - Pancake Breakfast - Paint Night - Composting Course (Spring maybe?) - Canning Course (again may be late but potential for next year) Fruits of Sherbrooke (Bonnie) - Fermenting classes and Fermenting compost (Scott) - Fitness Classes (Rae) - Vertical Gardens, Container Gardens - Home brewing - Should try to compile a list/database of experts, Rae will put a call out in the SouthEast Voice	Bonnie will continue to look into various Grants Opportunities. Everyone will look into an option for an event

5.0	New Business	Actions/ Updates
	No New Business	
6.0	Actions- items board members have agreed to complete. Add new items each meeting and remove completed items each meeting.	Updates
6.1	<p>All members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look into Educational/Fundraising Opportunities/Events. Everyone agreed that they would look into one thing <p>I am also leaving the previous tasks here as they can be viewed as ongoing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Save newsprint to use in bottom of garden beds 2. Ask your neighbours if they have tools, barrels, a plastic compost, old kids hard plastic swimming pools, or bike rack to donate 3. Connect with at least one person or business about donating to the garden in the form of volunteer hours, tools or building supplies, monetary donations 	
6.2	<p>Bonnie</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Dustin about Food Forest 2. Look into Grants and Apply again as necessary 	
6.3	<p>Rae</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange meeting with City Planner 2. Put call out for our “Experts Database” in SouthEast Voice 	

Meeting adjourned: 7:46 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27th, 2015 at 6:30 PM

