

MAPLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

SPRING GENERAL MEETING --Feb 26, 2006

Minutes

- A. CALL to ORDER: at 10:01am
- B. AGENDA: Approval- Home/ Lease. Carried
- C: APPROVAL of MINUTES: General meeting Oct 2nd, 2005-Bernard/Georgie. Carried
- D. ELECTION of EXECUTIVE:

Co-Chairs-V and K (joint positions =1 vote only); Vice Chair-K; Secretary-L
 Treasurer-M City Liaison-C, Maintenance Liaison-C. All elected by acclamation.

E. REPORTS:

- 1. Treasurer's Report (M) Approved: B /K. Carried

Expenses 2005 (Final Totals)		Assets 2005 \$76.22 (VanCity shares)	
<i>Meetings:</i>		Reserve Fund \$641.46	
food	\$82.43	Current Account: bal @ Jan 1/05	\$100.00
SPEC	\$150.00	Acct. interest to Dec 31/05	\$0.47
Paperwork	\$43.15	Fees for 2005	\$740.00
<i>Purchases:</i>		Other income	\$20.00
Misc	\$81.63	Petty cash advance	\$8.90
Common E&W	\$56.90	-Total Expenses 2005	<u>-\$775.22</u>
Water to Oct 25th	\$361.11	Subtotal	\$94.15
Total Expenses 2005	\$775.22	Petty cash on hand	-\$8.90
Section Imp. Fund for /06	\$224.30	Current Account: bal @ Dec 31/05	\$85.25
+ Donations for 2006*	\$380.00		
=Special Funds Acct	\$604.30		

* (\$380=\$300 film (\$200 to S.I.F. /common E/W + \$100 to water) & \$80 trees)**

**(\$15 Donation 2005 for common West=\$15 spent in 2005)

- 2. City Liaison's report/CPR(Ca -Trimming must be in clear plastic bags. Please make sure that bags are filled full to conserve the number of bags used.
- 3. Water Report-No one on the committee present at the meeting. Need more people on the committee so that they can learn how to turn the water on in the spring and off in the fall. This must be done correctly to avoid damage. Barbara and Natalie volunteered to learn the system.

4. Section Improvement Fund Report

*Section Funds '06	Sect.0	Sect.1	Sect.2	Sect.3	Sect.4	Sect.5	Sect.6	Sect.7	Totals
Bal. fwd from '05	\$6.15	\$25.00	-\$6.44	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$14.68	\$25.00	\$139.39
=equalization '06	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$10.61	\$84.91
+ donations'06	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$170.00
=Total '06 Section	\$46.76	\$55.61	\$24.17	\$55.61	\$55.61	\$55.61	\$45.29	\$55.61	\$394.30

Any section funds over \$25 get redistributed at the end of the year. Some fences on individual section need some improvement. Also some hoses need replacement.

F. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- 1. Chair Reviewed Membership guidelines and Contracts

Members were asked to read the guidelines carefully. Various parts of the guidelines were reviewed. Members were reminded:

- (a) that the onus is on members to be aware of responsibilities and dates.
- (b) their responsibility includes the area inside and outside their fence directly in line with the plot to the street to the south and gravel path to the north.
- (c) to dispose of weeds and garbage away from the gardens.

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- (e) to clip regularly, particularly in the spring and early summer when growth is rapid
- (h) that work parties are an important part of the communal aspect of the gardens, members are encouraged to come out to *all* the scheduled dates

2. Application Forms (M)

Membership fee of \$10 must be paid when contract signed. The deadline for payment is March 15th. If fees are not paid by this date garden plots will be reassigned.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Focus for 2006** will be to beautify plots and perimeters. The grape trellis needs more support and raised beds are rotting away. This work will be done this year a.s.a.p.

2. Section Reps

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#2. Ge
#3. De

#4. R
#5. L
#6. St
#7. B

3. Volunteers needed

a) **Watering**; common gardens need a good 30-40 min. soaking 2 or 3 times per week. Members were encouraged to sign up or phone M ; credit given for a missed work party.

b) **Common West garden- Grape trellis and raised beds renewal project.**

Always a need for donated materials, such as -sand, limestone, bricks, rocks, slate, etc -plants -Wood for boxes-Willow branches for fences/furniture. If you wish to donate call M first.

4. DATES 2006-Fall General Meeting Sunday Oct 1, 2006 at 10am

Work Party Dates- (members need to *attend a least 3 out of 6 work parties*)

Sunday Mar 26 (10am)	Sunday Apr 23 (10am)	Monday May 29 (7pm)
Monday July 17 (7pm)	Sunday Sept 10 (19 am)	Sunday Oct 22 (19am)

5. WORK PARTIES

It was decided to reverse the present system and have the work parties work on their sections from 10 to 10:45 and then come together to work on the Communal Gardens for the remainder of the time. This will ensure that the section work gets done. Please remember to sign in and then report to your section head.

6. WEED IDENTIFICATION

It is asked that gardeners remain vigilant in keeping the weeds at bay, particularly the morning glories. Please try to pull out the roots and not just the vines above ground. Also troublesome are buttercups which can spread quite rapidly.

7. DATES 2007- Spring General Mtg Sunday Feb 25/07 at 10am

8. **Final Reminders** to sign contracts and pay membership. Keep your membership guidelines and this list of Work Party/Meeting Dates. All dates will be posted on the board in Communal Gardens.

H. ADJOURNMENT of MEETING 10:50am. Sign up followed

Cathy Gole from Maple Community Garden provided us with this example of executive minutes