

Brewery Creek Community Garden BOD Meeting Minutes		Date and Time: June 9, 2020 @ 6:00pm Location: Online, via Zoom	
Attendees:	Cheryl, Christine, Jaymie, Jacqui, Cathy		
Regrets:	Nick, Courtney		
Agenda Items	Presented by:	Discussion:	Action items:
1. Community corner assignments	Cheryl	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ All have been assigned, some have already been tended to◦ The board expects to have to send regular reminders throughout season to prompt gardeners to do their share◦ Christine concerned if individuals will be giving enough attention to their community corner but will not step in to help unless asked◦ Most of the big tasks in communal garden areas are performed in the spring and fall (ie. compost spreading and pruning). Christine would be interested in working to put the communal areas to sleep during the fall season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Jacqui will send out reminders to individuals if they should be checking in more often if their community corners are in need of tending – ie. more watering , compost spread, edging, weeding needed
2. Fruit tree pruning	Cathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Efrain will be emailing the board to organize a tour of the garden. Pruning is likely not time sensitive as it's best to do in the fall or next spring◦ He'd like to be added to the Google Groups to be connected to the neighbourhood and garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Cheryl to add Efrain's name to the mailing list for the garden and to the Google Groups◦ Cheryl will organize a tour of the garden when schedule allows
3. Garden Safety	Cheryl	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Sharps bin is now in the shed, as requested by David D due to the number of needles found recently in the park.◦ COVID-19 protocols still in place in the garden. No news from the city of Vancouver about relaxing restrictions. Garden board thought it best to keep protocols in place for now, including the cancellation of all work parties for the foreseeable future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Cheryl to email the garden members about the presence of the sharps bin. Garden users are welcome to use to safely dispose any found needles◦ David D will organize pick-up/return when full◦ Jaymie to connect with City of Vancouver regarding restrictions in community gardens within parks: are they still in place? Is there a timelines to lift restrictions?
4. Garden Budget	Cheryl	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Garden grant money for responsive neighbourhood small grant (\$500) awarded to the garden. Jaymie received a personal cheque for \$500. Funds to be transferred to the Garden fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Jaymie to e-transfer the funds to garden bank account◦ Christine to connect with Jaymie details on how to

			transfer funds
5. Garden Projects	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheryl to buy TreeGator bags. ◦ 3 new hoses hoses are working well ◦ David D has fixed the corner of the shed that was damaged in the fall by the downed tree ◦ Gate repair – David D is willing to work on fixing the main gate. We have funds to purchase materials from urban agriculture grant ◦ Gravel order: all weeds need to be picked prior to laying down gravel. Ideally more gravel would go on top of landscaping fabric. Group decided this would be a better project for mid-summer once compost is all spread. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall the garden looks fairly well tended – especially in & around their individual plots. Gardeners are asked to keep weeding around their beds and in their community corner. ◦ Board members noticed new felted planters located beside the garden. Unsure of where they are from, the intent and who is tending to them. ◦ More plants needed to fill in the native plant garden behind the shed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Christine to send email to David D regarding funding for gate repair ◦ Felt planters: Cheryl to ask parks board if they are an initiative of theirs; Jacqui to reach out to her contacts to gain more information on who's overseeing this initiative – Mt. Pleasant Buy Nothing Group? ◦ Cheryl to buy Tree Gator bags. She will ask the city if they sell to groups ◦ Christine to compile a list of plants that would be appropriate to add to the Native shade garden. Some ideas: Native bleeding heart, ferns, False Solomon's seal, flowering ginger. Purchasing these plants will be shared by multiple members of the garden board
6. Food Share Stand	Jaymie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jaymie applied for and was awarded a Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grant for \$500. Part of the application was for funds to build a food share stand as a way to share excess produce from the garden. ◦ Board discussed important design considerations including: small in size, removable and storable when excess produce not available (ie. winter), securely attached to wherever it is placed (using lock, chain or bolts), arbor or fence for weeks at a time when in use, signage needed to describe purpose, ◦ Items placed in the Food Share Stand must be limited to produce and flowers. Seedlings should never be shared due to restrictions relating to moving soil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jaymie will take responsibility for design and build of the Food Share box

		<p>outside of Japanese Beetle restricted area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Expand the project to include a way to share recipes and uses for produce that park users may not be familiar with. QR codes suggested, linking into the garden Facebook page. 	
7. NEXT MEETING		NEXT BOD MEETING: July 2020	