



Meeting: GGSG
Meeting Date: 1/17/12
Agenda Item: 6c

Mission Statement

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

GGSG MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: GGSG Task Force members
REPORT FROM: Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening, Administrative Assistant
AGENDA ITEM: 2011 Community Garden re-cap

During 2011, which was only the second year for Howard's Community Garden that's located in Lehner Park, 12 individuals and families farmed 16 plots. For the most part, all plots were adequately planted and harvested. The gardens had a very late start this year due to cold and rainy weather (and a May snow storm!) Even after the weather cleared, village crews felt the plots were too wet to till until June, and that resulted in several complaints.

All Community Garden participants were sent a survey to complete at the end of August. Six responses were received, and they are attached for your review. The common complaint continues to be a lack of water supply. Some respondents said they would be willing to pay extra for a water source, but staff feels increasing fees would not nearly cover the expense. The committee may want to discuss options for water at the site and ideas to cover the cost.

In addition for the requests for water, other considerations may be toilet facilities, when and how to start accepting plot reservations, and limiting the number of plots people can use.

ATTACHMENTS

- I Excel sheet of 2011 gardeners
- II Survey responses from 2011 gardeners

Community Garden Plots

Plot #	Name	Address	Phone #	E-mail
1	Jerry & Jeri Winger	3060 Holland Rd 54313	(920) 434-0152	jwinger@juno.com
2	Diane Jones	2669 Belle Plane Rd 54313	(920) 499-9507	none
3	Roger VanDenElzen	1908 Darwin Ave 54303	(920) 496-0801	none
4	Tanya Kriesel	1494 Redstone Trail #6 54313	(920) 606-1868	tanyakriesel@yahoo.com
5	Judy Hangartner	1532 Maple Hills Dr 54313	(920) 434-9510	realcheesehead@sbcglobal.net
6, 7, 10, 16	La Ha	1842 Rosewood St 54303	(920) 471-6774	none
8	Diane VanPietererson	1136 Chapel Hill Cr 54313	(920) 434-4868	dcarp4felines@new.rr.com
9	Larry Weix	1596 Meadow Wood Ct 54313	(920) 434-3969	lweix2@aol.com
11	Zongdovan Xiong	1943 Darwin Ave 54303	(920) 857-9020	zongdovan@gmail.com
12	Michael Curtis	1926 Darwin Ave 54303	(920) 373-4900	none
13, 14	Robert & James Johnson	2652 Danbar Dr 54313	(920) 434-2846	none
15	Ric Larson	2745 Baylite Dr 54313	(920) 662-9407	rtl@new.rr.com

Summer 2011 Gardener Evaluation

1. Overall, were you satisfied with the Community Garden experience provided by the Village of Howard? Explain.

Yes. The plots are a good size. Availability & advertising are good & fair. Location is good.

2. Do you plan to garden at Lehner Park again next year? Explain.

Undecided. The rabbits ate alot of the Veggies we grew - somewhat frustrating.

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Community Garden experience?

Fill better - should have been deeper
Provide a source for water - would be willing to pay extra.
Address rabbit/rodent issue.
Provide toilet facilities

4. Please share any other comments that you might have about the program.

It's a good program & I'm glad you provide the opportunity.

Summer 2011 Gardener Evaluation

Sorry about
the plate
return

1. Overall, were you satisfied with the Community Garden experience provided by the Village of Howard? Explain.

Yes - I'm hoping I can have my own garden next year. I've worked hard on the weeds, rocks sticks etc. #2 Diane Jones
2169 Belle Plaine Rd
499-9507

2. Do you plan to garden at Lehner Park again next year? Explain.

Yes, Gardening is good for the soul.

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Community Garden experience?

Bathrooms would be nice. 😊
Permission to drive on the grass weeds to bring WATER to the garden.
The soil is so hard + solid weeds it wouldn't ruin the grass weeds. 😊

4. Please share any other comments that you might have about the program.

Access to water so we wouldn't have to haul water especially in the beginning!

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Yes, I was very satisfied because how well kept the park is and the surrounding.

2. Do you plan to garden at Lehner Park again next year? Explain.

Yes. This Park is close to my ~~house~~ home. It is very convenient.

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Community Garden experience?

Maybe we can have a forum/a website so we can see or talk about our experiences, garden, suggestions etc.

4. Please share any other comments that you might have about the program.

- none -

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Yes - my plants did not do well, maybe weather related.

2. Do you plan to garden at Lehner Park again next year? Explain.

Unlikely - not close enough to my home.

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Community Garden experience?

Earlier tilling of plot
Finner tilling of plot.

4. Please share any other comments that you might have about the program.

Provide some H₂O (even with a fee.)

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YES

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Community Garden experience?

WE COULD USE MORE COMPOST APPLIED IN
SPRING, SPACE ~~3~~ 3

4. Please share any other comments that you might have about the program.

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YES, MY GARDEN IS WHAT I MAKE IT, THE VILLAGE PREPS THE SOIL IN LATE MAY AND THEN I TAKE OVER.

2. Do you plan to garden at Lehner Park again next year? Explain.

YES, I AM LEARNING MORE EACH YEAR, I AM GAINING A BETTER VIEWPOINT OF FOOD, GROWING FOOD IS HARD WORK SO I HAVE LEARNED TO MINIMIZE WASTE

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the Community Garden experience?

YOU NEED ACCESS TO WATER, I HAVE NEVER SEEN A COMMUNITY GARDEN WITHOUT AVAILABLE WATER, CREEK WATER WHICH I USE HAS OIL AND POSSIBLY MANY BAD ORGANISMS FOR VEGETABLES

4. Please share any other comments that you might have about the program.

YOU HAVE AVAILABLE SPACE FOR AT LEAST A FEW MORE GARDENS, ADD 2 TO 3 MORE LOTS,

PUT A SHELF NEAR SIGN WHERE I CAN PLACE EXCESS FOOD FOR OTHERS TO USE.

THE BUILDING NEAR BACK PROBABLY STILL HAS WATER LINES GOING TO IT, USE IT!