

Minutes  
General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden  
May 25, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. Sign up sheet passed around. Attending were Taressa, Dwayne, Josephine W., Brenda G., Jamie C., Ananda S., Robert, John L., Steve D., David T. and Linda C.

Taressa chaired the meeting. Mission statement read by Taressa and it was suggested that we all keep in mind what is best for the group and the environment. Robert to build a board close to entrance of garden. Ananda indicated that she had a piece of plexiglass that she would donate to be used. Along with the garden shed, this would be a good place to put the Mission Statement for everyone to see.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1) Finances**

- a) Jamie is taking care of deposits now, and Taressa reported that the deposits are up to date and records are current. P & L statement has been received from Tri-Isle, and will be requested every three months on a regular basis. Jamie reported that the insurance is \$250 per year and we have approximately \$14,000 in our account. Jamie asked for clarification on the two \$45 checks that were made last year if we can find out who they were made out to.
- b) Copies of all deposited checks have been given to Taressa.
- c) Known bills up to date and have been submitted to Tri-Isle.
- d) A new paid out system has been put in place as we do have petty cash now. Paid outs for repairs or supplies will be tracked in a separate designated receipt book and will require board approval and two signatures. This will make it easier to have emergency repairs done more quickly.
- e) The Board approved courtesy plots in exchange for exemplary community service in 2012 for Charlie and Dave. This covers dues for 2013 only.

#### **2) Membership**

- a) Notices for unpaid plots are being sent out. There are not too many.
- b) Unoccupied plots have been red tagged for weed eating and tarping.
- c) It was shared that mid-year pricing will be \$40 for 10x20 plots.
- d) New Earth/Eddie – We have been unable to contact Eddie despite numerous attempts since January 2013. The board has decided that the conditions of our MOA with New Earth Systems have been met, and that Eddie is in default under the Agreement.
- e) NCG will take control of the space and contents of the area and proceed with the classroom as it was originally intended. We will have to have a new name for the area and get some ideas for educational classes, etc.

#### **3) Outside Entities**

- a) It was reported that contact has been re-established between Tri-Isle and the Board.
- b) Contact with sister community garden Hali'imaile.

c) We had a discussion about the insurance policy. NCG is under an umbrella policy with Hail'imaile and as mentioned above, the policy renews in November.

#### 4) Water

a) A new pressure regulator/relief valve is in place, and this will help keep blow outs from happening in the garden. Problems right now are primarily outside the garden and some problems are simply due to old and thin wall pipes blowing up.

b) Backups for repairs and filter clean out: Antonio, Charlie, Dave and Jamie. Dwayne is in contact with Wes and will continue to advise him of problems that we have.

c) Wes has shared with Garden Council members and Dwayne that if it is human error (i.e., if someone messes with the valves up the hill), then it is NCG's responsibility for repairs. If it's wear and tear on the pipes outside the garden, then it is not NCG's responsibility.

d) A question was brought up about what repairs we have actually paid for in the past that might have been outside of the garden itself. Taressa indicated that she would look into bills for repairs, etc.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

#### 1) Membership

a. We are currently planning for midyear garden promotions and new memberships – only 10 x 20 plots will be made available and a price for mid-year of \$40 was discussed.

b. Josie and Steve will be working on flyers and promotions.

c. Ananda is administering our Facebook account and we will work on having the website linked to Facebook. The Facebook account is public, so people should be able to see it without being a Facebook member.

d. Waiting list for 20 x 20 plots to start with current members who are interested. There was some discussion about whether or not to allow gardeners to purchase two 10 x 20 plots to serve as a 20 x 20 plot. The biggest problem with that is the price is different for two 10 x 20's vs. one 20 x 20 plot. It was shared that we will most likely expand the area by the toilet to 20 x 20 plots, and Dwayne shared that he has most of the parts to extend water to that area.

#### 2) Garden Relations

a. The Board is updating Rules & Regulations, Orientation Packets/Liability Waivers, Board job descriptions and so forth for current use/conditions. It was noted that not just one person should dictate the rules.

b. Current board members: Chairman - Taressa, Vice Chairman – John, Treasurer – Jamie, Secretary- Brenda, Membership – Josie, Work Groups/Volunteers – Robert. John and Brenda have shared that they have limited time availability, so if someone comes along that would like to take over the position, that's fine. Both will continue to help as they can.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1) Do we want to combine main July orientation with and open house and potluck? The general feeling is that it would be a good idea.

2) We will be implementing a new workday structure.

a. We would like to add more days & times for community work, such as a Wednesday afternoon/early evening to accommodate different work schedules.

b. Projects will be determined by the Board. Members may volunteer for specific projects via Robert. Current work will be concentrated in the entry corridor in preparation for the July membership drive (just the one main path, not the other, and the triangular area at the front).

i. It was noted that the Hana Botanical Gardens might be able to donate some breadfruit trees for the area up in front. Apparently they sometimes do that type of thing.

c. Members whose schedules do not permit attendance at community workdays may contact Robert for alternative job assignments. There was some discussion about assigning members a job if they don't sign up for one.

3) As noted above, we will be actively collecting ideas for classes and community outreach projects to implement in place of former New Earth space. Maybe a pumpkin patch (Atlantic Giants) would be fun, but it was shared that the soil would need to be treated and they would need to be planted fairly soon.

4) Concerns/Questions/Suggestions

a. We talked about following through with building a greenhouse in the space by the current shade structure.

b. Dwayne shared that we are still hoping to put in a clean-up station at the bottom of the hill close to the gate. Along those lines, we also talked about the bulletin board structure in that area as well. Robert indicated he would provide an estimate to build such a structure. One side not in the direct sun would be good so the papers/notices don't fade so quickly. Robert, Steve and Dwayne to discuss location, etc. Decided to set aside \$200 to \$400 as needed to complete the task.

c. Parking was brought up. Per Taressa, no discussion on parking today. It was felt it was too lengthy a discussion for the meeting.

d. Steve asked if there had been rule changes we should know about. This led to a brief discussion on smoking. People have been smoking in the garden and it was made know that previous council members have provided incorrect information to some smokers regarding the rules. Clarification was provided: the rules state that smoking is prohibited in the garden, as are alcohol and drugs. It was noted that all gardeners are to maintain a healthy and respectful environment for all.

5) Current Workday – Robert invited people to the entry way to start clearing the entry and path area.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.