

General Meeting of the Napili Community Garden

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Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. Attending were Taressa, Dwayne, Josephine W., Brenda G., Jamie C., Robert and Jimmy Q.

Taressa chaired the meeting. The meeting started out with a discussion about the filling in of the ponds and leveling what had been Eddie's area. It was shared that at the Garden Council Meeting on June 22nd, a vote was made to wait on the filling in of the ponds. During the following week, an opportunity came up for a good deal on a back hoe for the weekend of the 29th and Charlie was available to operate it. Some Garden Council Board members were contacted and a decision was made to go ahead with the project, although not all Board Members were in favor.

This led to a further discussion about the foundation of a Council, what is right and wrong, and how to properly proceed with projects, etc. Jamie, who is the treasurer, clearly stated that she prefers no gray areas, that two signatures should be required on all checks, and the Garden Council should proceed essentially under appropriate rules governing Boards. Everyone seemed to agree.

It was suggested that a special meeting should be called for projects such as the backhoe project.

Talked again about Eddie and his failure to respond to repeated requests, as well as items taken from Eddie's area. Eddie said some of his things had been taken. It appears, however, that Eddie has taken items that were paid for by the garden, such as the solar panels. Eddie also claims the pond liners are his. Josie is working on a letter to Eddie and will try to contact him for an address and/or email address. It was noted that Eddie sort of "lives off the grid", but his phone number is still good. There was also a suggestion to contact Tri Isle to get their opinion or suggestions regarding Eddie/New Earth.

A suggestion was made to contact police so that there is a record of missing items. Perhaps a restraining order would be something to consider. Up for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Mission statement: To cultivate a community rooted in sustainability by providing a place for cooperative organic gardening.

1) Membership

a) Per Taressa, there have been 17 inquiry's, a new ad, orientations, 20 x 20 waiting list

b) We went over the current Board Members and they are as follows:

Chairman – Taressa

Vice Chair – Charlie (took over from John Lewis)

Treasurer – Jamie

Secretary – Brenda (non-voting volunteer only)

Project/Workday Manager – Robert

Plot Manager – Dave

Digital Librarian – Steve

2) June 22nd Board Meeting – Taressa briefly discussed the Board meeting on June 22nd - no minutes available.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion about some type of master plan. Steve wanted a master plan for the garden. It was noted that Charlie originally helped design the landscaping, pipes, drainage, etc. and there was further discussion about whether or not an "expert" was needed to help with a master plan. It was suggested that we approach local companies, universities, etc. for help or educational ideas if needed.

2) We need to bring education back to the garden. We need to get some new ideas, something outside the box to get people involved again.

3) We talked about putting a pond back in and getting a pond liner (not related to Eddie's liners). There are concerns about unsafe ponds and the fact that children or adults could slip in. More discussion will be needed.

4) Water – It was shared that there are now leases on the land around the garden and water should be better with the

additional lessees. Dwayne indicated that the last major expenditure will be the backhoe and the laying of new 4" pipe so that the upper garden has adequate water pressure.

5) Talked a little about rules and regulations. There may be parking by the upper gate where the ponds were leveled, perhaps for seniors or disabled. This will need to be discussed and voted on as to who can park there, or whether it will be parking at all.

6) We would like to add more days & times for community work, such as a Wednesday afternoon/early evening to accommodate different work schedules. Taressa volunteered to do a Wednesday night maybe mid month and Robert volunteered to do a Saturday morning at end of the month and maybe a Sunday evening mid month as well.

7) Paying a fee in exchange for work hours is still an option.

8) Short discussion about the compost. The garden is still owed 24 cubic yards. It was stated that the compost is for new gardeners, however, it was pointed that many existing gardeners did not get their compost from the last batch that was delivered.

9) A general meeting and potluck was discussed and it was determined that July 31st at 6:00 p.m. would be a good day and time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.