

LONG BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION (LBCGA)
Meeting Minutes -- Annual General Membership Meeting – April 10, 2021

Because of COVID-19, a Zoom meeting was conducted. BOARD ATTENDEES: Kathy Jarvis, Carol Meyer, Nancy Bernstein, Mary Sue O'Melia, Sher Meyers, Lonnie Brundage, Nina Burgeno, Alan Coles, Anita Cordova, Chuck Davis, Frank Dayak, Dan Freleaux, Milton Johnson, Elsa Powell, Anne Simoneau, and Linda Kayajanian (appointment starts May 1st). GARDEN MEMBERS: Joanne Rice (K-10), Ingrid Nicola (G-03), Doreen Omensetter (C-04), Kristan Chuka (F-14), Allen Reginald (F-10), Steve and Patti Witt (O-19), Darrell Hatch (M-10) Leslie Reimer (D-12), Barbara and Dan Paul (D-01), Lana Farfan (D-08), Janet Fettig (K-14), Fran McFate (M-07), Darlene Gidley (M-08), Lisa Kephart (P-03), Raja Mehri (P-05), and Katarzyna Kajdas (A-08).

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Kathy Jarvis at 9:07 a.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes of June 1, 2019 made by Darlene G., second by Janet F. Note: The 2020 General Meeting was canceled due to Covid.	Motion Approved.
Report of Nominating Committee & Introduction of Board	Nina B. described the nomination process and reported that 15 nominations were received to fill 15 positions on the Board so there was no need to create and mail ballots. The slate of candidates is therefore accepted without requiring an election. Nina B. introduced the new Board, as indicated in the Board Attendees list above.	
Implementation of New Calendar Year	Carol M. reviewed the new calendar which was changed to align with the Spring/Fall planning seasons. Dues for 2021/2022 were prorated with a reduction of \$20 plus an increase of \$50 for water resulting in dues of \$160 the year starting May 1, 2021.	
Report of the Treasurer	<p>Carol M. reviewed the budget for the upcoming year. Revenue totals \$52,060. Expenses include \$37,480 in mandatory costs (72% of budget) and \$14,580 in discretionary costs (28% of budget). Water is projected to go up 23%. Trash is the biggest expense item at \$18,938. The budget is zero-based.</p> <p>Doreen O. suggested that members be allowed to donate for specific line items (e.g., porta potty, recycle pick-up). Carol noted that members may donate extra funds for discretionary items (e.g., food bank, orchard, picnic). Lana F. suggested that reviewing budget year to year would be useful.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Budget by Milt J., second by Frank D.</p>	Motion Approved.
Renewal Reminder	Carol M. reported that renewals are due by the end of April. To date, 160 members have not renewed.	
May 1 Planting Deadline & Removal of Winter Crops	Carol M. reviewed the new May 1 st planting deadline and deadline to remove cold weather crops (e.g., broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower) as a strategy to reduce CMV.	
Annual Summer Picnic	The Summer Picnic is cancelled due to Covid.	

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Plot Vacancies & Waiting List	Carol M. reported that in June 2020, there were 30-40 plot vacancies. Since that time, 70 people have completed orientation. Currently there are four vacancies and two will be filled after the orientation later today, leaving 39 people on the wait list.	
Thefts & Security Actions	<p>LBPDP recommended a light on the Edison pole to help with security. Stacy Mungo sponsored a LB City Council agenda item to fund the \$2,500 required to provide for this light. The City Council approved this motion.</p> <p>Barbara P. noted that she observed landscaping crew taking fruit from the orchard. Alan C. said he will talk to the contractor. Anita C. remarked that a guest of a gardener was in the orchard. A reminder that no one is allowed in the orchard is needed. Lana F. suggested sending an email to all members on how to properly report theft or trespassing.</p>	
Items From General Membership	<p>Lana F. suggested that members be allowed to tie donations to specific items (e.g., purchase of wagons). LBCGA cannot legally accept advertising revenue, but it may be acceptable to provide individual recognition such as the Adopt A Tree Program in Belmont Shore. The Board will look into this suggestion.</p> <p>Joanne Rice was recognized for being a member of LBCGA for 40 years.</p> <p>Elsa P. suggested that classes be provided to members. Carol M. provided an overview of the mentor program and asked for mentor volunteers.</p> <p>The bee box fell down due to honey. The beekeeper found moths preying on the bees. A second bee box was obtained to house a security camera.</p> <p>The new Boy Scout coordinator, Dan F. was introduced. Scouting and school tours of the garden will be given as requested once Covid restrictions are lifted. Anita C. asked if Boy Scouts could help with border repair. Dan noted that border and chip holder repairs are not eligible projects, but that chip holder replacement is an eligible project.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.	