

LONG BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION (LBCGA)
Minutes of the December 2, 2024 Board Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES: Greg Marcotte, Nancy Bernstein, Mary Sue O'Melia, Carol Meyer, Alan Coles, Anita Cordova, Chuck Davis, Frank Dayak, Milton Johnson, Doug Mullin, Karyn Maag-Weigand, and Grant Perry. ABSENT: Douglas Budd, Bruce Lissak, and Dan Freleaux. MEMBERS: None.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order – Greg M.	Greg M. called the Zoom Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.	Call to order
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Chuck D. and second by Grant P. to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting. Motion approved.	Motion approved
Report of the President – Greg M.	<p><u>Mailbox Repair</u> – The mailbox in front of the small barn was repaired by Greg. Greg will return the \$200 mailbox replacement as it is not needed.</p> <p><u>New Camera</u> – Greg had an extra camera to replace the one facing the green shed that went out. This saved the garden \$200.</p> <p><u>Mayfair High School Key Club Volunteers</u> – On November 17th, a group from Mayfair High School visited the garden and cleaned out Plot P-02. They had a great time!</p> <p><u>Review of December 15th Planting Deadline</u> – Greg reported that 60 reminders and ten corrections have been issued.</p> <p><u>Wheelbarrows</u> – Fidel fixed 35 tires. We are only charged for this work when a new tire is required. Frank D. noted that bougainvillea thorns are generally the cause of flat tires.</p> <p><u>LB 908 Magazine Photo Shoot</u> – Tomorrow, December 3rd, there will be a photo shoot for the January edition. All Board members are invited to attend.</p>	<p>Follow-up: return mailbox</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
Report of the Treasurer – Carol M.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Carol M. distributed a report in advance of the meeting. Nancy B. had questions about \$2,610 in budget revenue from plot upgrades being used for gate openers. The budget line item for gate openers is \$1,000 in expenses. If an increase in the budget for gate openers is required, Carol M. can work with Nancy B. to ensure that there are adequate funds available, subject to Board approval. Motion by Milt J. and second by Mary Sue O. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.</p> <p><u>T-Shirt Order</u> – The T-Shirt order is pending delivery. The original check to the vendor was lost so a second check with a \$450 savings has been sent.</p>	<p>Motion approved</p> <p>No action</p>
Report of the First Vice President – Nancy B.	<u>Plot Vacancies & New Member Wait List</u> – Nancy B. reported that there are two people on the wait list, with one working out of town so a hold until January. Ten plots are available. Since the October meeting, Nancy has provided orientations to nine new members.	No action.

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Food Bank Report – Anita C.	<p><u>Food Bank Report</u> – Anita C. reported that an SUV full of vegetables was delivered to the Diabetes Prevention Program. Those working on the Food Bank plots need to use the Food Bank budget for expenses. Anita announced that Mark R. from G-15 is the new Sunday and Tuesday delivery person. Frank D. noted that the Food Bank plots look great!</p>	No action
Orchard Report – Alan C.	<p><u>Orchard Report</u> – Alan C. reported that persimmons and mandarins are good this year and that there is more fruit because the mandarins are not being stolen (i.e., the thief was terminated). Frank D. noted that the orchard never looked better. Anita C. thanked Alan for his hard work. Alan noted that avocados are available.</p> <p><u>Locked Bathroom</u> – Alan C. noted that the bathroom by the orchard/food bank may need additional cleaning to eliminate potential hazardous substances (e.g., drug residue) left behind by a homeless person who uses this bathroom. A lock with the code DIRT has been placed on this bathroom. A QR code will be used to provide the combination to garden members as homeless people are less likely to have smartphones. The City of LB has been contacted and plans are underway for a cleanup of the area on the east side of the fence.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding the need for new locks on the green shed and both SE corner gates using the same key. Alan will implement.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>Follow-up action by the City of LB to clean up homeless site</p> <p>Follow-up action Alan to implement locks & keys</p>
Old Business	<p><u>Status of Food Bank Repair</u> – No update. Chuck D. thinks they contractor who we selected has bailed on us and will look for a replacement contractor in the new year. Doug M. noted that fumigators have contracts.</p> <p><u>Road Slurry</u> – No update.</p> <p><u>Website Update</u> – Greg M. reported that he had received passwords to website from Nina B. and would make a digital and paper list of these passwords. The billing was changed from Nina B. to Sophie Perry, who is updating the website.</p>	<p>Follow-Up: Chuck to find contractor</p> <p>No action</p> <p>Follow-up action by Greg to create digital and paper list of passwords</p>
New Business	<p><u>Upcoming Election of Board</u> – Greg will set up an election board in February. Nancy to resign and has been an amazing Board Member.</p> <p><u>Rules Changes for 2025-26</u> – Carol M. will send out proposed changes for discussion at future meeting.</p> <p><u>Issues Brought by Members</u> – (1) Wheelbarrows – Karyn MW. asked about stolen wheelbarrows and suggested that air-tags be used to help locate if stolen. Nancy B. reported that 15 wheelbarrows had been stolen over the years and cost approximately \$200 to replace. Alan C. reported that the City of LB has been cleaning out the camps so theft is down. The idea of air tags was put on hold for now. (2) Sinkhole in the North of Garden – Frank D. noted the development of a new sinkhole. Greg will have Fidel fix.</p>	<p>Follow-Up to create election board</p> <p>Follow-Up by Carol to send out proposed Rule Changes</p> <p>Follow-Up by Greg to get Fidel to fix sinkhole</p>

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Adjournment	Motion by Nancy B. and second by Chuck D. to adjourn meeting. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.	Meeting Adjourned

Minutes prepared by Mary Sue O'Melia and updated on February 2, 2025 for redistribution.