

28 Oct 2010 Meeting of the Founding Members of Culverhouse Garden

Wow! We accomplished so much at the first meeting of the members of our community garden!

1) Introductions and Thanks: After introducing the Leadership Team, Catherine thanked the Culverhouses for drilling the well last week, and everyone clapped in appreciation!! She explained the county's process of creating the entrance into Culverhouse Park. Before then, we'll be doing what we can to prepare the soil, tilling, spreading lime, and laying the irrigation network. When access is complete, we can plant in our plots.

2) Site Visits: Watch for an email announcing a schedule of site visits you may sign up for.

3) Donations and Fundraising: Marcia Freeman brought the gardeners up to date about our finances with her great chart. "A picture is worth a thousand words," so please see this chart under Photos of this meeting elsewhere on our facebook page.

4) Neighborhood Grant: Thank you to Marcia for assembling our application with the help of Maria Ferrer and Gene Penner: We were informed on Oct 29 that our application has been accepted by the Neighborhood Grant Advisory Committee and it will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners soon. We'll know by the end of December if we will actually be awarded a grant. If this happens, the grant will nearly pay the whole cost of the fence around the garden. Yeah!!

5) Task Forces: Members volunteered to assist on the following task forces: Investigators of vendors (Catherine, Mary, Joni, Dorothy T.), Estimators (Leila, Marci, Mike), Hunters for garden tools (Gary, Janis, Gayle), the Builders & Layout (Jim, Don, Walter, Pat B. Joe P, Rob), Fundraisers (Sara, Maria, Jane, Donna), Telephoners (Pat C., Marianne, Gloria), and Education and Youth liaisons (Marci, Pam, Rose).

6) Words from Experienced Community Gardeners: Sara, Don, Donna, and Leila gave short speeches about the community gardens they have belonged to in the past, and expressed their expectations for Culverhouse Community Garden.

7) Photos: Find your face in our pictorial history on this webpage. Click the Photos tab. Thank you, Jim, for the great shots.

8) Promotion: We are all promoters of the garden. A subsequent email will offer tips on how to be an effective garden ambassador.

9) Membership Cards: Some people forgot to enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope when they applied for a plot. We will hand deliver your Membership Cards at the January Gardeners Meeting! A Garden Directory will also be emailed to you this week. It is for your private use to communicate with other gardeners, and not to be used for commercial purposes or spam, of course.