

Medford Community Garden Commission Meeting
October 25, 2016
West Medford Community Center

Commission Members and Alternates in attendance:
Amanda Bowen
Elise Boerjes
Brian Weiner Duran
Frederick Laskey

also in attendance
Joan Parker - Winthrop Garden Coordinator
Glennon Beresin

Bill Hager, Director, welcomed us to the Center.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved unanimously.

The current draft of the Commission bylaws was reviewed and amended after substantial discussion. The draft as amended was voted on and approved 3-1. The revised version will be filed with the City Solicitor.

Joan reviewed some suggested revisions to the Educational Bed application. She will take the suggestions offered and finalize this for review at the November Commission meeting. It then will be posted and publicized so that groups can apply in the spring.

Mike Lambert has resigned from the Commission; we will make sure to find a replacement as well as request that Elise's appointment be renewed during November.

McNally: Brian has repaired the hose attachment and Elise confirmed that it works well. She will consult Sue Gerould about a permanent sign for McNally. She may have to resign as coordinator next year in order to have time for the Commission.

Winthrop: Barrett Tree Service offered wood chips and Winthrop gardeners have finished distributing them along the paths.

Tufts: The PTO at the Columbus School has agreed to have a flyer about the Tufts garden displayed at the Election Day bake sale table. We also learned that the Columbus School is available for meetings. Brian and Susan Schmidt are meeting with Brian Twomey of the Curtis-Tufts School this week to share ideas.

Friends: As Medford Day was cancelled, sales of Community Garden clothing and patches and bulbs will have to be done through word of mouth and email. A survey of

remaining bulbs will help us market these. It was requested that the current statement for the Friends account be produced at each meeting to review funds raised/available. Brian is planning to complete the annual Tufts grant; Elise reminded us to consider Medford Arts Council grants that require matching funds.