

Medford Community Garden Commission
July 26, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Elise Boerges, Rebecca Stevenson, Amanda Bowen, Fred Laskey, Syrah McGivern, Lisa Risley

Web site: An intern in the Energy & Environment Office has been working with Amanda and Rebecca to update the MCG web site and especially create an online garden application. The drafts will be shared with the group this fall.

Andrews School garden: Syrah noted that the three garden beds created at the school need refreshing. She has corresponded with the principal about ways to make good use of the beds. Syrah is trying to get in touch with the teachers who previously worked on the garden.

Vacant lots: The lots on Spring St and Arlington St previously eyed for gardens are looking better as sites for orchards. We may have a lead from a board member at the Community Center.

McNally expansion: We've applied to the Community Preservation Committee for 8K to expand the garden by four plots and add a fence. We still need written permission from the Parks Board; Amanda will attend their meeting on 7/31.

News: Amanda, Brian and several gardeners installed a new shed at McNally. Tufts received a load of wood chips to spread on garden beds. The Winthrop steering committee is working on ways to spend the Eversource remediation funds. Riverbend hosted a pizza party and introduced three new gardeners.