Medford Community Garden Commission
February 22, 2022

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

Andrews: Syrah has created an IOBY fund to raise funds for the garden overhaul. We have raised about 3K of the needed 5K. She will republicize closer to the end of the month. The Friends can contribute if needed. We will pay the deposit for the contractor from the Friends account and get reimbursed later.

MacDonald Park: Syrah hopes to work on this after Andrews is complete.

News: Tim McGivern has been hired as the new DPW commissioner. Syrah also has a new position as lead flower person at Wright-Locke Farm in Winchester. Seedlings are in her future!

Membership: Brian was unable to attend but has moved names around on the wait list (moving Barry and Morrison hopefuls to a new tab) so that we can get a clearer sense of how many names there are.

Winthroped beds: There was a question whether it was better to have the Winthrop education beds be assigned to individual gardeners or used as they have been for the Food Pantry. It was agreed that it is a helpful contribution to food issues in the City to continue using the beds for the Pantry.

La Prise: The City is requesting bids for the La Prise garden, required procedure because it is a project estimated at over 10K.

Web page: We need to update our web page with additional history of gardens built and those that weren’t, such as at Barry, Morrison and Harris Parks.