Medford Community Garden Commission
January 24, 2023

Present: Fred Laskey, Rebecca Stevenson, Lisa Risley, Amanda Bowen

Activities for winter: The group discussed having some sort of activities for gardeners during the winter and spring months. Ideas included seed starting, seed swaps, and a seedlings giveaway in May or June. Riz reminded us that the First Baptist Church could be a venue. Amanda will contact a couple of possible presenters.

Membership: Although we don’t have numbers for turnover in each garden yet, Fred reported that Riverbend has 7 on the wait list and no one leaving so far.

School gardens: We hope to organize an event in the spring to spread wood chips around the Andrews garden. We will need a sign there to acknowledge the donors who contributed. Amanda will contact teacher Kathi O’Donoghue to determine what is happening for school use of the garden this spring. Fred reported that the hydroponic garden at McGlynn Elementary is doing well.

National Grid project: We have just begun to hear about a National Grid project to work through the Winthrop garden perhaps in 2024. Liz White and Amanda as well as the City Engineer are in touch with National Grid to make our demands known.

Web updates: The Ed bed application will have to be updated for 2023; Brian is working on a map to include new gardens at La Prise and Andrews and new beds at McNally.