

BRIAR CHAPEL GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Notes April 9, 2019

Liz Rolison convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Finance Report (Liz)

Liz will temporarily assume the role of Treasurer. The current balance is \$5,384.53.

Membership (Liz)

One new family has joined the club. Two others have expressed an interest.

HOA Charter Club Update (Liz)

Liz reviewed the procedures and the rationale for becoming a chartered club under the umbrella of the Association. She reviewed how the document was drafted with input from the Garden Club and discussed the benefits. As a charter, the club would not have to file taxes separately nor file for non-profit status. Club members would be covered under the Association's liability insurance policy including D&O coverage. The club will provide a yearly financial statement to the Association and will continue to maintain its own bank account. The charter establishes guarantees for facility use. The charter also clearly delineates that the club covers operating expenses while the Association is responsible for capital expenses. The club must apply for club status. Allen Rosenfeld made a motion to apply for charter club status. The motion was seconded and approved.

Planting Update (Liz)

Liz reviewed the plants currently growing in each garden. Planting diagrams have been posted to the website. A new herb area has been planted in Briar Patch in front of the shed. Members are cautioned to take care while weeding as all the plants in the gardens are small. Only pull weeds if you are certain they are weeds.

Two workdays are scheduled this week on Thursday at 9:00 and Saturday at 9:00 in Boulder. Summer planting workdays are scheduled for Saturday, May 4, Thursday, May 9, and Saturday, May 11. The following plants will be planted from seed: cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, butter beans, field peas, and pole beans. The following plants will be planted from plants: eggplant, sweet peppers (green, red, yellow), hot peppers, mild banana peppers, okra, many varieties of tomatoes (cherry, Juliette, better boy, Roma, and Cherokee purple). Some bed preparation and weeding needs to be done.

Engineering (Liz)

The water has been turned on. Don Michals and Larry will check irrigation and put out new lines. Irrigation is located underground in the Briar Patch.

Matt laid down and compacted Chapel Hill grit on the garden paths. Volunteers are needed to maintain the paths going forward. Becky McHenry will keep an eye on Boulder. Mark will spray EcoBlend.

New plant supports were installed for the cucumbers, peppers, and eggplant. Mike installed a cold frame in Boulder. An additional cold frame will be constructed in Briar Patch.

50 foot lengths of black fabric were donated from the Sports Park and can be used for weed control in the large beds.

Fundraising (Liz)

The Spring Flower Sale continues until April 19. Flowers will be delivered and distributed at the clubhouse on May 2. Information is posted to the website/online store. To date, orders total \$780; \$360 profit.

Social (Liz)

- Speaker Matt Jones, Chatham Ag Center ~ April 11 at 7:00 p.m. ~ *Organic Urban Landscaping*
- SpringFest ~ April 27 at 5:00 p.m. ~ Club will sponsor children's activities (planting flower seeds and creating tissue paper flowers) ~ Briar Chapel Green Initiative to promote decreased use of chemicals in BC ~ Amy at Breakaway started project
- Open House/Boulder Park Garden Tour ~ June 1 in late afternoon ~ Parent volunteers and their children are needed ~ Stacy will organize and create a list of needs
- Cooking Class ~ July 20 at 2:00 ~ Dan Taylor
- Brie Arthur Garden Tour ~ July 27 at 10:00 a.m. ~ Lisa Walston will organize a car pool
- Speaker Matt Jones ~ *Growing and Preserving Culinary Herbs* ~ TBD
- Harvest Dinner ~ October 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m ~ Dan Taylor and Liz Rolison will organize

Other

Stacy Donelan suggested creating a map of the different cultivars found throughout the community.

An "Ask the Gardener" section on the website would provide a helpful resource for the community.

Ask a friend to take pictures for the garden's Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.