

CCGA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes Draft
January 21, 2025 - 6pm on Zoom.

6:09pm Meeting called to order. Lorraine agreed to take notes and note times. There is no timekeeper.

Attending: Barb Dennis, Maria Herrera, JW Glass, Mamie Gray, Gina Jamison, Lorraine Kells, Angela Taylor, and Marsha Wyatt. Guest Tiffany Makowski formerly with Nichols Park Advisory Council, Hyde Park

Motion to accept previous meeting minutes made by JW, seconded by Angela.

Project/Event Updates

Angela stated the ad hoc project for Julie Samuels' Memorial is still working and made a request for a specific Go Fund me campaign for the memorial.

JW gave an open invitation to everyone to submit articles and stories for our Newsletter, pieces for the website. New submissions are event centric so are timely, news about grant opportunities is important.

6:31pm Committee Reports

Resources and Distributions

CCGA Resources Committee will hold a special workshop/get-together in winter with a houseplant distribution. Event date or venue is not yet determined.

Education Committee No Report

6:54 pm Advocacy and Outreach

Discussion of how people communicate with us. Lorraine stated that it was not being handled well. JW reported that we have 3 lists, mailing lists, and the email info@chicagocommunitygardens.org which is distributed to 10 people who requested to receive this email. People also reply to the committees as the contact email is one the website. Lorraine requested a copy of who receives the info@ email. JW said he would comply with that request. Angela stated that not just anyone should reply and questioned, if someone replies, what is our process? "Reply all" was suggested to prevent multiple responses. Angela further stated that we build our outreach through many of these inquiries, and we need protocol. JW stated that we did not have time to discuss this but Marsha insisted we must make time for it because we need a process. We cannot ignore this if a few more minutes are necessary

Finance Committee No Report

Communications Committee

JW's report was given in the Projects and Events section and statements during Adv&Outreach Committee Report

7:05pm Motion to adjourn made by Angela, seconded by Barb