

CCGA Coordinating Meeting Notes

May 24, 2022 – 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: CCGA Zoom Room (Virtual Meeting)

Present on the call were: Julie Samules, Marsha Wyatt, JW Glass, Gina Jamison, Maimie Gray, Barb Dennis, Kimberly George, Lorraine Kells

We reviewed the agenda, which can be downloaded here:

<https://chicagocommunitygardens.org/ccga-coordinating-meetings-2022/>

This meeting was rescheduled from 5/17/2022. Basically we did Committee Reports first and then Project/Event Updates.

Committee Reports

Resources Committee Report

Barb Dennis reported on the distribution held on Saturday 5/21/2022 at The Hatchery. 93 separate gardens participated in the distribution. Which worked out to about 5 trays or about 40 plants for each garden. Included in the package were vegetables (peppers, tomatoes, etc..) and flowers and herbs.

Barb also reported on the spring bulbs now being offered at New Horizons Garden 401 S. Central Park Ave and a possible mini-distribution this coming Saturday 5/28 of other plants from the greenhouse and city donated bulbs.

Barb indicated the next large distribution is being planned.

Education Committee Report

Lorraine Kells indicated there was nothing special to report except the recent exchange with a staff person, Lilly Peppers, of the Monarchs and Pollinators Team from the Field Museum. They have a Monarch Habitat training program and some virtual workshops. Others wanted to know about the Monarch Habitat training program and JW Glass said he would make a post about this on the CCGA website.

Communications Committee Report

Community Garden List/Map

JW Glass reported on the status of the team working to update the community garden list. JW showed the temporary map on the CCGA website. We discussed what elements display on the map, specifically website, Facebook and Instagram links if we have them. We also discussed what the 77 city of Chicago community areas are and we reviewed that separate page on the CCGA website as well. JW indicated there are many gardens in our list for which we do not know the status. We need to know whether the respective garden is still active and gather any other details we can. JW will send a list of the gardens we need to know about with the meeting notes to the 5 CCGA mailing lists for other CCGA members to review.

Next Newsletter

We discussed the need for topics and content for the next newsletter. Lorraine Kells said she had spoken with Amy Olson and the intent was to publish a newsletter by the 2nd week in June. We assembled a brief list of topics for the newsletter:

Newsletter Topics List

- CEGA 2022
- Save the Date for Anniversary Celebration (Friday August 19, 2022)
- Field Museum Monarch Habitat training program

Advocacy & OutReach Committee Report

Julie Samules indicated not much is going on as far as collaboration with other entities except for CEGA 2022. JW Glass indicated that the CEGA 2022 program would get posted on the CCGA website and included in the newsletter.

Finance Committee Report

No one from the committee was in attendance.

Project/Event Updates

10th Anniversary Celebration

Gina Jamison indicated the planning committee had conducted a walk through of Garfield Park Conservatory with Mattie Wilson. Details and planning for the event were discussed. We will get a report from the planning committee at the June 21, 2022 coordinating meeting, our last before the summer break.

The event takes place on Friday August 19, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7pm. The next standing CCGA Coordinating meeting is Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 6pm.

Meeting notes compiled by JW Glass