

Master Gardener Compost Committee

Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2018

Committee Members in attendance in addition to Sarah Browning & Mary Jane Frogge - Craig Hahn (co-chair), Jack Morris (co-chair), Richard Faubel, Sandie Franks, Linda Helton, Susan Hutchinson, Margaret Klein, Sue Schuerman, Mark Shiffler, Jane Smith, & Cleo Wooten.

The meeting began at about 1:30 pm. Co-chairs Craig Hahn and Jack Morris conducted the meeting. Mary Jane provided handouts of the Compost Demonstration notes & copies of the Feb 28 meeting minutes.

Item 1. Getting more MG involvement in the demonstration presentations.

- The first item discussed focused on encouraging greater participation by more members in the demonstration presentations in addition to Jack Morris. This was prompted by Barb Clement's enthusiasm to lead the last demonstration at Pioneer's Park and her participation in the recent Community Gardens presentation. A copy of a proposed demonstration outline involving contributions by 3 MG participants was circulated for review and discussion (also distributed by email). Cleo Wooten offered to participate in the Sept 15 demonstration. Further discussion with Barb and Jack will take place before that demo to work out the details.
- Sarah indicated that we should make a special effort during the demo to acknowledge the support and partnership of the Lincoln Solid Waste Program which provides funding to support our efforts.
- It was also suggested that one item to add to the program would be have individual MGs in attendance share their composting experience in their garden situations. This would encourage more participation and enlighten attendees about different ways to successfully compost.

Item 2. Demonstrations at the Community Gardens sites.

- Mark Shiffler has taken the lead on connecting with several community garden coordinators to partner with us to conduct demonstrations at their sites. The first demo was held at the 46th & Pioneers Gardens on Sunday, July 22 at 5 pm. There were 17 attendees and Barb Clement conducted the presentation. Mark agreed to take the lead to help organize several additional demos this year and next during the months of June, July & August.
- It was also suggested that he ask garden coordinators if it would be possible to invite the public to future Community Garden demonstrations. It was agreed that this would be an effective way to expand our outreach into a broader segment of the local communities.

Item 3. Sheridan School site

- Further involvement of this site as a location for additional demonstrations was discussed. It was noted that there had been little contact since the demo last Fall. Mary Jane indicated that she would check out their interest for future demos.

Additional items discussed (not necessarily in order of discussion)

Some discussion focused on exploring contact with city staff involved in composting. Mary Jane indicated that LPS conducted some student tours of the city composting program. Jack suggested that

such a tour might be of interest for members of our committee. Contact to make such an arrangement will be made by either Mary Jane or Sarah.

Jane Smith made the suggestion that we might want to contact some of the gardening clubs in LPS schools to see if they might be interested in a demo presentation. Some discussion followed on the complexity of syllabus management in schools. Jack suggested that perhaps it would be more effective to advertise the demo dates at Pioneers Park with the school organizations. It was not resolved how this could be done.

DEMO DATES at Pioneers Park set for 2019.

May 18; June 22; Sept 21 & Oct 12

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM