

Helena Community Gardens (HCG)
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023, DNRC Building

Present: Chris Rudmann (Board Chair); Whitney Bausch (Board Vice Chair); Trish Ackart (Treasurer); Ruth Linfield (Secretary); Mandy Blohm (Executive Director); Amie Butler; Les Clark; Cassie Wandersee.

Absent: Jake Mohrmann

Next Meeting May 18, 5:30, location to be determined

1. Minutes from March 2, 2023, approved and seconded.
2. Treasurer's Report for March 2023
 - a. Starting balance—\$11,731.05
Ending Balance—\$11,125.02
Total Debits—\$1947.72
Total Credits—\$1376.61
3. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Status update on plot sign-up
 - i. 4 gardens full
 - ii. Gardens with number of remaining plots
 1. East Helena 10
 2. Bausch 10
 3. Waukesha 10
 4. Cruise 4
 - b. Executive Director workload
 - i. Greater Helena Gives has been bulk of workload. There are 13 days to launch Greater Helena Gives (May 3-4). Lawn signs and lapel buttons made for garden With Greater Helena Gives information.
 - ii. Working on Website profile which is due April 25th
 - iii. Survey sent to Board Members asking, "Why We Do This". Responses requested to be back to Mandy by end of April.
4. Committee updates
 - a. Fundraising Committee
 - i. no update (no mtg yet)
 - b. Events Committee
 - i. L&C Bingo and Plant Swap update will be provided next meeting
 - ii. Still considering Fall Harvest event—more to come
 - c. Gardens Committee
 - i. Waukesha garden: Les taking lead on Waukesha project
 - ii. Janet Street Garden: Amie is taking the lead on destruction of Janet Street Garden. She will organize 1) Taking all the drip line to East Helena where it can be spread out, measured, and cut into manageable sized sections. From there, it can be allocated as needed to other gardens; 2) Move all other inventory worth saving to 6th Ward Park to be allocated to other gardens or sold at the rummage sale. Throw out what is

unusable. If possible, salvage the ramp for use to improve access to the shed at Bausch or leave the shed as is at Janet Street until the City says otherwise. Although not very convenient for Mandy, it could be used for storage of all the HCG stuff that she has been hauling around in her truck.

iii. Mandy has meeting with the City of Helena and will discuss Janet Street Garden as to status of the area and our suggestion of turning it into a dog park.

5. Next Meeting: May 18th, 5:30 PM