



ARTS & GARDEN BOARD

Arts & Garden Board Minutes Meeting September 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Horowitz, Pam Haxton, Marci Bykat, Susan Warrow, Jennifer Gideon

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Amy Hood

CITY COMMISSION LIAISON: Jeff Jenks (Absent due to prior commitment at MML)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Blake, Richard Halprin, Deborah Hecht (excused)

GUESTS PRESENT: Helaine Zack

Program updates:

The Board discussed the scarecrow contest. Amy has put entry forms at City Hall and the DPW office, and will print more for distribution at Burton and at the Hay Day/Touch-A-Truck events. Amy will explore the board's ideas for a modest prize for the winning scarecrow and obtain it. Forms will be displayed and passed out at Hay Day and Touch-A-Truck events.

The board discussed taking a more active role in oversight of the Adopt-A-Garden program. Helaine Zack, Adopt-A-Garden coordinator, has been working on formal guidelines for Adopt-a-Garden, as well as identifying which gardens are currently adopted and by whom. Members agreed that new gardens (or enlargement of gardens) should not be permitted while there are an unknown number of "unadopted" gardens in the city. There was general agreement that removal of gardens without an active adopter should be considered. A main concern of the program is that the most public gardens (at City Hall and City entrances) are not maintained to best advantage (or at all), and reflect poorly on the city's image.

Garden signs, recognition, awards, educational events pertaining to public gardens were all suggested, with support from all attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 pm, City Hall.