



## ARTS & GARDEN BOARD

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### Arts & Garden Board Minutes Meeting November 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Horowitz, Pam Haxton, Deborah Hecht, Jennifer Gideon

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Amy Hood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Blake, Richard Halprin, Susan Warrow (excused), Marci Bykat (excused)

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Smeltekop

#### Program updates:

SCARECROW CONTEST: Amy summarized the outcome of the scarecrow contest (five entries, 20 or so votes). Ideas for addressing low turnout were briefly discussed for next year: Having all entries at a central location (a park, the rec center, etc.), making a traditional scarecrow the standard, etc.

ADOPT-A-GARDEN SUPPORT: Robert Smeltekop was introduced as the new Adopt-A-Garden coordinator. He has now received some materials from outgoing coordinator Helaine Zack with names of the known Adopt-A-Gardeners. Robert was told of the suggestion that a spring kick-off, plant swap, garden cleanup, or other appreciation day take place in 2022.

The board discussed methods of recruiting new gardeners to the program, such as verbiage on the water bills or inserts with the water bills.

The draft of Adopt-A-Garden Guidelines was read and a number of changes or refinements were suggested. Amy will revise and present a second draft at the January 2022 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Claire Galed offered some history of the previous Tree Board and BART Board, (previous incarnations of the Arts & Garden Board) as well as how the Adopt-A-Garden program was handled in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

***The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm, City Hall.***