

# Meeting Minutes

Monday May 4, 2009

Student Attendees: Katia Gardia-Smith, Donna Jesenovec

Faculty Attendees:

Community Attendees: Eileen Abbattista, Pam Marquez, Gail Neujahr, Donna Peterson

Gardener Attendees: Lilly, Randall, Carmen F., Dawn, Candace, (sorry, can't complete from memory so will complete from Eileen's records)

Status of garden: Another great work day on May 2 with much additional progress made. The fence pickets were all nailed into place and work started on the gate. Commercial, organic compost (A-1 brand) was wheeled to each plot and spread to a depth of 2" – 3". Remaining compost was moved adjacent to the S garage wall to allow access to the garden from the alley. Unwanted grass & weeds were removed from the N and S borders of the garden. The N half of the retaining wall was completed. The shed floor & walls were framed and installed on the E wall of the garage. Braces and chicken wire were added to the compost bin. Thanks to ALL who came and contributed time and talent!

Other activity scheduled for this week: Facilities will provide a backhoe on Tuesday to dig the trench for the final water connection. Water service should be turned on as well! Ben plans additional shed construction work on Thursday, May 6 starting at 10:30 a.m. Please join him to help out if you are available.

Schedule for Additional Work Days: If it's Saturday, it must be a work day! Plan to meet at 9 a.m. on May 9. Ben is out of town; Kristen will be there with keys for the garage and Gail plans to arrive at noon for the afternoon shift. The written work plan will be sent to the list-serve as it has in the past. Again, participants are asked to bring a brown-bag lunch, water, snacks, etc. And it looks like we'll have great weather so bring sunscreen, too!

Garden Dedication Rescheduled for May 30: The dedication celebration is now set for May 30. Reminder: e-mail Zoe Turrill (lturrill@du.edu) with ideas/suggestions for invitees (University faculty & administration, DUG staff, district city council members, etc).

Membership Status: We welcomed the 2009 gardeners at this meeting. Paperwork and garden fees of \$25 per plot were collected and plot assignments were made. There are still opportunities for interested students to partner with community members in tending the plots. There was also some discussion on garden operational details going forward. Gardeners are asked to note their ideas,

questions and concerns and we will have another general meeting in early June to share ideas and formalize practical guidelines. Thank you, Eileen, for your steadfast efforts heading the Membership committee.

Communication: Pam has made numerous updates to the [www.projectduet.com](http://www.projectduet.com) web site. Please contact her with any new information, problems, corrections, etc. There are lots of garden/plant-related events during May that can be posted to the site, including: Denver Botanic Gardens annual plant sale May 8 & 9 beginning at 10 am each day [www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org) for details; Front Range Organic Gardeners (FROG) plant sale (cash only) Saturday, May 16th at the Denver Presbytery Hall, 1710 S. Grant Street, 9 am – 1 pm; Plantapalooza plant sale (sponsored by the Colorado Master Gardeners of Denver County) May 16th from 8 am – 3 pm at the CSU Extension office, 888 E. Illiff Ave. Be sure to catch the pottery sale in conjunction with Plantapalooza, as our own Donna Peterson is a participating vendor!

“Gardening Through the Season” Workshops: “Successful Composting” is scheduled for May 16 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Bridge Garden. A neighbor’s contribution of lots of “green” material will allow us to construct our first batch of compost as a hands-on demonstration during the class. Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend. They should bring a lawn chair, pad & pen for notes, and water/sunscreen if it’s hot.

Next meeting: We did not decide on our next meeting time. Since the dedication is now scheduled for May 30, perhaps a meeting on the 18th or week of the 25th (Monday is Memorial Day) to finalize plans for the celebration?

Respectfully submitted

Gail Neujahr