



Oldsmar Organic Community Garden, Inc.
A 501(c)(3) Non Profit
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 31, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the OOCG was called to order at 10:00 am at the Oldsmar Library TECO Hall by President Joe Ribeiro. Margaret Bonitz, Treasurer and Acting Secretary attended. One officer was not in attendance, Matt Baker, Vice President. A quorum was established.

The following were present:

Current Gardeners: Donna Knapp, Marilyn and Vincent Richards, Rachel Marshall, Margaret Rosar, Jefferson and Pam Hunt, Cheryl Ritchie, Sheridan Boyle, Star Lastre

Interested in Gardening or Volunteering: Stephanie Mainardi, Chris Marelli, Jane Calderone, Tracy Dubreuil, Steven Phillips

We started by introducing ourselves.

1. Public Comments: Marilyn wanted to know if you could grow jicama. It has poisonous seeds and seed pods and can be used as an organic insecticide. With having young children in the garden, it would not be recommended. It's also toxic to dogs.

Margaret Rosar thanked the current president and secretary for their service this past year.

It was noted that Leisure Services is holding a film at the Rawk Star Café on Wed April 5. It's called Dirt!

2. Approval of minutes from Jan 27, 2018. Margaret read a summary of the minutes for the benefit of those who were not in attendance. Motion to approve by Jefferson Hunt, seconded by Margaret Rosar. The motion passed.
3. Treasurer's report. \$5039 on account
4. President's report - Joe noted that two beds have been reassigned due to past gardeners not planting or weeding and general abandonment of the beds. Despite several emails to gardeners over a period of 3 months, there are quite a few people who have never planted anything or did plant but never tended to their garden. Joe explained that part of what you agree to when signing up is that you will actively garden and keep up your bed. Plants that go to seed can wreck havoc with your neighbor's bed. You also agree to participate in the community efforts

to keep up the garden area, depending on your capabilities. OOCG really wants active community members. It's what keeps our garden going.

He did state that he committed a bed to Oldsmar Cares and to Leisure Services once the new ones have been built.

We did sponsor a spring break camp program this week with David Whitman from Whitwam Organics engaged as the teacher of a program. David worked with Leisure Services on the programming and we paid \$125 from our grant funds. It was noted that Margaret Bonitz attended Leisure Services meeting on Feb 12, 2018, in Joe's place. She gave an overview of the financials and an update on our board meeting from Jan 27. It was noted that they are working on a lease for us. It's on the City Attorney's desk. Margaret did tell them there was no budget to pay rent.

Joe also noted there should be no trees planted in the garden area, per Leisure services. We had asked if they would mow for us and they indicated they didn't have the resources for that. P

6. Election of Officers - after a brief discussion to see who was interesting in volunteering, Margaret Bonitz made a motion to nominate the following and after it was seconded, the motion passed.

President: Estrella "Star" Lastre

Vice President: Sheridan Boyle

Secretary: Donna Knapp

Treasurer: Pam Hunt

Member At Large: Stephanie Mainardi

Next steps:

Margaret handed out a list of tasks that need to be done to transition to a new board and received approval from the new board to change the contact person and registered agent for the corporation to Estrella Lastre and will note the rest of the board members, when the annual report is filed with the State of Florida this week. Margaret will also renew the liability insurance this week and will file the 990N with the IRS which is due by May 1. Once we have confirmation that the state has updated the names on the sunbiz website, Joe will meet with Pam and Star to get them on the bank account. Margaret and Joe will make arrangements later this week once the above tasks are completed to meet with Donna, Star, Pam, Sheridan and Stephanie, likely at the garden, to go over the necessary information and provide the records to the new board.

7. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Margaret Bonitz, and was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.