

Summer Winter Executive Committee Meeting

4/15/2026, 7pm

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Attendees:

- Andy Denison
- Phillip Berryman
- Joseph Revlock
- Peter Coe
- Amanda Casper
- Ryan Kingston
- Alex Charnov
- Cris Manigan
- Andrew Nardone

1. Grant proposal (Cris Manigan)

- Knight Foundation - funds nonprofits. Would be interesting to apply for food overflow of extra food/vegetables. Cold storage units on site? \$200,000 awards
- Pilot program at Summer Winter, with the plan to expand to other gardens, and partner with NGT.
- Noted that we're already doing City Harvest donations. 140 gardens participate.
- Note that it could be good to talk to Chuck Zacardi to see if his course creates excess
- Follow-up questions:
 - Can we take a grant in the first place? We are a 501(c)(3), so probably
- Cris is happy to help with applying for grants moving forward
- **Next steps** for Cris are to talk to more gardeners about their excess and think more about the administrative side of us receive a large grant.

2. Garden Day Scheduling

- APRIL DAY: Saturday April 25th
 - Pathway weeding, the usual
- MAY DAY: Sunday May, 3rd
- JUNE DAYS: **schedule one (or two) garden nights** around the solstice

3. Water

- 4/14 Olivia Glinsky emailed to ask if we want to schedule a water turn on with
Debbie Thomas: debbie@irrsys.com
Irrigation Systems Inc.
936 Fairmount Street
Camden, NJ 08104
800-441-3103
- Ryan noted that we already signed a quote with Mr. D to pay for the new part, install it, and test the system, so we're committed to Mr. D. But we can ideally be reimbursed by NGT for the invoice.
- Last year Mr. D (previously NGT's recommended plumber) was here to install the backflow preventer, turn on the water, and pressure test the system.

- Two falls ago they removed the backflow preventer for us and explained how to turn it off at the access point ourselves (in the manhole), which we tried to do this past fall. In the fall, we did our best to fully drain the system: we opened the system at the lowest point, drained the hose for an hour, and then tried to remove the backflow preventer but couldn't without damaging it. So we figured we drained it and it would be fine to leave the backflow preventer in place.
- However, leaving the backflow preventer in place...was not a good idea. A small amount of water still in the system froze and damaged the pressure release valve (a part of the backflow preventer).
- Now, we need to pay \$695 for a new pressure release valve for the backflow preventer plus the normal turn-on and pressure test (usually it would just be \$295).
- *Get a plumber out to remove it in the future.*
- *Ask NGT if we should coordinate with Irrigation Services, Inc. next time?*
- *Ask NGT if we can just have Mr. D send the bill directly to them.*
- **Alex to email Olivia back**

4. Compost

- **Phil will order 10 cubic yards of compost** from Bennett (Phil pays, gets reimbursed)

5. Wood Chips

- **Joe will get Ken to chip the brush**, then **Ryan will put in a chip drop request**

6. Treasurer's Report

- \$5,000 as of 4/15 (up from \$1,000 on 4/1)
- "How can we see how we're doing (financially)?" We have a spreadsheet of all dues collected.

7. New Plot Allocation

- 100% of plots are allocated, waitlist is growing

8. Junk Hauling

- Andy has called some people; **Andy to coordinate hauling** so it's done as soon after that work day as possible if not before
- 1-800-Junk could be ok but probably expensive
- Ask Drexel if we could just put it all in the dumpster? Probably not a good idea

9. NGT Garden Tour

- On June 13th, 10am, **Andy will forward the email from NGT**

10. Vacation Schedule

- Could we organize this some time...? To help with watering/harvest while people are away

11. Additional Expense Requests

- Green algae filters - two are \$30. **Joe to be reimbursed.**