

**Sustainability Task Force
Minutes
September 10th, 2019
Big Lake Council Chambers**

1. Introductions
 - a. Task Force members present: Maureen Mossak, Becky Guthrie, and Corrie Scott
 - b. Task Force members absent: Heather Kuikka, Linda Fuhrman, Chrysii Skrypec, Kristi DeCamillis, Klara Porath, and Lisa Odens

2. Summer & Fall Clean Up: The Summer Clean Up Series took place on June 19th, July 17th, August 14th, September 11th at 5:30pm at Lakeside Park. The August and September Summer Clean Up events didn't have any participants. The Task Force will do a recap of the Summer Clean Up series and will talk about potential Fall Clean Up events at the October meeting.

3. Community Garden Sign Project: In the Spring of 2020 the Task Force would like to place a sign at the Community Gardens. Rather than ordering an aluminum sign, Mike Goebel offered to supply products to someone who volunteers to paint the sign. Some options would be to ask Task Force members and their families if they are interested in helping, or asking the school if they'd like to offer the project to students in art classes/clubs. This item will be talked about more in depth at the October meeting.

4. Gardening 101: Becky reported that there is a rabbit who has eaten a lot of the plants at the Community Garden site. It is too late in the season for her to commit to relocating the rabbit, but if it happens in the future she has offered help with it. One suggestions for next year is to inspect the fencing to ensure there aren't any gaps. There is one more class scheduled for September 17th. Tom and Corrie will work with the Master Gardeners and Task Force to set up a planning meeting for the 2020 Gardening class program. The due date to enter the Big Lake Summer Community Ed Catalog is in March 2020.

5. MN GreenCorps Member: Tom Wyatt-Yerka, the City's 2019-2020 MN GreenCorps Member will start in September 2019 and be working full time with the City until August 2020. He plans to attend the October meeting to learn more about the group and see what projects they would like to pursue.

6. Recruiting Ideas

a. Family Fun Fest: This event will take place on Friday, October 4th from 5-7pm at Liberty Elementary. Sign up to host a booth by emailing Corrie at cscott@biglakemn.org.

b. Farmers Market: The Winter Market will take place on the third Saturday of each month from 10am-1pm from November to April at City Hall. This is an opportunity to do some outreach and offer a kids activity. Sign up for this via email or at the October meeting.

7. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers