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## Steering Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 10, 2023

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

Members Present: David Barkelew, Mary Campbell, Lyn Rios, Kristen Frink, Neal Charles, Kat Whitmire, and Eric Gose,

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### Agenda Items:

1. Ant Treatment – Beth will not be available to manage this summer. Once scheduled, a Rallyhood call out for volunteer helpers will be made.
2. Fall Soil and Compost? Neal checking w PARD on whether they will be providing any this fall. In the interim, the garden will hold off before making any orders while the temps are still extreme. Past heat has resulted in delivery of hydrophobic material that was sitting untouched in warehouse.
3. Donation bed rebuild – Donation team would like set-up a schedule to rebuild the lower donation bed before fall planting season - need a handful of volunteers. Wait to see how the weather is for September or October
4. Before proceeding w rebuild of donation beds, a review of the current conditions of existing beds to be done. It's been more than a year since the first durable bed installed. An analysis of the fail rate must be conducted. This will dictate whether there is a reasonable amount of material on hand for spare if a quantity is used for donation plot[s]. The garden cannot afford replacements. The beds are using more water as they dry out faster. Alternative material should be considered.
5. Fall Plant Sale Fundraiser tentatively scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> or next work-day October 7<sup>th</sup>.
6. Drip irrigation query for the Orchard. Query is premature. Issue, if there's actually one, should first be discussed amongst the Orchard team members.

### Action Items:

1. Neal - Completed Bylaws and process to be posted on or by August 21, 2023.
2. Lyn - reaching out to Beth about ant treatment process and potential volunteers that can spearhead the treatment.
3. Review of the current conditions of the durable green plots. Asses the fail rate. This will dictate whether there is a reasonable amount of material on hand for spare if a quantity is used for donation plot[s].