## October Housekeeping Circle

9/29/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Amy, Kunal, Christina, Milo, Cory, Chandan, Riley (fmr. Chair), Aaron, Sarah

# Introductions/Reflections: Thinking back to what was seeded in Spring, all the work of Summer, what's finally ready to harvest in Fall?

- -the butternut squash, simply roasted with a touch of salt, nothing more!
- -creating with materials from the Sanctuary, tapping the returning faces to lead their own activities
- -seen all the variety of events here, wants to offer improv workshop, harvest joy!
- -connections and joy from comedy events, been around and ready to host
- -personal difficulties, a "catastrophic event that destroyed all the crops", feeling like there isn't a clear harvest but happy that there's a whole community sustaining the Garden "doesn't come down to just me"
- -harvesting a more balanced relationship to hosting events at TAG, all the support of having a second cohort of Stumps
- -literally harvesting the nonnative plants in the Sanctuary, prepping for Spring, working with the landscape, forming a relationship and not just extracting, saving tree saplings to plant a forest, paper making soon!
- -still planting, not harvesting 0\_0 overseeing the crop transition for the Fall bulbs

# 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Fall Lighting: options from low to high commitment
  - o candles, in the shed
  - o battery lanterns, byo or ask to get from Studio
  - o various string lights with electrical cords, from 1909 outlet
- Rats are more numerous: what are humane ways to cope, alley cats? raptors? contraception! reducing places for them to burrow, consolidating two heaps into one heap in the Sanctuary
- Winter Plans: we hibernate, but pop up for a few events a month

#### 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Submissions

Emerging Ideas

- Improv Jam! from experienced facilitators
- Plant Party for TAG's 5th (!) Birthday Party on 10/17
- Unity Ceremony & Tree Planting for Riley & Blaire's Nuptials

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent **\$524** in September
  - Sisi 9/13 Workshop \$222
  - Supplies \$188.77
  - o Refreshments \$112.86

#### **September Housekeeping Circle**

8/25/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Gabi, Savannah, Maggie, Sarah, Cassie, Cory, Shushan, Rob

# Introductions/Reflections: In times of fracture, where are we seeing hopeful acts of repair? What's top of heart??

Fig Grandma!!

Making noise, Free DC on the street, showing up

Small act of solidarity, welcoming the kids back to school on the sidewalk 14th and U meeting an elder Union organizer, transportation Union solidarity, been in the fight for a long time, still showing up

Reaching out to folks and leaving the house, seeing people's faces Grassroots organizing when connecting to friends, sharing information about where ICE was on 14th St, mini-protest to show up, letting cars know, starting a chant against officers

Drum circle at Malcolm X Park, making noise at 8pm, flow toys Letting the times light my torch to show up as an activist, focus on spreading the message of Free DC and realizing how bad it's getting

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Locks, new back gate combo adds a "B" to the usual code
- Yoga mats need to be cleaned, dedicated day to soak but also bring some wipes to encourage yogis to clean after borrowing
  - Finding more space in the covered shed to store them
- Teens coming in at night, usually just to smoke and chat, okay to allow a safe space for them to be teens, but if they are lighting fires we should get a fire extinguisher as a basic precaution?

#### 2. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Submissions

Emerging Ideas

- Stipend local artists with a workshop honorarium? Temperature check the idea for more artist stipends at the next USNA meeting this Wednesday
- Reach out to Joel for Hobbit Day, conflicts with Music in the Garden

#### 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent **\$287.84** in August
  - Sisi 8/8 Workshop \$222
  - o Refreshments \$11.20
  - Supplies \$54.64
    - \$131 remaining in materials budget

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:41pm** 

## **August Housekeeping Circle**

7/28/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Cory, Aaron, Sarah, Amy, Shira, Savannah, Cassie, Milo, Shoshana, Sally, Ray, Jacob, Shushan

#### Introductions/Reflections: Be like Water, where did you Freeze, where did you Flow?

- Sisi: Workshop Embodying Elements, Feeling the Waters, intention in the body, passing movement around the circle, engaging the Land spiritually with movement...
  - how to tell more people about the yearly residence? a sign at the front,
     a way to show the progression through the elements
- Cory, a stream that's eddying, CC still draws new members, but wants to find new energy in the event
- Aaron, cohost flow into supporting Amy's event, frozen with StoryCircle was rained out
- Sarah, exciting and different meditations, found a footing with hosting the Circle and new facilitators, getting back to basics, life is
- Amy, Sanctuary events, lots of ideas flowed, might be frozen with the next gathering, plenty of ideas and how to keep meaningfully iterating with it
- Shira, life before felt dammed, after vacation though feeling renewed energy, feeling frozen in the third event of "breaking up with fast fashion" dye workshop takes a lot of coordinating and looking for help (maybe flower pressing instead?)
- Savannah, time off with nice and supporting the CC events, freeze in finding balance between all the different areas of life
- Cassie, didn't host in July so felt frozen, but after attending others events has more ideas for this month
- Milo, hosted Rethinking Work last month, still having difficulty with housing, working two jobs but still not meeting the financial minimum for affordable housing, been inspired by Amy, yearning to be able to contribute, but trying to stay afloat on the waterfall of life
- Shosh, the moment of jumping into the water, blocks out the world around when entering into the Garden, the noise of the generator is like a white noise machine, heat can freeze (?) but still finding ways to move
- Sally, riding the waves, between pummeled and having fun: "SAW" HIGH SCORE BOARD, confidence was boosted, lead the vocal improv workshop at a festival (incubated at TAG), felt a freeze right before event, but trusting self to lead, surprised how much they have leaned into hosting more than just Music in the Garden
- Ray, building a boat with the Peer Support group, community agreements coming together, third gathering will the naming the group, collaborative energy, looking to support another event this month
- Jacob, confidence hosting the meditation circle, helping Dan, finding his voice after the meditation ended, keeping the circle engaged, roadblocks in own mental state, follow the thought, realization that he wants to host other types of events beyond meditation, couple new ideas to expand on
- Shushan, dealing with chronic pain from humidity, workplace flooded, was nice to return to host Rest event this morning, hoping to repeat the event and keep experimenting

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Ben's Chili Bowl generator, new white noise
- Pay-tato was a success, all proceeds went to musicians
- Cube has been renovated! thanks to Lars, can become a diorama
- the SHED is falling apart !!! Request for repairs (send to Lars)
- Needed
  - chalkboard eraser
  - o a new chalkboard A-frame
  - more paint

# 2. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Submissions

Emerging Ideas

- Invitation to host things in the Sanctuary
- Request to host a Kid's Summer Event before back to school

#### 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent \$307 in July
  - Sisi 7/5 Workshop \$222
  - o Refreshments \$61
  - Supplies \$24
    - \$186 left in materials budget
    - Wishlist:
      - Electric Mister Fan
      - Polaroid Camera
      - Cover for the Library
      - Whiteboard

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:30 pm** 

#### July Housekeeping Circle

6/30/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Milo, Maggie, Shosh, Sally, Gabi, Amy, Alexander, Riley, Beth

# Introductions / Reflections: What are you most PROUD of?

- Sally confidence to experiment and try, the improv facilitation, last full month in the garden and ready to
- Aaron proud of others, his cloudwatching in clear skies, mini-games innovation
- Shoshana for consistency during travel, clear communication with other Stumps during curve-balls
- Gabi Shabbat dinner, food brings people together,
- Maggie for the relationships she's built, more comfortable here now, talking to new people to put other people at EASE, supporting other Stumps
- Milo proud to have rescheduled the Pride event when it wasn't feeling aligned, listened to what they were feeling and gave themself more time
- Alexander proud of seeing the Garden grow while he was away, the other volunteers who keep it alive
- Amy hopping into the sanctuary, proud to be living closer to her values,
- Riley is proud of looping leadership into the Farm, all volunteer, Farm Leads at the bonfire, Pele sending emails, Wayne on socials, Jacob on data dashboard
- Beth's T Street yard, hydrangeas this year, deadheading the first flush

# 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Special Projects!!!
  - Beth's Temperance Alley Mural on Garage Door & Brick Walls.
    - Public Art Opportunity, send out a call for submissions
    - Story Spot point for the Historic Tours that come to the alley
    - Wayfinding and surface marking to the inhabitants
  - Amy's Nature Sanctuary
    - A different kind of nature space—inspired by Braiding Sweetgrass
    - A place for people to quiet down, find close observation and build relationship with the land, our Home, see ourselves in good collaboration with urban ecology
    - Portal to the Time Capsule, history of the Alley, before urbanization, acknowledgment of the indigenous communities in the area
    - Get to know the plants, then learn about Reciprocity
  - Stump Fellowship Thank You Dinner!
    - July calendaring through a Whatsapp poll
    - Outdoor seating

# 2. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Submissions

Emerging Ideas

• Please don't counter-program the FTD volunteer hours

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent \$502 in June
  - o Sisi Workshop \$222
  - New Shade Canopy Tent \$164
  - o Farm the District Supplies \$115
    - \$271 left in materials budget
    - Wishlist:
      - Electric Mister Fan
      - Polaroid Camera
      - Cover for the Library
      - Whiteboard

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:45 pm** 

## June Housekeeping Circle

5/26/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Milo, Sarah, Shushan, Sammy, Gabi, Ray, Shira, Stephen, Savannah

# Introductions / Reflections: Find something you love in the Garden, care for it!

- Sunflowers in the meadow extra care to support them with ties
- the Archive, connection to the longer past as well as current community
- Grass reminds her of Amaranth, and connections to growing it elsewhere
- Red Clover and Rue, which she brought, pulled the yellow leaves off
- Fairy under the house, she looks scared, how I'm feeling, but better now
- Honeysuckle, such a beautiful word, plucked a bud, but waiting to bloom
- Blueberry, didn't know how they grew, renewed curiosity of Nature, & Blackberry holding hands over the Love bench <3</li>
- Virginia Creeper, specific to the East coast, signals the season with colors
- Peach tree, pruned a dead branch, didn't have fruit years past, growing tall
- piece of a little Shrub (vinca vine), beginning of week feeling, pruned old
- Mulberry trees, pruning after berrying, job to parent them in right direction
- Sally, coming to the volunteer hours more lately, and hands in the dirt

# 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- No private events, the gate cannot be closed during events. This avoids someone passing by and seeing an event going on but are not able to enter in. Also the reason we host events is so we can have the gates open.
- That being said, some intentional gatherings need to feel more private once
  they've started. Facilitators who want to ensure the intimacy and safety of
  their group can always use the Nature Preserve parcel as an extra "breakout"
  group. There are now chairs and a picnic table over there to host a group of
  around 8. Another option is to use the Story Circle.

## 2. Events & Engagement : <u>Temperance Alley Event Submissions</u>

Emerging Ideas

- Overlapping events, one bleeding into the other, swirling in the Lobby
- Breaking up with Fast Fashion Series
- DIY, sustainability crafting events, natural dye for Story Circle "clothes line"
- A macrame yoga mat making session, with T-shirt scraps

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Q2 Temperance Alley budget at last Quarterly Meeting
  - \$550 for materials
  - o \$200 for refreshments
- We spent ~\$100 in May

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:29 pm** 

## May Housekeeping Circle

4/28/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Savannah, Gabi, Cassie, MK, Milo, Candace, Maggie, Shushan, Ray, Shoshana, Shira

#### Introductions / Reflections: What makes you feel WELCOME in a new place?

- A shared prompt to open the event and hear from everyone, a greeter, no security or ticketing, intentional closing known before, limit any hierarchy, curiosity leads to shared ownership, accessibility on location, bathroom, covid protocols, that is communicated ahead of time, snacks & refreshments, bubble blessing, drum, something to hold, something to smell, an activity station, doodle table, lego corner, fidget toys,
- Here, Now, Lovely, Together.
- 1. **Park Norms** Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Culture of Welcome = Rituals of Welcome
  - Milo Invitation Letter; explicit goal to reach more black organizers
- Events types
  - Incubation try something new or experimental
  - o Amplification spotlight a local org, artist, initiative
  - Healing rest and rehabilitation for those holding others
- 2. Events & Engagement : <u>Temperance Alley Event Submissions</u>
  Stump Check-ins:
- 3. Budget & Lease:
  - Q1 Temperance Alley budget approved for \$1000
  - Spent ~\$200 in April
  - ~\$300 left in May

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:41 pm** 

## **April Housekeeping Circle**

4/7/25, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows, Stewards, Hosts:**

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Gabi, Shira, Lucy, Sally, Coriander, Sarah, Cassie, Sam, MK, Savannah, Shushan, Milo, Maggie, Shosh, Emily, Stephen, Yael

#### Introductions / Reflections: name your role & what events you're incubating

- Gabi: food
- Shira: community, hyperlocal resourcefulness
- Cory: creatives club liaison
- Lucy: hosting, stump apprentice, steward, friend, music
- Sally: music
- Coriander: early morning things
- Sarah: Jewish practice, mysticism
- Cassie: morning things, journaling, reflective time, exploring ideas together
- Sam: hosting unplugged open mics
- MK: getting more involved, showcasing what DC people are doing, mind-body-spirit
- Savannah: art and climate sustainability
- Shushan: movement classes, yoga, tai chi, sustainability
- Milo: harm reduction, HIPS, mutual aid organizers finding support, accessibility
- Maggie: spirituality, beekeeping
- Shoshana: postmaster general
- Emily: bestie of the garden, meditations
- Stephen: keep it small, photography exhibitions, rock & shell
- Yael: crafting, collage, yoga, zines, mending
- Josh: improvisation, heart & hospitality

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- "How to Calendar" Orientation for new Stumps and Hosts:
  - share out your event idea, find partners, strengthen the concept
  - sticky note to claim day & time
  - submit an event form with description for website (touchstone link)
  - will be shared to public <u>calendar</u>, posted on instagram "weekly menu", and our instagram story the day before

#### 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Stump Check-ins:

- Yoga Team: Yael, Sarah, Sushan, Maggie
- Meditation Crew: Jacob & Sarah

#### 3. Budget & Lease:

- Q1 Temperance Alley budget approved for \$1000
- Spent \$506.75 this year (FTD soil, flowers, seeds)
- **\$493.25** left for purchases:
  - o new pop up tent
  - new wide storage shed
  - o new bench for front?

# **MEETING ADJOURNED 8:36pm**

## **November HouseKeeping Circle**

10/28/24, 7pm

#### **Present Fellows:**

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Zachary, Alexander, Lyndsey, Cory, Stephen, Shoshana, Yael

#### Introductions / Reflections: What felt like a culmination in October?

- Zachary: meditation, all new leads
- Alexander: FTD farm leads going beyond core team Pele, Ellen, Tyler, Cory,
- Lyndsey: listened to the Garden, and helped ana marie to feel comfortable
- Cory: Creatives Club survey where people mentioned loving it at garden and season 5 possibility
- Stephen: 3 TAG Alongs in one week, expanding community beyond garden, 7 performers at Music in the Garden with folk collective
- Shosh: August & September photos, round-up instagram posting
- Josh: earthy people, crafters and builders, season 5 visions

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Keep filling rat burrows, empty heap to nature preserve
- Back gate lock is sticky, please encourage folks to use front entrance during events
- HIBERNATION is upon us!
  - closing out the program areas gracefully
  - inviting folks to the other community circles that we know continue indoors over the Winter (downtown dharma, Alex Snider meditations, Yoga District, Incubator House, the Saloon comedy/piano nights, etc)
  - Final Harvests before Jack Frost, putting beds to sleep

#### 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Stump Check-ins:

- FriendsGivings in the Garden <3
  - o Creative's Club to host final gathering of the season,
  - o Danny's submission
- Autumn Aid for Gaza (connected through Stephen)
  - o issue with submission, needs rules clarification, needs date
  - Shosh, Yael, Josh to respond with marketing concerns
- Over the Garden Wall film screening (11/1) Cory + Zachary
- Death Café with Lyndsey (11/2)
  - \$50 budget for refreshments
- Open Mic Hosted by Sally (11/8) Cory+Stephen
- Backyard Games with Alexander (11/24)
- Nina Lunch Hours Mondays 12-1:30pm

#### 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent \$208.64 in October, rounding out the initially approved budget of \$2,500 from USNA for the year
- Winterization spending will need to be approved at next USNA meeting, will ask for additional \$600

## October HouseKeeping Circle

9/30/24, 7pm

#### Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests:

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Marquett, Alexander, Novian, Shosh, Yael, Lyndsey, Stephen, Zachary, Cory

#### **Opening Game: Who Among Us?**

- Hosted a new event in the Garden last month?
  - DCTMI, Sunset Soul, Goats in the Garden, Shabbat (new lights pattern credit to Corey), Snailmail Station (with prompt overlays), New meditation facilitators, Cyanotype, Autumn Equinox (making it up as we go), TAG alongs (credit Stephen)
- Made a new Friend in the Garden? share story...
- Repaired something last month?
- Group suggestions... Shoutouts!

#### Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in October?

- Greetings from Temperance Alley postcards, collaged photos from the shared album, zine-style distribution
- Season 5 : staying ALIVE
- Novian the Farmer @novthefarmer

## 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

Rat burrows

# 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Cory
    - Creative's Club & Community Jam 10/10 & 10/24
  - Zachary
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
    - Tai Chi recurring if he wants to wed 7-8, biweekly on mon 7-8
  - Stephen
    - Music in the Garden (Fri 10/4)
    - Comedy Shows : Gays Garden (Sat Oct 19)
    - Divisible Film Screening Thurs Oct 17
  - Alexander
    - Sunset Symphony 6-7 mon
  - Yael
    - Yoga 6-7pm
    - Sukkot Shabbat Friday Oct 18th
  - Lyndsey
    - Death Café Nov 2nd
  - o Nina + Pele
- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - Hobbit Celebration, Sat 10/12 (CORY)
  - Sing-Along Sat 10/19 3-5pm (Yael, Stephen)

- BORBS Sun 10/20 Josh, Novian ft. TORKEY, twerkey
- Tai Chi with Evan (Zachary)
- District Hunt (Aaron)
- Sunset Soul, 10/7 dress in 70s theme
- Oct 4th Field Trip double feature

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent \$458.21 in September
- \$247 remaining in initially approved budget

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:51pm** 

## September HouseKeeping Circle

8/26/24, 7pm

#### Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests:

Josh (Chair), Aaron, Zachary, Stephen, Alexander, Cory, Yael, Novian, Rachel, Riley, Skye

# **Opening Game: Who Among Us?**

- Felt NOVELTY was alive in August? share a bit of reflection on new events ...
- Made a new Friend in the Garden? share story...
- Repaired something last month?
- Group suggestions... Shoutouts!

# Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in September?

- Requests from the Press
  - Instagram posting schedule
- Farmer Novian made a TAG Partner with access to the Nature Presence parcel for animal grazing and petting zoo engagements → share gate code and rules/norms

## 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

Mosquito pesticide in the water? Rat traps in the alley?

# 2. **Events & Engagement**: Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Cory
    - Creative's Club & Community Jam
    - Gays Garden (set-up) Thurs 12th 7pm
    - Morning Hours (7-9am) Fridays
  - Zachary
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
    - Autumnal Equinox, 6-9pm Friday 20th
  - Stephen
    - Music in the Garden (Fri 8/16)
    - Comedy Shows : Gays Garden (Sept 12)
  - Alexander
    - Hobbit Celebration, Saturday
  - Yael
    - Yoga 7-8pm (move time back??)
    - Free & Queer Mending hosted by Molly, September 28th 2-5pm
    - Shabbat in the Garden (offline!) Friday 13th at sundown
  - Nina + Lyndsey + Pele
- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - Alexander (Zachary + Stephen) Hobbit Celebration, Saturday
  - Mutual Aid with Barter Sunday 22nd 1-5pm
  - Mentor Event Saturday
  - AppleFest Monday the 30th
  - Snail Mail Sunday the 15th with Shosh (or combine with DCTMI)
  - Scapegoat event— Wakanda will eat the secrets!!

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent \$278.27 in September
- FTD partnership still has ~\$600 to spend
- Will reach out to ask Eastbanc about possible lease extension in September

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:44pm** 

## **August HouseKeeping Circle**

7/29/24, 7pm

Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests: Josh (Chair), Zachary, Alexander, Stephen, Shosh, Aaron, Lyndsey, Yael

# **Opening Game: Who Among Us?**

- Hosted an event in July? share a bit of reflection...
- Made a new Friend in the Garden? share story...
- Repaired something last month?
- Made a meal with harvest veggies?
- Group suggestions...

#### Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in August?

- Snail Mail ft. USPS (Shosh Aaron)
- NOVELTY is alive in August (Summertime Sadness, new faces hosting meditation)
- Saturday Open Hours shift from 10am–1pm
- Requests from the Press
  - Stumps, please take more photos of "people doing things" at your events
  - Curated round-up posts for the month

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# 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Dylan poster for fundraising
- Downtown Dharma leaders have gate code access now,
   Sunday once a month, pdf of the norms and rules doc to Kavya to share more context
- Political event for September how to keep it neutral

#### 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Cory
    - Creative's Club Community Jam
    - Morning Hours (7-9am) Fridays
    - New Moon (8/5)
  - Lyndsey
    - Summertime Sadness
  - Zachary
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
    - Writing workshop in honor of NaNoMo?
  - Stephen
    - Music in the Garden (Fri 8/16)
    - Photography Exhibition ? Saturday
    - Comedy Shows : Gays Garden (Sept 12)
  - Alexander
    - Garden Olympics!!
  - Yael & Pele
    - Yoga 7-8pm
    - Yoga with Movement for Choice (Sunday 8/18)

- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - Embodying the Elements with Sisi (Sat 8/24)
  - Decrim Poverty Potluck (Sun 8/11 afternoon)
  - Poetry Games with Savannah (8/?) with Aaron

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Spent only \$149.73 in August
- FTD partnership still has \$900 to spend`
- Fundraising Meeting: Cory, Zachary, Alexander, Lyndsey

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:48pm** 

## July HouseKeeping Circle

7/1/24, 7pm

Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests: Josh (Chair), Lyndsey, Aaron, Cory, Nina, Alexander, Shosh, Stephen, Zachary

# Opening Game: Who Among Us?

- Hosted an event in June? 2 events? 3 events?!
- Submitted an event form for tonight? Still needs to submit?
- Group suggestions... New friends in the Garden, New event ideas

#### Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in July?

- TAG along series (Stephen)
- Writing workshop in honor of NaNoMo (Zachary)
- Snail Mail ft. USPS (Josh Shosh Aaron)
- Eastern Hercules beetle
- New friends
- Clothing tag
- Dylan poster for fundraising

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Clarifying rules with Ian
- Sanctuary tending

# 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Cory
    - Creative's Club Community Jam
    - "Daybreakers" : Morning Hours (7-9am) move to Fridays
  - Lyndsey
  - Zachary
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - o Stephen
    - Comedy Shows
    - Photography Exhibition?
  - Alexander
  - Nina
- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - Poetry Games with Savannah (7/?) Nina

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- FTD partnership still has \$1,040 to spend`
- Fundraising Meeting: Cory, Zachary, Alexander, Lyndsey

# **MEETING ADJOURNED 8:27pm**

## June HouseKeeping Circle

5/27/24, 7pm

Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests: Josh (Chair), Cory, Shosh, Lyndsey, Stephen, Aaron, Yael, Zachary, Savannah

#### **Opening Game: Who Among Us?**

- First time at HouseKeeping? Is a Stump Fellow?
- Hosted an event in May? 2 events? 3 events?!
- Submitted an event form for tonight? Still needs to submit?
- Group suggestions... Harvested mulberries? Saw the first sunflowers blooming?

#### Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in June?

- Empowerment of the Creative's Club attendees, new event ideas/hosts
- Meditation beyond the garden walls... Death Doula trip to the Cemetery
- Meditation finding a freeflow relaxed feeling, new facilitators stepping up
- May had rest and the creative juices are now flowing
- Temperance Sanctuary/Preserve barbed wire removed, paths carved, seating spots found, and signage is coming along

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

 Overnight guests, Garden as Sanctuary, keeping neighborly relations while also being more direct about the lease agreement rules and community use of the pavilion

## 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Corv
    - Creative's Club Community Jam
    - "Daybreakers": Morning Hours (7-9am) move to Fridays
    - Zinemaking with DC ZineFest (6/7) Cory + Josh
  - Lyndsey
    - Ritual Swap with Jocilyn (Wednesday after meditation)
    - Planning a Sunday Field Trip to Congressional Cemetery
  - Zacharv
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm) +Bike Party meet-up
    - Summer Solstice (Friday June 21st)
  - Stephen
    - Improv Show (get dates, Sat afternoon)
    - Music in the Garden
    - Photography Exhibition?
  - Yael
    - Mending Club with Savannah
    - Yoga
  - \*Pele
    - Yoga Tuesdays 6:30-7:30
  - \*Alexander
    - Wednesday Donation Harvests
    - infill calendar, sunset symphony?
  - \*Nina

- Flash Fiction writing workshop 6/3 6-7pm
- Mulberry Fest (beginning June)
- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - Poetry Games with Savannah (6/17) Nina
  - New Moon Picnic Ritual (June 6th) Cory
  - BORBS (6/23) Josh
  - Paw Paw Pop-Up (Sep!)

# 3. Budget & Lease:

- Fundraising push was a success! \$3,000 raised through one email!
- FTD partnership still has \$1,500 to spend

**ৣ MEETING ADJOURNED 8:26PM ৣ** 

## May HouseKeeping Circle

4/29/24, 7pm

Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests: Josh (Chair), Cory, Zachary, Aaron, Nina, Stephen, Alexander, Lyndsey, Riley, Shoshana

#### **Opening Game: Who Among Us?**

- Hosted an event in April? 2 events? 3 events? 4 events?!
- Submitted an event form for tonight? Still needs to submit?
- Group suggestions...

#### Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in May?

- May Maintenance!
- Stoking existing recurring events, trying out more morning hours
- More connection to each other, and among the hosts
- Welcoming in more garden volunteers, FTD "farm leads" are starting to coordinate
- Middle Manning informal encouragement for the repeating faces to share more during meditation, developing relationships amongst garden folk
- Experimentation, exploration, and PLAY

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Kiwanis Club Sponsorship: can they have a pop-up tent at event?
  - YES the summer solstice event would be ideal
- Opening the Nature Preserve: can Stumps go in there?
  - YES PLEASE, code is 5781 (uphold the lease) getting to know the land, starting to design the pathways, finding new patterns to include in events (visit to the Sanctuary, but congregate in the Garden)
- Communications Process: day-of Instagram stories for recurring events, events menu on Sunday, and main feed posts for partnership BIG events

#### 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Cory
    - Creative's Club & Community Jam \*(first, third)
       \*take material inventory\*
    - "Daybreakers" : Morning Hours (7-9am) non-CC weeks
  - Nina
    - Strawberry Fest !!
    - Learn how to compost // Flowershide Chat (for Sanitation Workers)
  - Lyndsey
    - Ritual Swap (Wednesday after meditation)
    - Facilitating (her first) Wednesday Meditation!!
    - Planning a Sunday Field Trip to Congressional Cemetery
  - Zachary
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
    - Gong Bath (Tue 14th 7:30-8:30pm)
  - Stephen
    - Improv Show (get dates, Sat afternoon)
    - Stand-Up Comedy (relationship evolving)
    - Music in the Garden (weekend time slot)

- Photography Exhibition (reach out to ExposedDC?)
- Alexander (& Riley)
  - Farming Volunteer Hours (Sat 10am-2pm)
  - Plant Giveaway & FTD Drive (Sunday, May 12th)
  - Backyard Games (Saturday 7-8pm)
- Pele & Yael
  - Yoga Tuesdays (6:30-7:30)
- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - Skywatching Club (Monday) Aaron
  - DC Singalong (May 18th) Josh
  - Zinemaking with DC ZineFest
  - New Moon Picnic Ritual (June 6th)
  - Summer Solstice (Friday June 21st)
  - Mulberry Fest (beginning June)
  - Paw Paw Pop-Up (Sep!)

#### 3. Budget & Lease:

• Insurance coverage has been successfully extended to new parcels and paid

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED 8:57PM**

#### **April HouseKeeping Circle**

3/25/24, 7pm

Present Fellows, Partners, and Guests:

Josh (Chair), Cory, Stephen, Zachary, Alexander, Sara, Matthew, Shoshana, Anna

## **Opening Game: Who Among Us?**

- Has been to HouseKeeping before?
- Is a Stump Fellow?
- Submitted an event form for tonight?
- Group suggestions...

# Introductions / Reflections: What is alive in April?

- Making your own birdfeeders (crows like unsalted peanuts in shells)
- Side Quest to find lichen in the city and send a photo to the group
- Radical Play
- Stump Sprouting (supportive helping hands from the non-Fellows)

## 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- How to operationalize without killing the passion?
  - o new vocabulary around formal roles, how the Circles operate
  - "working under capitalism will never love you back" -Alexander

# 2. **Events & Engagement**: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*April Calendar\*

- Stump Check-ins:
  - Corv
    - Rock & Shell Show and Tell
    - Creative's Club & Community Jam, \*take material inventory\*
    - Morning hours, coffee and tea, \*need to buy kettle\*
  - Stephen
    - Improv Show (4/13)
    - Stand Up Comedy (4/26)
    - Earth Day Encore, Short Films Screening (4/30)
  - Zachary
    - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
    - Letter Writing for Equinox (3/30)
  - Alexander
    - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
    - Backyard Games (4/15) "plays in the ground" parachute, dingers, juggling, hula hooping
- Event Proposals (approve budget, assign Stump)
  - La Pulga 2.0 (4/7) Josh & Jocilyn
  - Music in the Garden (4/27) Matthew guest Stump

#### 3. Budget & Lease:

- Approved \$2,500 for Spring spending, but still need to fundraise and seek USNA approval on the Programming Budget for the year
- How the payment will work this year → suggested donations or W9 + Zelle stipend

# Pre-Season HouseKeeping Circle

3/4/24

#### Fellowship Timeline in March:

- 2 Trainings in the Garden on Basics & Welcome Tour
- Fundraising Materials
- Spring Equinox Celebration + Inauguration
- March 25, HouseKeeping Circle, setting the calendar for April

#### Space-setting supplies

- candles, incense, lighter
- kettle, potable water refill from 1909
- bug spray, sunscreen
- name tags, chalk
- first aid kit (with electrolytes)

#### Farm the District Needs

Set max reimbursable amount for the partnership in the MOU Soil + Fertilizer

# **Event Host Stipends**

Yoga Teachers

#### Cory - Creatives Club

DIY art materials

\$250 ? to keep the art cabinet stocked with basics

# Lyndsey & Zachary

Celebration events, holidays

Food+Drink Budget

# Pele – help with Saturdays, help with Yoga on Tuesdays (send list to help with searching for items to buy)

Stephen at large as the go-to "Pinch-Hitter", or fungi to the stumps one-off creative events, partnerships

#### Music in the Garden

Matthew to help make connections to book shows will be around for Music in the Garden

# New Events Ideas

Rock and Shell Show and Tell

Tea Tasting (byo and share) or same idea but with favorite pizza pie

## **November HouseKeeping Circle**

10/30/23

Present Members, Partners, and Guests: Lyndsey, Matthew, Aaron, Zachery, Yael, Cory, Josh & Michael

# **Opening reflections**

- what is ending? what has ended
- presence with vests during the event
- sing-along, gong bath, creatives club, celebrations pumpkin carving
- sunday playtests! bugs under brick, snailmail, and mending club
- 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- FIRE!?! let's reassess the lease agreement, insurance policy, and eastbanc negotiations to try and allows a covered fire pit this winter
  - o need a fire safety plan & extinguisher
  - vote to change the Park Rules in the future
  - o maybe also ask a few neighbors to sign off as well

# 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*NOVEMBER Calendar\*

- Recurring Events:
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Songwriting Hours & Creative's Club (11/9)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - StoryTime Photo Exhibit (Nov 5th 12pm)
  - Refugee Film Screening (Sat Nov 11)
  - Flowerside Chat on Alley Life (11/14)
  - ZINE FEST → USB CLUB crossover (Nov 6th)
  - Community JAM (find a time!)

#### 3. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker

To check our spending against Budget Overview

- \$1,005 spent in October
- ~ \$2,207 remaining (including rent & insurance & partnerships)

## October HouseKeeping Circle

10/2/23

Present Members, Partners, and Guests:

Lyndsey, Ben, Zachary, Sara, Stephen, Matthew, Shoshana, Alexander, Aaron, Yael, Josh

# **Opening reflections**

- Autumnal celebration with the Sukkah = magical evening
- Creatives Club with Songwriting is a beautiful collaboration
- The ZINE baby! summer edition our largest yet, super well received
- (Math)hew in the Garden, rained the whole time but Michael with a Math™ degree came and loved it
- ART ALL NIGHT fashion show, the transformation of the space, "never thought I'd see the day"

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Crossover events with "instagram" orgs, bringing large groups of new people all at once can be overwhelming. How to welcome and educate them on the project?
  - work closely with the partner (Gus, Lia) to bring them in the fold
  - have a steward presence with vests during the event
  - o offer to give tours and invite to our other gatherings
  - signage for getting to our website
  - o park norms printed out
- Smoking and Alcohol in the Garden, how to reinvite rule following?
  - o a sign at the gate and the yes behind the no
- Lease Extension : Garden Futures Forum 10/9

#### 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*OCTOBER Calendar\*

- Recurring Events:
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Martha's Table Harvest (Wed 7-8pm)
  - Comedy Show (second to final Friday)
  - Music in the Garden (final Friday)
  - Songwriting Hours & Creative's Club (every other Thursdays)
  - DC Sing Along (Sat 10/7 4-6pm)
  - Gong Bath (Sat Oct 14th)
  - PUMPKIN CARVING full moon on Saturday
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - Community JAM (find a time)
  - Tarot Event (Lyndsey) 10/25
  - LOVE FROM THE GARDEN (call your mother from the Garden)
  - Pt 2 ZINE FEST (mid-month) → USB CLUB crossover (Nov 18th)
  - Surrealist event monastic playground (azl & Lynd)
  - Garden Birthday Celebration & PROM (Nov. 4th, evening)
  - Thursday Morning Toddler Time? (Shelly)
  - Mending Club DC ? (Yael) on a Sunday with light
  - Midday ~Vibing~ find a Friday test 10/13

- Mushroom Cultivation Event (anotha one)
- Dingers with Stephen
- Movie in the Garden ? Coco ?

# 3. Budget & Lease: <u>USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker</u>

To check our spending against Budget Overview

- \$2,228 spent in September
- ~ \$5,500 remaining (including rent & insurance & partnerships)

## **August HouseKeeping Circle**

8/28/23

Present Members, Partners, and Guests: Sara, Alexander, Aaron, Stephen, Lyndsey, Ben, Matthew, Zachary, Yael, Josh

# **Opening reflections**

- Most people have been gone for Summer, coming back into the fold
- Low Waste Collective Suncatchers with Liz (Sara Sponsor)
- Finished up 4615 Theatre Partnership with acting workshop & Greg's play
- Harm Reduction Potluck (Josh Sponsor)
- DEAR Time with Michael (Aaron Sponsor)
- Journaling/Crafting Mondays (Sara & Willa)
- Gong Bath and Curious Caravan (Sponsor Zachary)

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

• What's up with Eastbanc Development plans... thoughts on 2024 lease?

## 2. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*SEPTEMBER Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Martha's Table Harvest (Wed 7-8pm)
  - Comedy Show (second to final Friday)
  - Music in the Garden (final Friday)
  - Songwriting Hours (every other Thursdays)
  - Gong Bath (Tues Sept 19th)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - DC Sing Along (Sat 9/2 5-7pm)
  - Thursday Morning Toddler Time
  - Sapphic Coffee Pop Up with The Sage (Sun 9/17 9-12pm)
  - Zines as an archival tool with DC ZineFest (Mon 9/18 6:30-8pm)
  - Autumnal Equinox with Zachary and Zine Launch with Sara (Saturday 9/23 from 4-7pm)
  - Mending Club DC ? with Yael
  - (Math)ew in the Garden for a MGC
  - Garden Dingers<sup>™</sup> Trick Shots with Stephen
- Engagement Proposals
  - ART ALL NIGHT (9/30 6-10pm) with Kelsye
  - Garden Prom ??

# 3. Budget & Lease: <u>USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker</u>

To check our spending against Budget Overview

- \$1,011 spent in August
- ~ \$8,000 remaining (including insurance & partnerships)

## July HouseKeeping Circle

7/24/23

Present Members, Partners, and Guests: Matthew, Sara, Willa, Lyndsey, Alexander, Ben, Wayne, Josh

#### **Opening reflections**

- Double stuff events on weekdays, more chill and experimental afterwards
- Becoming a Sponsor, aligning with local brands to boost their initiative
- Need to buy scissors & glue sticks for the next craft event, which feels like collaging is taking over
- Wednesday meditation circles, keeping consistency in structure, and new themes to keep people interested and learning, blends into harvesting, entry into that side of the Garden
- Harvest is keeping rhythm, wednesday donations
- How 2 See a Bug structure, and the follow-up cohort appreciated
- Yoga consistency on Tuesdays! hell yeah
- Healthy diversity of events on the calendar throughout the week
- Mornings are opening up, support the HOSTS who keep it open /lock it up, hours work well from 7-8pm, Thursdays
- Grill is favorite of Wayne, more times to cook please!

# 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

• More Local Organizer Partnerships, promoting initiatives, small businesses

#### 2. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*AUGUST Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Comedy Show (second to final Friday)
  - Music in the Garden (final Friday)
  - Songwriting Hours (every other Thursdays)
  - Theater in the Garden (August 10th & 20th)
  - Gong Bath (August 23rd)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - How2See a Bug (3 sessions on Sun?)
  - Harm Reduction Potluck (Sat 12th)
- Engagement Proposals
  - Zine crafting workshops
  - Finding the Intergenerational Storytelling Community

#### 3. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month Budget Overview

- \$1,555 spent in July
- ~ \$10,400 remaining

## June HouseKeeping Circle

6/26/23

Present Members, Partners, and Guests: Josh & Aaron, Sara & Matthew, Yael, Zachary

#### **Opening reflections**

- Zine cost is doubled, partnership with the Printer is local (essential), wiggle to build up for next zine, covert weight and color
- Craft night, game night ideas
- Theater in the Garden: night needs to be mic'd for viability
- Yoga in the Garden: can get hard to hear, offer the small mic and better arrange mats on the lawn
- Wet Matthew: we need watering cans that are big enough and gentle enough, spend from our remaining budget
- Music in the Garden: for the bands, tips from the audience, venmo on a board, can help support the budget as we divvy up between two acts
- End of Summer Bash ~ planting seeds for August ... silent disco, explore the app option to save money and include everyone
- Laughter yoga, Pete for July
- Yael is our new Amazon, give you a day to find cost comparable
- Michael is hosting D.E.A.R events, and books are fun for everyone

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Weather uncertainties: develop a policy for addressing concerns, threshold to cancel or postpone, and how to check on the status of events?
  - o preference of the host, depending on percentage (over 60%)
  - o instagram story and updating the website
  - o a saved pin for weather updates

#### 2. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*JULY Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Comedy Show (second to final Friday)
  - Music in the Garden (final Fridays)
  - Songwriting Hours + Tea Talk (every other Thursdays)
  - Theater in the Garden (July 15th)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
- Engagement Proposals

#### 3. Budget & Lease: <u>USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker</u>

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

• New Budget Proposal (to cover extra 3 months)

# May HouseKeeping Circle 5/29/23

Present Members, Partners, and Guests: Josh & Aaron, Sara & Matthew, Zachary, Wayne, Gregory, Michael

#### Opening reflections

- Focusing on a few large events and experimental events that people maybe haven't heard of before
- "Double stuff" framework and hosting multiple activities at once
- Tania's tea time: appreciating the storytelling opportunity around evening ritual
- Turtling: appreciating the structure
- Theater: seeing the space be used by non garden people for specific intimate setting seemed to work well
- Interviewing segment in Music in the Garden

## 1. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Compensating facilitators
  - Background: started with yoga teacher stipend, then musicians, then MindBody (except meditation), now comedy & theater partnerships,
- GateQuest (for new people just inform them the Garden is open most afternoons as "soft public" shared backyard, there is an event almost every day + ways to get more involved and become a partner / steward)

# 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*JUNE Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (11-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Comedy Show (second to final Friday)
  - Music in the Garden (final Fridays)
  - Songwriting Hours + Tea Talk (every other Thursdays)
  - Theater in the Garden (June 10)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)

Event Name	Confirmed Date	Sponsor
Handmade Void's ArtFest	June 24th, June 25th, July 1st, July 2nd (12pm-5pm)	
Mutating Forms: Trans Writers Across Genres	Date and time could be very flexible. I (and the rest of the trans writers group) would be looking to host on an evening in June or July. Happy to talk about it further.	
Tricia's Photo Workshop	6 pm-8 pm	
Lesbian Avengers Documentary Screening for 30th Anniversary DC Dyke March	June 2nd, 7pmish // June 3rd second option	
PALC at the PARK	June 27, 6:00 - 7:30 pm	

Esthanette – reproductive health	July or August 2023	
Storytelling in the Time Machine	A Sunday evening? Maybe 4-6 want to find a time that's not crazy hot for older folks but also doesn't interfere too much with dinner. 6/25 would be great for me I could also do 6/11 but want enough time to get flyers out to community spaces	
Monday Night Chill Journaling!	I imagine this fits best as a monday night chill but could definitely be a weekday event too! i forget what the schedule's looking like but I can do tuesday or friday evenings, it could also be during a different chill event somewhere else in the garden I'm away 6/15-6/20	
Juggling for Everyone (yes, you!)	5pm Saturday June 17 is our preferred but we can look at other times	

- o Engagement Proposals
  - Summer SOLSTICE
  - Zine Submissions

# 3. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- May Spending ~ \$4823.77
  - SPRING BUILD ~\$2500 (Soil & Material Upgrades)
  - Facilitator Stipends = \$1210
  - o Insurance Premiums = \$650
- 2023 <u>Budget</u> check-up

# April HouseKeeping Circle 4/24/23

Present Members & Partners: Josh "The Stump", AZL, Riley, Willa, Alexander, Matthew, Sara, Eric, Travis, Ben, Emma, Pele, Zachary

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Team Gate Access Request Yael Pele Josh
  - Propose updated language on the Norms and Rules
- Team Garden & Team Farm Communications
  - Lesson from the cut trees.

#### 2. Budget & Lease: <u>USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker</u>

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- April Spending ~ \$1128
  - o still under our goal of \$2,000 per month
- Insurance coverage finalized this week
- 2023 <u>Budget</u> check-up

# 3. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*May Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (12-2pm)
  - Wednesday Meditations (6-7pm)
  - Music in the Garden (final Fridays)
  - Comedy Show (second to final Friday)
  - Songwriting Hours (every other Thursdays)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - POETRY (let's make it happen!) Sunday
  - Theater in the Garden (May 21st)
  - Garden Gong Bath Sunday
  - "Seed to Soul" Event Partnership
- Engagement Proposals
  - Zine Submissions (& writing workshop?)
  - NBC4 Interview May 9th @ 3pm

# March HouseKeeping Circle

Present Members & Partners: Stump, Mr. President, VP
Eric Tao + hooligans- Emma, Pele, Ben, Alexander
Yael Schoenbaum, Zach Schauffler, Willa Shiel, Tanya T, Stephen Stahr, Matthew
Gargano, Nat Watkins, Chris Wingate, Sara Mack, Travis Richardson

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Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Neighborhood Back Entrance Code
  - o Back gate opening up for regular use
    - should fix the gate up, good saturday volunteer project
      - is anyone a smith?
    - Team Gate Access Request Yael Pele Josh

# 2. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- Spending Total since January ~ \$915.63
  - Seeds \$443
  - Stained Glass \$260
  - o Garden Zine \$212
- Review 2023 Proposed Budget
  - Final amendments & approval
- Remaining Funds = \$19,000

Remaining Time = 6 months

Remaining per month budget ~ \$3,150

- +Misc. event funding
- +End-of-alley smash

# 3. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*April Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours (12-2pm)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - Open Songwriting Ben & Matthew
- Engagement Proposals

#### 12/5/22 December Meeting

Present Members & Partners: Marie, Josh, Alexander, Sarah, Matt, Jason, Emily

#### 1. November Reflections

- Fairy Garden
- Spring Bulbs + Hibernation
- Cold Weather Plans (2 canceled events)
- Winterization Overview + Updates
- Plant distribution for winterizing

## 2. **Park Norms** Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

- Paying Hosts after the fact... Viktor reimbursement request
  - approved \$75

#### 3. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- Spending Total for November ~ \$602
  - Winterization \$277 (out of \$450 budgeted)
  - Spring Bulb Planting \$266 (out of \$350 budgeted)
  - o Supplies \$58
- Remaining Budget = \$22,354

Remaining Time (thru Sept '23) = 10 months
Remaining per month budget ~ \$2,200 (before rent & insurance)

#### 4. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*December Calendar\*

- Recurring Events
  - Saturday Open Hours (12-2)
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - Holly-day Tree Decorating (Saturday 17th)
    - Eco focus: feeding the wildlife
    - Crafting ornaments to take home
  - Winter Solstice (Wed 21st)
  - How to See no skips party (Sat 10th)
  - Tuesday Lunch Harvest
  - Cacao Ceremony (Alephtyna, any day, 3-6pm)
    - Need to reach out! Rachel
- Engagement Proposals
  - Community Recipe Book Zine (Sara)
    - Submission Updates

#### 5. **Planting & Project Approvals**: ■ Design Plan & Materials

Exploring portable fire option with clear policy on fire "marshall" and policies Beekeeping on the second plot Emily has extra bees, Jason is interested in hive

Final Call: any projects over \$200 need budgeting

#### 11/7/22 November Meeting

Present Members & Partners: Josh, Aaron, Sarah, Matthew, Tanya

#### 1. October Reflections

- Qigong Series
  - Experiment with an ongoing budget for a longer period of time; \$600 total went well, love Nicole
  - "Residency model" up front
- Children's Gardening w/ Elite Rays Swim Club
  - Started as day of service model + team bonding
  - Summer after school thing or parents with kids who use the garden to help host
- Community Benefits Brainstorm
  - o Pattern or template for other community groups to use
- TAG '2nd Birthday' Party
  - Wholesome and well received
  - General expectation around how long people will be in story circle, if you want to get the next wave it'll be at [X] time
  - Host in both spaces
- Pumpkin Carving + Costume Party
- First Comedy Night
  - o Impressed because other comedy in DC wasn't that good
- (x2) Music in the Garden : Yaddiya & Kaleb
  - Noise complaints
- Sunset Symphonies
  - Under attended, not as typical of an event for a Friday night
  - Chill event that's for the introverts
  - Monday garden chill
  - Experimental playtesting an important thread to keep going with
- Writing Workshop
  - New models to continue playtesting

## 2. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month

Amplified Noise, Sound Check

- Updated sound check process
- Formal page outlining the amplification rules

Memorandums of Understanding with Organizational Partners

- Organizational partnerships:
  - Individuals
  - Event-based partnerships
  - Ongoing partnerships
- Template for memorandum of understanding for the ongoing partnerships
- If anyone's seeking out a partnership, committee should be notified when in dialogue with potential new partnership
- Final memorandum should come before a committee to a vote, notify when it's happening so everyone can give feedback
- No agreement is signed until committee is on board
- Feedback mechanism or follow-up thing

## 3. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Reimbursement Tracker

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- Spending Total for October ~ \$1,297.98
  - o Stipends \$625
  - o Refreshments ~\$420
- Remaining Budget = \$22,956

Remaining Time (thru Sept '23) = 11 months

Remaining per month budget ~ \$2,000 (before rent & insurance)

- Tricia Ortiz seeking reimbursement of \$82.82 (over budget approval of \$400)
- 4. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*November Calendar\*

- Recurring Events (updates, changes, or growing concerns)
  - Tuesday book circle
  - Wednesday meditation
  - Saturday volunteer hours
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - Neighbors-giving Potluck (Tanya, **Nov 16th 7p**)
  - Code Pink : Pink Tide Celebration (Olivia, need new dates)
  - Comedy Night: Your Ass is Still Grass (Joey, Nov 18th 7pm)
  - Cacao Ceremony (Alephtyna, any day, 3-6pm)
    - Sunday Dec 4 at 4p
    - Aaron
- o Engagement Proposals
  - Community Recipe Book Zine (Sarah)
    - Conglomeration of hand-written and printed things
    - Ibsy Pipsy
- Tulip planting as special Saturday Volunteer Hours Event
- 5. **Planting & Project Approvals**: Design Plan & Materials

Grow Tunnels & Hoop Houses – approved max \$450 Spring Flower Bulbs & Soil – approved max \$350 (last year: \$121 bulbs + \$71 soil) Gas Heater Lamps ? – debate

• Exploring portable fire option with clear policy on fire "marshall" and policies

Final Call: any projects over \$200 need budgeting

#### 10/3/22 October Meeting

#### **Notes**

- Rachel to chat with new wellness facilitators for October
- Public Arts and Wellness as two categories of events that get funded
- Possibility of Arts Director (in addition to Wellness Director) to coordinate events
- Allowing the garden to have up to \$700 for material improvements including improvements that would transform the garden into a theater space
- Approved \$500 for actors: October theater event
  - Thursday 10/27 (rain date: Saturday)
- Approved \$300 for 2nd Birthday Party

Present Members & Partners: Josh, Aaron, Riley, Sharon, Yael, & Henery

262 garden events hosted to date
965 lbs of produce grown this season

## 1. September Reflections

- Clockout DC Instagram feature
- Wellness Series with Nicole
- Tricia Photo Exhibition
- Open Mic Picnic
- Autumnal Equinox
- Sonic Journey
- Successful first Saturday w/o Kate & Chris
- Ending of How 2 See A Plant

#### 2. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Areas that to be clarified before considering event proposals this month
Updated Reimbursement Process – Josh
Which events are hosts allowed to receive a stipend for?

## 3. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

Things to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- Spending Report for September ~ \$2,022
  - on tent, garden supplies, microphone \$519
  - on music event \$500
  - on photo exhibition \$482
  - on Qi gong compensation \$225
  - on equinox event \$149.50
  - on cover crop seeds, garlic \$146.50
- Remaining Budget = \$24,254 (52% spent, 48% left)

**Remaining Time** (thru Sept '23) = 12 months

Remaining per month budget ~ \$2,000 (before rent & insurance)

## 4. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups

Programming our \*October Calendar\*

- Recurring Events (updates, changes, or growing concerns)
  - Monday garden chill, Wednesday meditation, Thursday morning mindfulness, Saturday volunteer hours

- Qigong Thursday 5:30pm
- Blaire's Book Circle move to Tuesdays?
- Story Circle: frequency and timing?
- Open Mic
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - October '2nd Birthday' Brainstorm (Sunday 16th)
    - Sponsor: Aaron
  - Pumpkin Carving Event (Saturday?) need sponsors
    - October 23rd Josh to reach out to parents
  - Swim Team Volunteer Work Day (Friday 14th, 5-7pm)
    - Sponsor: Riley Sloan
  - Comedy Open Mic (Friday 21st 7-8:30pm)
    - Sponsor: Josh & Aaron
- o Music in the Garden: Heaven Forbid Josh to reach back out
- 5. **Planting & Project Approvals**: Design Plan & Materials Signage Approval (budgeted \$400)

  Formalize Lease Extension Jenny

Final Call: any projects over \$200 need budgeting

#### 9/5/22 September Meeting

Present Members & Partners: Aaron, Rachel, Tricia, Josh, John, Jenny

#### 1. August Reflections

Mushroom Workshop pt 2
Oral History with Nate
Qigong with Nicole
Jane Moede!

2. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms - 6:35

Need to clarify before considering events this month Alex's requested 6:30am event start time, Tricia's 10pm event end time (see lease "extended hours requirements")

(e) Licensee shall be permitted to host community events during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9::00 p.m., provided, however, Licensee and its third party vendors may enter the Licensed Premises for purposes of set up between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and may be permitted to remain on the Licensed Premises for purposes of clean up and break down for one hour after the official end of the community event, but in no event later than 12:00 a.m. In addition, Licensee shall be permitted to extend the hours for a particular event to not later than 11 p.m. if Licensee meets the "Extended Hours Requirements" as hereinafter set forth. The "Extended Hours Requirements" will be satisfied if Licensee provides to Licensor, a written petition in form reasonably satisfactory to Licensor, which Licensee certifies has been signed by all residents who live within the boundaries of T and U Streets and 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.. Such petition will describe the event and the extended hours requested and, in the signature block, list the name, address and email address of each such residents with their signatures. Licensee will be responsible for providing to Licensor an accurate list of such residents by address.

Stick to current hours for now Ask Nate for change to lease Josh to notify Alex

3. **Budget & Lease :** USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker - 6:40

Need to consider before approving budgets for events this month

- Spending Report for August ~ \$1,055 (low spending, winter is coming)
  - \$ on facilitator compensation \$275
  - \$ on garden supplies, tools, fixtures \$236
  - o \$ on mushroom event \$194
  - \$ on soil fungus, bugs, and mulch \$ 184
  - \$ on event food \$166
- Remaining Budget = \$25,958 (52% spent, 48% left)

**Remaining Time** = +12 months

Per month budget ~ \$2,000

4. Events & Engagement: Temperance Alley Event Signups - 6:55

Programming our \*September Calendar\*

- Recurring Events (updates, changes, or growing concerns)
  - wednesday, thursday morning, saturday hours
  - 'Open Mic' Picnic
  - September Celebration Brainstorm
- New Proposals (approve budget, assign sponsors)
  - Sunset Symphony Listening Event (Monday Evening Chill) Josh
  - Tricia Photo Exhibit: 6/19 → 6/18 (requesting \$700 budget) Josh & Aaron, approved \$400 budget
  - Craft event with Caroline (weekday scheduling) Aaron

- Expanded Wellness Series with Nicole (requesting \$450 / six weeks) Rachel, approved \$900 max budget for next two months of wellness
- o Music in the Garden : OPEN reach out to Kelsye
- Eastbanc 'Open House' Engagement Resolved to invite extended network to "2nd Birthday" Event planned for October
- 5. Planting & Project Approvals: Design Plan & Materials

  Signage Approval (review Aaron's designs, budgeted \$400 last month)

  Formalize Lease Extension

  Any projects over \$200 need budgeting

#### 8/1/22 August Meeting

Present Members & Partners: Aaron, Riley, Josh, Marie

# 1. July Reflections

New Site Improvements = Shed, Arbor, Tent

**New Partner Status** 

**New Harvesting Norms** 

**Mushroom Series** 

Chill Mondays

How to See a Plant

Wednesdays Book Circle

Cars on Fire Performance

# 2. **Events & Engagement**: Temperance Alley Event Signups

August Calendar

- Recurring Events (chance for discussion, updates, or concerns)
- New Proposals (assign sponsors)
  - Mushroom pt 2 : Cooking Workshop
  - Oral History Workshop with Nate
  - Qi Gong with Nicole
- Music in the Garden : Jane (acoustic folk album)

# 3. Planting & Project Approvals: Design Plan & Materials

Call for new Proposals

\$400 approved for signage w/ conditional committee and eastbanc design sign-off "Nature Sacred" style journal for front bench

# 4. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

Any emerging Concerns

#### 7/5/22 July Meeting

Present Members & Partners: Aaron, Riley, Josh, Mike

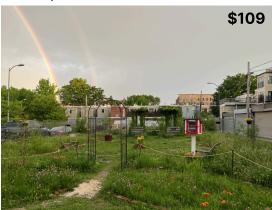
1. June Reflections (6-6:10)

candidate forum: big success music event & afterparty

local business partnerships

chill mondays: cloud watching, silent reading

- 2. **Events & Engagement**: Temperance Alley Event Signups (6:10-6:30)
  - July Calendar
    - Recurring Events (chance for discussion, updates, or concerns)
    - New Proposals (assign sponsors)
      - Mushroom Cultivation Workshop (TBD) with Lior & Pele
      - "Caninefulness" (Sunday 17th, 11am) with Alex
      - Book Circle (Wednesdays 7-9pm) with Blaire
    - Future Event Ideas
      - flea market barter/swap
- 3. **Planting & Project Approvals**: Design Plan & Materials (6:30-6:45)
  - Harvest Events
  - Amp and Mic for music
  - Arbor Options: black metal



- Pavilion Canopy Tent: budgeted \$350
- Hose Extension
- Front Flower Beds
- New Storage Shed: budgeted \$500
- 4. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms (6:45-6:55)
  - Partner gate access (for non-USNA, recurring hosts)
    - o Proposal to amend rules to allow "Partners" to have gate access code
  - Venmo fundraising? (optional donations at events)
    - What to tell Alex re: his wish to encourage donations to dog shelter at Caninefulness event
  - Park Committee google group
- 5. **Budget & Lease :** USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker (6:55-7)
  - forthcoming Spending Report ~ \$ total in June
    - o \$350 on facilitator compensation

- \$214 on soil, fertilizers, and mulch
- o \$103 on plants & mushrooms
- o \$ on garden supplies
- o \$ on event food
- Remaining Budget = \$ (44% spent, 56% left)
  Remaining Time = 14 months (61% spent, 39% left)

#### 6/6/22 June Meeting

Present Members: Aaron Josh Rachel Riley John G John Jenny

Partners: Kate Lior Aaron

## 1. May Reflections:

• Invite sponsors to debrief their events

## 2. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- May Calendar Assign Sponsors
  - Recurring Events
    - Volunteer hours (Saturdays, 10am 2pm) Riley
    - Meditation with Theo (Wednesdays, 6pm) Josh
    - Story Circle (every 2nd Tuesday) Josh
    - Music in the Garden (Friday, June 24 7-8pm) *Aaron* 
      - \$500 allocated for smaller amps
    - Sunday Evening Picnic (5–7pm) Marie
    - New Moon Yoga (Saturday June 30th, 7-8pm) Aaron
  - New Proposals
    - Candidate Forum (Sunday June 12th, 6-8pm) Aaron
      - no literature, same questions / speaking time
      - Microphone
      - Approved!
    - How to See a Plant (Thursdays, 7pm) Josh
    - Beginner Qigong Lesson (Monday June 13, 6-8pm)
    - Nature Meditation (Partnership with Mappy Hour DC) Sunday June 26th 9-11pm
    - Art in the Alley (late June TBD) Becca
    - Community Mushroom Cultivation Workshop (late June TBD) *Riley*
    - Gentle Yoga with Mindfulness Painting (TBD) Rachel
    - Thursday Morning Yoga (Thursday, June 23, 7-8:15am)
    - Weekly Cloud Appreciation Hour (Mondays 6pm) Aaron
  - Future Event Ideas
    - "Caninefulness" Mindfulness and your Mutt (July)
    - clothing swap, hiking/camping equipment?

#### 3. Planting & Projects: Design Plan & Materials

- Harvest Events?
- Farm the District donations
- Arbor Options
- Water Barrels
- Pavilion Canopy Tent
- Front Flower Beds
- New Storage?

## 4. Park Norms Temperance Alley Park Rules & Norms

- Partner gate access (for non-USNA, recurring hosts)
- Microphone for speaking events
- Venmo fundraising? (optional donations at events)

#### 5. **Budget & Lease:** USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

- Spending Report ~ \$1893 total in May
  - o \$694 on plants
  - o \$583 on garden supplies
  - \$350 on facilitator compensation
  - o \$241 on soil, fertilizers, and mulch
  - o \$23 on event food
- Remaining Budget = \$27,850 (44% spent, 56% left)
  Remaining Time = 13 months (61% spent, 39% left)
- June Program Funding
  - Yoga max \$300 (\$75 per session)
  - Music proposed \$200

#### 5/2/22 May Meeting

Present Members: Josh, Riley, Aaron, Jenny, Sharon, Rachel, Rebecca Partners: Kate from Farm the District, Leah from DC Survivor Support Fund

## 1. April Reflections :

- Events
  - Saturday Volunteer Hours
  - Earth Day clean-up
  - Music on the Green
- New Garden Structures / Footprint Changes
- Open Discussion

### 2. May Intentions:

- Social Calendar Strategy
  - What do people enjoy? What is missing?
- Renewed Partnerships
  - o 930 Club
  - Ward 1 Mutual Aid
  - DC Survivor Support Fund

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- Review and discuss potential changes
  - COVID policy update
  - Watering Volunteers Gate Access
- Draft and send changes to members

## 4. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- May Calendar Assign Sponsors
  - Volunteer hours (Saturdays, 10am 2pm) Riley
  - Meditation with Theo (Wednesdays, 6pm) Josh & Riley
  - Story Circle with Josh (every 2nd Tuesday) Josh
  - Mutual Aid Seed & Storytelling Event (Sunday, May 22nd 5:00pm) Josh
  - o Laughter Yoga (Monday, May 23 6:30pm) Rachel
  - o Music on the Green (Friday, May 27) Aaron
  - Sunday Evening Picnic (5–7pm) Eric & Shannon?
    - Grill? DC rules
  - Art Market discussion
  - Yoga Coordinator Natalie (\$75)
- Future Event Ideas
  - o clothing swap, hiking/camping equipment

#### 5. **Planting & Projects**: Design Plan & Materials

- Compost design
- Arbor shopping, Etsy plagues?
- Proposed roof design and discussion (plants +other shading options)

## 6. **Budget & Lease:** USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

- Spending Report ~ \$5,208 total in March + April
  - o \$1657 on soil, fertilizers, and mulch
  - \$1600 on bed materials

- o \$803 on garden supplies
- \$503 on seeds and plants
- o \$445 on event food
- o \$200 on musician compensation
- Remaining Budget = \$29,562
  - o consider budgeting for a possible lease extension?
  - o ask for more \$\$ –Sharon
- May Project Funding
  - Building Projects ?
  - Yoga max \$300 (\$75 per session)
  - Music proposed \$200

## 4/4/22 April Meeting

#### Present:

#### 1. March Reflections:

- Saturday Volunteer Hours, expanded beds
- Meditation
- Spring Fling, brick painting
- Postering

## 1. April Plans:

- Ramping up Social Calendar –goal for one unique gathering each week
- Planting Day : Saturday, April 16 (+full moon!)

# 3. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- April Calendar
  - Volunteer hours (Saturdays, 10am 2pm)
  - Meditation with Theo (Wednesdays, 6pm)
  - Story Circle with Josh (TBD)
  - Laughter Yoga (TBD)
  - o **Earth Day** neighborhood cleanup 4/23
- Future event ideas
  - clothing swap
  - music events
- Previous Event Hosts
- Communications with non-USNA Alley volunteers
  - o Committee Google Group, Whatsapp

## 4. Planting & Projects: Design Plan & Materials

- Got soil this weekend for beds
- Porta-potty
- Arbor shopping, Etsy plaques?
- Chris working on roof design
- Compost design

## 5. **Budget & Lease :** USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

- Working Fund
- Matt's new Quickbooks process

## 3/7/22 March Meeting

#### Present:

Committee membership -

## 1. February Reflections:

- Replaced broken items in the Garden
  - Greenhouse
  - o Fence
- Cut mushroom logs, planned bed locations
- Planted seeds at UMD on 2/26
- Little Free Library Installation

## 1. March Plans:

- Build & prep beds for April planting!
- Kate continuing seed planting (then dividing) at UMD
- New rain barrel & shed on their way arbor soon

# 3. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Volunteer hours
  - o 10am saturdays!
- Wednesday meditation with Theo
- 3/27 USNA Spring Meeting / Field Day / Revival
  - o brick painting, paint garden beds
- Sunday Picnics start in April
- Previous Event Hosts April Outreach
- Communications with non-USNA Alley volunteers
  - o Committee Google Group, Whatsapp

# 4. Planting & Projects:

- Mushroom logs
- expanded beds projected cost \$842.50, propose \$1000
- Porta-potty
- Compost?

# 5. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

- Eastbanc to provide \$5000 working fund for USNA
- Matt's new Quickbooks process

# 2/7/22 February Meeting

## 1. January Reflections :

- Broken items in the Garden
- Bird feeders
  - o native flower birdseed??
- MLK "event" research pdf
  - o website history resources

# 3. Events & Engagement : Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Little Free Library Installation
  - o location outside access?
- Seed planting day at UMD greenhouse
  - o small group 2/19-20?

# 4. Planting & Projects:

- Seeds ordered for Feb seeding
  - o mid-late March: prep beds
  - o early-mid April: transplanting
- Mushroom logs need to harvest & set!
- Shop for new storage shed and rain barrel system
- Plastic dome cover?

# 5. Budget & Lease: USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

- Eastbanc to provide \$5000 working fund for USNA
- Matt's new Quickbooks process

## 6. Welcome Kate & Chris!

- Share plans for garden growing season
- New beds
- Volunteer hours

## 1/3/22 January Meeting

#### 1. December Reflections:

- New Structures ! (dome, gate & greenhouse)
- Sunday Socials
- Holiday Tree Decorating local representatives
- Cat Success

## 2. January (/2022?) Intentions:

- Greg Strasser to talk about doing an adaptation of the book <u>Evicted</u> for Temperance Alley
- New project goals (little free library, wood signage, hardscaping)
- Sculptures & Art
- ExposedDC exhibit?

# 3. Events & Engagement - Temperance Alley Event Signups

- Brainstorm January celebration event (MLK?)
- Winter snowday activities for flexible event!
- New padlock
  - how to set the code? (Matt- Riley reaching out)
  - o how do we want to use?
    - (USNA member code set to hours, stewards code, event host code?)

## 4. Planting & Projects:

- Pavilion rain-capture roof / water system, new storage shed, arbor
- Kale & leafy greens for raised beds
- Build compost bins?

# 5. Budget & Lease

• Reimbursements - USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

# 6. Media & Outreach:

- Mural on alley!
- Returning Event Host outreach
- Local green network partners for 2022 season

#### 12/6/21 December Meeting

# 1. November Reflections:

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#### 2. December Intentions:

- Budget
  - Eastbanc
- ExposedDC exhibit
  - reach out to EastBanc
- Sunday Socials

#### 3. Events:

- December events to approve
- Winter events & programming
  - o movie nights?
  - o Prepare snowday events/activities for flexible event!
  - o Solstice event 12/21 at 10:59am
- Use winter to schedule recurring & serial events through the Spring?

#### 4. Planting & Projects:

- <u>Upcoming additions/projects</u>: Pavilion rain-capture roof, new storage shed, arbor, beds, back door, fire pit, dome/greenhouse!
- Next year compost?
- Pest control plan
  - reach out to EastBanc re traps
  - o ammonia, moth ball
  - Integrated Pest Management
  - o Blue Collar Cat!

#### 5. Budget & Lease

• Reimbursements - 🛅 USNA Alley Park Expenditures Tracker

#### 6. Media/Public Outreach:

- Park Signage: Aaron confirming language with Nate
  - More informational signage —history, ecology, community, more?
  - o Gateway arch/banner with park name?
  - Connects to art displays?
- Mural on alley!
- Consider email/reminders/invitations for individual events
- 7. **Invitation for New Ideas and Next Steps**: shared inspirations going forward; relevant updates; crowdsource any partnerships or initiatives

#### Mid-November Huddle notes:

I wanted to share my notes from our huddle last Saturday before Aaron and I head out of town tomorrow for the holiday. Most of this we can pick up when everyone gets back but for now I'll list items in order of most time pressing to least:

- 1. **USNA December elections**: setting the date, choosing location (or will it be virtual?) calling the meeting and notifying Jenny if you plan on running so we can share candidate list asap.
- 2. **Winterization**: purchased greenhouse and social dome (see Riley's latest email for cost-splitting) HOLD on purchasing toolshed, delivery and assembly by end of month to rescue our tropicals from the frost!
- 3. **Reimbursement Process**: don't feel fully resolved here but want to follow-up with Nate about our preferences (maybe float two options) and submit for Tranche 5 reimbursement. One potential workaround is to pad the USNA account through fundraising so that members don't have to wait for Eastbanc's transfer to have their loan repaid.
- 4. **January "Big Ole" USNA Member Mingle**: a soft relaunch for in-person introductions and a brief organizational overview (all our new committees!), a casual space to speak to the group as a whole and set priorities for the year, helping new members understand and be able to join initiatives. Planned and hosted by the newly minted <u>Welcome Committee</u>.
- 5. A New Digital Home?: need for a simple new communication strategy and USNA-wide listserv, explore platform preferences (Google Groups? Slack? WhatsAp?) and updated website to match.
- 6. **Heavy Lifting Projects**: early stages of planning for pavilion roof and watering systems, first step is to reach out & loop in our "in-house" experts, then designate project leadership, budget, and timing (aiming for completion by Spring?)

#### Spare Inspirations:

Temperance Alley Intergenerational Garden – connecting with the neighborhood senior center and schools (Garrison) for special gardening hours

USNA Business Partnerships – &Pizza "Temperance Garden" Special, Rooster&Owl "Barden" Bed

## 11/8/21 November Meeting

#### 1. October Reflections:

- Mystical Tales writing workshop
  - o good test of capacity two groups/spaces
  - o Amanda is a model host
- Salon on Forgiveness and Grace
  - o big breakthrough for some participants
- Pumpkin Carving
  - o learned new lighting frame for garden / story circle
  - Mark continued his amazing history series
- Group Spirituality
- Ecstatic Dance
  - cacao ceremony!
- Kid's Yoga
- Great meeting with Noe (ExposedDC)
  - o "wayfinding/placemaking" ideas for down the road

#### 2. November Intentions:

- Planting flower bulbs & garlic
- Finish distributing new member packets
- Sign up for open hours shifts
- choose fire pit, dome, greenhouse
- pest control
  - o reach out to EastBanc
- ExposedDC exhibit
  - o reach out to EastBanc

## 3. Event Approval:

- Approval may now be given between meetings by email (sent from Chair to entire Committee, only if seconded with no objections within 48 hours)
- November events to approve ( "Art Jam" approved)
  - yoga / moon astrology with Natalie approved (Aaron coordinating)
  - Picnic & Paint event with Kimberlie (Aaron coordinating)

# 4. Planting & Projects:

- <u>Upcoming additions/projects</u>: Pavilion rain-capture roof, new storage shed, arbor, beds, back door, fire pit, dome/greenhouse!
- Fire Pit need proposal
  - o no response from insurance or EastBanc
- Pest control plan
  - o reach out to EastBanc re traps

- o ammonia, moth ball
- Next year compost!

#### 5. Media/Public Outreach:

- Commencing local newsletter outreach
  - o 730DC, DUG
- Armond has WaPo reporter ready for TAP story; needs hook!
- Park Signage: Aaron confirming language with Nate
  - More informational signage —history, ecology, community, more?
  - Gateway arch/banner with park name?
  - o Connects to art displays?
- Mural on alley!
- Consider email/reminders/invitations for individual events

## 6. New Member Onboarding & Access:

- Distributing the remainder of USNA new member packets with gate code
  - finish Saturday!
- Sundays "open hours", stewards/committee members sign up for shifts?
- Next month &Pizza trial organization member?
- 7. **Invitation for New Ideas and Next Steps**: shared inspirations going forward; relevant updates; crowdsource any partnerships, event ideas, or projects
  - HPRB update great attendance! Boardmembers lukewarm to project
  - Winter events & programming
    - o fire pit, dome/greenhouse
    - o movie nights?
    - Use winter to schedule recurring & serial events through the Spring?
  - Kid-oriented/friendly events: all ideas welcome!
    - Mike has reached out to Garrison Elementary
    - first kid's yoga event
    - o Pumpkin carving; what to learn?
  - artist grant program
    - o microinstallations, offer fence sections to display work
    - o remove & keep/sell? Auction event?

## 10/4/21 October Meeting

## **New Event Approvals:**

- Followed the new formal process we talked through last meeting, discussion & vote in person
- In the future we'll run through upcoming recurring events rather than re-approving each time

#### 4. Open Hours Proposal:

- Postponed until October meeting; to prepare, please consider under what conditions access can be increased, especially on the weekends
- Distributing the remainder of USNA new member packets with gate code
- 5. **Invitation for New Ideas and Next Steps**: shared inspirations going forward; crowdsource any partnerships, event ideas, or projects
  - Pavilion Roof redesign/refurbish by next season! Please let us know if you're handy with outdoor timber architecture/construction or know anyone who can help.
  - Working group to discuss Winter events & programming ahead of October meeting. Let us know if you want to be involved!
    - o Ideas: fire pit, movie nights, planting Spring bulbs, etc.
    - Consider email/reminders/invitations for individual events
    - Use winter to schedule recurring & serial events through the Spring?
  - Kid-oriented/friendly events: all ideas welcome!
    - Mike has reached out to Garrison Elementary.
  - Park Signage: Aaron confirming language with Nate
    - More informational signage —history, ecology, community, more?
    - Gateway arch/banner with park name?
  - Commencing local newsletter outreach

### Monday 9/13/21 September Meeting

### 1. August Reflections:

- Silent Disco re-envisioned the Alley as a magical garden split between two immersive worlds
- How To See a Plant kicked off a series of close examinations of the components of the garden's ecosystem

- Event types/genres emerging that all use the space differently. Templates to re-run could help
- How do we define a "successful" event? Open question
- A lot of us missed at least part of the month, and are so excited to be back!

## 2. September Intentions:

- We will re-invite neighbors for a full week of Fall Fest event programming Sept 19th-25th
  - That Saturday (9/25) we'll harvest produce at Gardening Hours that people can use to make shareable treats for the Neighborhood Picnic on Sunday (9/26)!
- Land Acknowledgement Event Sunday Sept 19th
  - language approved by Eastbanc and committee
  - o approved 10 min of drumming (2 drums) at start of event
  - o Invite & heads up email will be sent out soon

## 3. New Event Approvals:

- Please review attached <u>spreadsheet</u> before meeting (still finalizing proposals so check back Sunday/Monday; let us know by this weekend if you want to host an October event!),
- Following the new formal process we talked through last meeting, discussion & vote in person

#### 4. Open Hours Proposal:

- Discuss a request from the Stewards to see the gates open more during weekend hours
- Having gates open with no USNA member present would require a rule change, so
  this is a chance to voice concerns, consider a trial run through the end of
  September, and potentially vote on whether to grant a policy exception for Sept.
- 5. **Invitation for New Ideas and Next Steps**: shared inspirations going forward; crowdsource any partnerships, event ideas, or projects
  - Next big project: Pavillion roof/redesign?
  - Kid-oriented/friendly events?
  - Commence newsletter outreach!
- 6. **Setting date for October**: let's not make a habit of doing this last-minute and mid-month. I propose we set a recurring time (eg. first Monday of the month at 6pm) for Park Committee Meetings.

See you all Monday! Feel free to respond if you have any concerns or need to request a zoom link for participation.

## Native Land Acknowledgement (approved by Eastbanc):

We recognize that this land was once the land of the Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We acknowledge the Anacostan people, and the people of the greater Piscataway Indian Nation, as the first custodians of this land.

We recognize the residents who lived in Temperance Alley during the 1800s and 1900s. Square 274, as it was referred to in official city documents, had 62 adults

and 72 children living in 26 dwellings in 1953. A sociologist in 1953 who spent time here stated that, "there is camaraderie among old tenants." We celebrate that camaraderie, and we hope to sustain it.

As neighbors, we pay our respects to all Indigenous, Black, and other groups of people -- past, present and future -- who have relationships to this place. We honor their connection to this land. This history is not a relic of the past. It is a part of our unfolding relationship to this place. We acknowledge this history with an eye to the generations to follow us.

May we be good stewards. May we be honorable custodians.

## Monday 8/2/21 August Meeting

# Proposed agenda:

- Brief park walk through to share all the design developments (and garden growth) since last month's meeting
- Listening circle facilitated by Josh
  - Looking backward: post-mortem on mutual aid event
  - Looking forward: discussing shared vision/strategy/narrative for near term
- Clarify park committee decision making process
- Review updated <u>events approval process</u>
- Approve August events menu

## Monday 7/12/21 July Meeting

#### Payment options for event hosts

- We decided to reallocate some of our budget towards compensating event hosts (e.g. yoga teachers), and we're excited to support the community in this new way
  - o **Benjamin** will get back to us with a monthly cap proposal
- We want to allow neighbors to donate to USNA on-site by printing our PayPal QR code and/or brining out the donations box

#### Gate access outside of formal events

- We decided to invite all members of USNA to enjoy the park during approved hours (7am – 9pm), as long as they're following our rules. This will allow us to lean into the "shared backyard" mission and facilitate new connections between neighbors.
  - Riley to update the language in the park rules document accordingly and share with park committee
  - Aaron to send an update to USNA members via email, with lock code and park rules document
  - Aaron and Josh to design an abbreviated park rules sign for the fence and send to committee + Eastbanc
  - **Benjamin** to send park rules sign to Hope for approval

#### **Neighborhood outreach**

- We decided to print ~200 more letters of invitation and drop them off at neighbors' doorsteps. We're removing the events menu from the backside to save money and make distribution less time-sensitive
  - o **Aaron** to edit letter to direct neighbors to the website for events calendar
  - Riley, Josh, and Benjamin to help distribute and find local merchants who will
    post the letter as well

#### Photo exhibition

- We decided to move forward on the proposed partnership with <u>Exposed DC</u> (local photography organization). We want to discuss installing the photos inside the park instead of outside on the fence.
  - Benjamin to double check with them re: liability incase a photo we're to get stolen or damaged
  - Benjamin to check that the Park Committee can review the photos before they're installed
  - Shooting for September timeframe and an exhibition that lasts somewhere between 2 weeks and a month

#### **Beehive**

 We decided to hold off on getting a bee hive, but may revisit if we meet an active USNA member who wants to take ownership over this project

I've already met some great people who came to the alley via our flyer! They were all very excited and grateful we're doing this. Here's to a July filled with awesome programming and beautiful days in the neighborhood.

## Sunday 6/5/21 7pm JUNE MEETING

- Introductions
  - hello:)
- Quick catch-up
  - Rooms, Design Principles, past/current projects
- Committee Business

#### **Rules & Committee Structure**

- Committee role, USNA relationship (approvals, board)
- Onboarding /new members
- Budget approvals
- Rules changes

#### Watering Plan - schedule

- weekly shifts or "adopt a day"?
- neighbors, committee members?

June Events - calendar

# **Outreach/Communications**

- Current: Chalk messages, on-site greeting & tour, personal follow-ups, website journal & social media
- Perimeter plan: 4 sides
  - N, entrance: provisional welcome & info, gate sign/banner?
  - W, neighbors: lending library? flowers? community boards?
  - o S, billboard
  - o E, public: educational posters?
- Outreach/partnerships
  - o for events, materias
- Wrap up