

CACG Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2015

**Meeting Facilitator:** Henry Bertram

**Attendees:** Henry Bertram, Dana Schlesinger, Glen Brandenburg, Gabe Mitchell, Rosanne Goodwin, Pat McGann, Ed Glebus, Robin Judd, David Larom, Susan Chambers, Mark Miner, Brigid Moore

**I. Call to order at 5:17 pm.** Sign-in sheet was circulated.

**II. Minutes** A motion was made by Gabe M. and seconded by Robin J. to accept the 11-19-14 minutes as written.

**III. New Business**

1. New activities coming @ Garden

- A. (Ted speaker, guerrilla gardener, urban ag advocate) Ron Finley @ CACG: committed that he is coming on March 4, 2015, but details haven't been finalized. Visit will consist of garden tour, mini open house.
- B. Hosting SDCGN general meeting @ garden on Saturday, March 7, 2015.
- C. Gardening class taught by San Diego Victory Gardens: beginning organic gardening class. VG will hold introductory classes at our garden three Saturdays in a row starting Saturday, April 11, 2015 (\$75 for all 3 Saturdays): details TBA.
- D. 10 raised beds to be leased by SDSU AS Dining Services: Ed Glebus proposes to start with (10) 4' x 8' raised beds to grow veggies for use at SDSU. Start with faculty staff club and expand. Possibility to include Veteran's Affairs training program. Brigid proposed selling produce at the SDSU farmer's market - challenges associated with this (i.e. possible lack of appropriate audience).

**IV. Current Topics/Issues**

- A. Election: New board elected as Susan Chambers reported (see election table below). Election closed.
- B. Correspondence/Communications Report (tabled until next meeting)
- C. Infrastructure/Upkeep: A 10' x 12' shed and a 10' x 14' patio roof was installed today. They connect to the main storage shed already in place. The new patio roof area was built to cover an 1,100 gallon rain catchment tank which has been purchased but not yet installed. Also, an 8' x 8' equipment shed for composting was installed today near the easterly end of the garden. This second compost area will have 3 or 4 bin commercial style composting (aerated static pile) in place. First goal will be composting food from SDSU children's center. Gutters will be installed on shed (and roofs of neighboring participating houses) to catch rainwater.
- D. Budget update: The garden has \$3,108.73 in available funds, excluding two grant awards (See below)
- E. Grant and funding update: President Hirshman's (PLF) donation has been received by our Fiscal Sponsors. This donation is to be used in part to further the goal of expanding the garden's use by socioeconomically diverse populations. Also, we have been awarded a City of San Diego grant to continue the garden's infrastructure and

maintenance work. The garden will be pursuing several other grants including a SD Foundation grant and funding from the County of San Diego

- F. Social Media progress: Facebook update - Carmen Huerta was absent to give demo. Henry and Brigid did a demonstration on her behalf. New Facebook page has increased website visibility.
- G. Work Party Schedule: Full schedule of items coming up. Upcoming work parties (Sat Feb 7, Sat March 14), SDCGN event, TED Speaker. Henry will send around schedule.
- H. Tree and grounds report: Battery operation timers doing well, rodent issue emerging; plans to set traps. Applied first dormant spray a couple weeks ago; kill wintering insects and fungal spores. Installed 6 trees (cherries, persimmon, fig, donut peach, nectaplum); plan to espalier trees to be more space/labor efficient. Currently we have a total of 24 fruit trees planted (all are drip irrigated).
- I. College- Rolando Library: Timeframe (Feb-March) to display. Ellen spearheading but busy, Pat out of town. February is install; little progress has been made on display.
- J. David Larom Faculty Board member reports that he will not be able to make it to a lot of meetings/activities due to time constraints. Henry asked him to consider becoming a Principal Investigator for some upcoming grant applications. David agreed. Also, David reports that his nephew has agricultural drone company.
- K. Current fiscal sponsor presented us with a contract that is too costly. Over the winter break, the Board approved a motion by Glen via email to become our own non-profit 501 (c)3 association. Henry will spearhead the effort with assistance from other Board members/volunteers.

**V. Closing**

- a. The CACG board’s next meeting will be 5:15 p.m., Wednesday Feb. 25th.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
President – Henry Bertram	13	0	0
Vice President – Glen Brandenburg	12	0	1
Secretary – Ellen Bevier	13	0	0
Treasurer – Annie Foral	13	0	0
Board Member at Large – Gabe Mitchell	11	0	2
Board Member, SDSU Faculty Rep. – David Larom	13	0	0
Board Member, SDSU Student Body Rep. – Megan Goodman	12	0	1
Board Member, SDSU Associated Students Staff Member Rep. – Robin Judd	13	0	0

Respectfully Submitted by           Susan Chambers           1-30-15  
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