

## PLANTING TEAM PLANNING MEETING, JAN 25, 2018

1. Attendees : Ellen Cuttler, Stacey Donelan, Mike Gorman, Laurie Leichman, Jim Neill, Mary Omiecinski, Noreen Ordronneau, Larry Pflum, Sue Pflum, Alan Rosenfeld, Don Simonet, Mark Sonnentag, Gail Woods
2. Leadership – Mike Gorman and Jim Neill will co-lead the Planting Team.
3. Work times
  - Continue with Sat morning as preferred time for “all hands on deck” work sessions
  - Encourage members to work when they can, on their own schedules, and leverage various channels (i.e., blackboards at gardens, club website, emails) to tell people what needs to be done.
  - Schedule topic-specific “come and learn” sessions in the garden as needed (i.e., how to id and manage squash bugs, how to prune)
4. Early Spring planting: underlying principles
  - Soil – we will do a soil test and aim to reach a 6.5-6.8 PH level. We should start tracking our PH levels, and associated soil amendment actions, on the website for future reference.
  - Herbs – we will plant all herbs at Boulder Park since we have ample room in the well-established herb bed.
  - Children’s garden – to be moved from Boulder Park to Briar Patch.
  - Use Boulder Park for production planting and Briar Patch for specialty items.
  - Cool crop planting – plant in raised beds, planting lengthwise rows. Leave space between rows to do a second planting to extend the season.
  - Work to educate members about what individual crops look like when they’re ready to be picked (i.e., pictures in the garden and on the website, tie in with proposed cooking classes)
5. Feb/March planting: crops
  - We have seeds to plant lettuce, kale, spinach and two types of radishes
  - We will buy seeds for snap peas and English (shelling) peas, arugula, bok choy, swiss chard, beets. Estimated cost is \$40.
  - Should we plant spring onions? Estimated cost for sets is \$20.
  - Should we plant fingerling potatoes (at Briar Patch, in March, after we till)? Estimated cost is \$90.
  - We will not plant carrots given our poor track record
6. Full club workday to be called for Sat, Feb 3, at 11 am to clean up Boulder Park and plant in the raised beds there.