

Meeting Minutes

Vamos A Sembrar

General meeting

Saturday 10/26/2019, 4-5 pm

At Vamos A Sembrar Community Garden, 198 Ave B

1. Attendance

2. Membership

1. How to become a garden member ([Bylaws section I.](#))
2. [Membership sign-up sheet](#) (need at least 1 contact information [email, phone, and/or address] for submission to GreenThumb and to receive a garden key after satisfying membership requirements).
3. How your membership requirements are recorded/logged:
 - a. Attendance sign-in sheet (attend at least 3 meetings);
 - b. [Hours log sheets](#) (kept in garden, in gray bin) [[What counts toward volunteer garden hours](#)].
4. Membership is free. Participation in garden activities do not require membership.

3. Status of the garden (relicensing, design, common areas, assigned areas)

1. Vamos A Sembrar resulted from a merger of two gardens.
2. License agreement is in process and the vision plan was created from legacy members.
3. Currently 5 members on steering committee, can be up to 8.
4. Garden was leveled and is now wheelchair accessible
5. Layout:
 - a. Members have access to the two boxes in the front, by fence, to plant vegetables.
 - b. The boxes on the right of the garden will be used for educational purposes.
 - c. Common areas will house low light, low water plants. Donations needed. Keep an eye out for plant giveaways.
 - d. Future plans:
 1. More walkways to be added

2. Casita House (need to apply for a grant for funding)
 3. Shed (need to apply for a grant for funding)
 4. Activities for next Open hours season
4. **Open hours season** (GreenThumb Gardener's Handbook p.6 last ¶)
1. Open hours season lasts from April 1st – Oct 31st
 - a. Garden must be open for 20 hours per week during open season. The timing of at least 10 of the 20 hours must be posted on the gate. At least 5 of the 20 posted hours must fall on the weekend.
 2. Some gardens close from November 1st – March 31st. Garden members are still responsible for clearing sidewalks.
 3. Still need to determine protocol for ad-hoc working hours. At this time, you need to coordinate with a member to gain access to the garden.
5. Explanation of the [bylaws](#).
1. Bylaws lay out managing structure and protocol for dispute resolution
6. Explanation of the [Garden Guidelines](#).
7. **GreenThumb Gardener's Handbook:** [English](#) | [Español](#) — (Every garden member of a GreenThumb community garden should read through this Handbook.)
1. There are two contacts for Green Thumb, Hanna (primary) and Vito (secondary). These two contacts are responsible for disseminating information shared by Green Thumb.
8. [Standard/Best Practices](#)
9. Fall/winter **events** in the garden?
1. Need advance notice for events requiring preparation and permits.
 2. There is no budget for events. Members/planners must find funding.
- (Halloween, Winter Solstice)
10. Fall/winter **activities** (regular litter picking, sweep fall leaves from sidewalk into garden, clearing snow and ice, etc.)
1. There is a list of work needs that will be sent out before the next meeting.
11. Next **general meeting: Nov. 9, 2019, Sat, 4-5 pm**
1. Will cover forming the steering committee, structure, and bylaws.
12. Any other items/open for discussions.

1. Joe from Spectrum School would like to serve as a liaison between the garden and the schools on B and 12th street.
2. The Children's Garden is receiving a pile of wood chips on Friday, November 1st, 2019 between 9am – 12:30pm. Need help moving woodchips to VAS on Friday afternoon or Saturday.
3. Garden has rat issue. If possible, fill rat holes with gravel or broken brick. If no material available, destroy the hole.

End of general garden meeting.

(Non-steering committee members can leave.)