

Vamos A Sembrar Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes of 3/10/2020 Tuesday 6 pm

At the Tompkins Square Library

Attendees: Hannah, Enrique, Shig

1. Dog issues

- a. We need to revisit (in next meeting) whether or not to allow dogs in the garden, especially with concerns about dog urine and dog waste residue (even after pickup) affecting the plants, trees, odor and sanitary concerns.
- b. We need to resolve the contradiction between our bylaws and the Parks' sign on our garden gate:
 - i. Bylaws, Garden Guidelines #13. "Dogs are not allowed in the garden."
<https://vamosasembrar.org/info/bylaws/index.html#GG13>
 - ii. Parks' sign on the garden gate, "Except for service animals, dogs must be leashed at all times. You must monitor and control your dog at all times. Dogs must be properly licensed and vaccinated. You must pick up after your dog."

Either, we need to amend our bylaws, or we are to request the Parks Dept if they can change the sign to reflect our bylaws.

2. Review of the Bylaws

- a. In order for everyone of us to know what our bylaws says, to understand it, and determine if any amendments are necessary, including resolving any contradictions and inconsistencies (as with the dogs issue), we need to review the bylaws at the next meeting.

3. Open Hours

- a. Open hours season will be here soon, April 1st to October 31st, and we need to determine what the garden's open hours will be and have a sign made to post on the garden's fence.
- b. One suggestion is to have open hours on the weekends, e.g., Saturdays and Sundays 10 am to 6 pm.
 - i. Review of open hours requirements:
From the GreenThumb Gardeners' Handbook 2019, "... must remain open and **accessible to the public** for a **minimum of 20 hours** per week... A sign with a schedule indicating **at least 10** of those 20 hours a week must be posted on the garden gate. ... must be open for at least **5 hours each weekend** (Saturday and Sunday) during the season. Posted hours can be changed with reasonable notice to GreenThumb.

Next meeting: March 25, Wednesday, 6 pm at the garden.