

Nelson Agricultural Commission

Meeting minutes May 3rd, 2017

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

Members present: Val Van Meier, John Bunce, Barbara Voymas and Pat Rich

1. Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.
2. Speaker series discussion culminating in resounding agreement that they have been an unqualified success.
3. Nothing new regarding combined Conservation & Ag Com Commissions lecture.
4. We reviewed the colonial garden map that Mare-Anne designed, and all were pleased. Our target date for the brochure completion is June 10th. Commission members chose which plants each of us could contribute. John agreed to deliver manure and to cover the garden with black plastic. Pat will deliver pallets to stand on preventing compression of the soil during our May 20th wattle fence presentation. We will plant the garden sometime around June 5th-9th. Brochure distribution sites will be library, town offices and in a hanging box (John has one) adjacent to the garden.
5. Barbara and Val will be the point people for Old Home Day.
6. September 9th is a go for the Farmer's Market. The PTO will host a bar-b-que. The Game of Village is our 1st committed vendor!
7. Publicity avenues that seem to work for us are: Grapevine, Common Thread Newsletter, the sandwich board & Ag Comm email list.
8. Barbara offered information on OSSI (open source seed initiative) & suggested that we may want to explore further.
9. No additional ideas on new members.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Rich