

Marymoor Community Garden Association

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION

- i. The name of the organization is Marymoor Community Gardeners Association (MCGA).
- ii. MCGA is an all-volunteer-run organization. No salaries or honoraria are paid. The organization's primary function is to support organic gardening for its members as a recreational and strictly non-profit activity. Members volunteer to perform duties in their areas of interest to support MCGA's function.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- i. The purpose of the organization is to administer the community gardens located in Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA, in cooperation with the King County Parks Department.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- i. Membership in the association consists of those adults who have paid rent for the gardening year and are actively gardening one or more plots at the community garden. Rent is considered paid until the end of the following year's renewal window. Detailed conditions of membership may be found in the MCGA rules.
- ii. Should more than one adult share a garden plot(s), each may be considered members of MCGA if they wish. They will be listed separately on the membership list. Each member has one vote within the organization.
- iii. MCGA respects the privacy of its members. The Board, Food Bank Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Treasurer, Registrar, and Row Monitor Mentor have access to member information on an "as needed" basis. Otherwise, street addresses, email addresses, phone numbers or plot numbers will not be shared with any other member without expressed permission to do so.
- iv. Members may propose changes to MCGA rules, speak their positions on issues pertaining to the organization, or propose changes to MCGA By-Laws. The procedure is to propose a resolution to the Board of Directors, either directly or through the President of the Board. Changes to rules, By-Laws, or issue resolution require the approval of a simple majority of the Board.

- v. Obtaining member opinions on significant issues or solicitation of nominations is to be conducted by email.
- vi. MCGA members may, at the request of the Board of Directors, assume responsibilities in the areas of registration, finances, public relations, gardener education, resource management, liaison with Friends of Marymoor Park Association, and maintenance of the food bank gardens including the distribution of its produce. There is no restriction on how long these responsibilities may be assumed by a member.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

- i. An annual meeting of the organization will be held sometime during the gardening season, at a location chosen by the Board. Members will be notified via email and notice on the garden bulletin board.
- ii. Additional general meetings can be held as needed, called either by the Board or at the request of a member through notification of the President.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- i. The management and affairs of MCGA is at all times under the direction of the Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the association is defined by statute and by the association's by-laws. No member or director has a right, title, or interest in any property of the association.
- ii. The Board consists of a minimum of seven Directors (board members). A quorum is four, including one elected officer. The Board of Directors meets at least three times a year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by two board members through notification of the Secretary.
- iii. Directors serve two-year terms.
- iv. The Secretary keeps minutes of Board of Directors meetings, as specified by Washington state law.
- v. Directors are elected by the general membership. The Board of Directors may nominate a slate of candidates for the board. Members may also nominate candidates. Additional nominations from the floor are allowed at the election. Individuals receiving the most votes will join the Board of Directors. Member voting for Board membership is in person only, and by secret ballot.

- vi. The Board decides by majority who will be President and Vice President of the organization. The President must have served at least six months on the board before being nominated. Term for both offices is two years. Neither office carries any financial responsibility. The total number of terms served by the President is not limited, but terms cannot be served consecutively. The President of MCGA chairs the Board of Directors.
- vii. The MCGA Treasurer is selected by the Board. The term of this office is two years. The duties of the Treasurer include maintaining the financial records of the organization, and keeping accurate books and accounts upon which the payments specified in paragraph 8.6 of the concession agreement with King County are computed and maintained.
- viii. The MCGA Secretary is selected by the Board of Directors. The term of this office is two years. The duties of the Secretary are to maintain minutes and records of the organization.
- ix. Vacancies on the Board are filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, for the balance of the term.

Approved by the MCGA Board of Directors on July 18, 2018