

GARDEN CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 08/31/2026

Magnolia Place Classroom

Attendees: Peggy Threadgill, Vice-Chair; Carol Goodman, Secretary; Operations Managers, Kay Hampton, Vicki Branscome, Steve Lindner, Sandy Balch, Bill Griffin

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair, Peggy Threadgill at 10am.

A. Treasurer's Report – The club balance is \$2008.00.

- The group discussed whether to continue with our apron sales. Ten aprons remain. We plan to continue offering them for sale and re-evaluate the need to reorder in time for the November Social.
- It was also agreed that the Treasurer should continue to look for “give aways” for the club members and/or attendees at the Garden Club Social in November. One example discussed today was a stretch coil “bracelet” with a whistle attached. Another was a small battery flashlight on a keychain.
- Vicky reported that the website is up to date. It has a link to the current map showing garden areas and their names on the HS My Erickson website. She has been in contact with community map makers that they will receive a communication from the Garden Club to add the new 4th garden location as well as changing the new garden names once they are approved by HS. They will address this change when received.

B. Operations Manager's Reports

Cutting Garden - Sandy Balch reported the cutting garden has been impacted by the intense heat this summer. Watering does not provide much help when the temperatures are so high.

Greenhouse - Bill Griffin reported the greenhouse HVAC is still not working properly and the temperature is too warm. This will be reported to General Services at the monthly meeting between General Services and the Garden Club officers. The officers will also discuss with Mark the thermometer used for temperature and the acceptable temperature for the greenhouse. The Garden Club and General Services need to agree on these items. The officers will also request rodent control in the greenhouse and whether they can confirm the greenhouse is part of the 2027 capital budget.

West Garden - Vicki Branscome cautioned the officers to discuss the back fence with General Services to determine the plans for the back fence after DART is finished. The DART retaining wall and the Highland Springs fence are a short distance apart. Vicki also had concerns about the placement of the call boxes and the cord. Will the cord be off the ground so garden

predators will not be able to eat them. These items will be discussed by the officers at the monthly meeting with Mark.

Far West Garden – Kay Hampton had concerns about the back fence as well. Kay also mentioned that the time is coming for the gardens to be cleaned up in preparation for the fill and till. All Operations Managers agreed the “flag system” for identifying water outages is not working. It has never been successful. This is another item for the General Services meeting.

East Garden – Steve Linder echoed the concerns of the other managers. The Garden Club Chair has planned a meeting in the East Garden for September Tuesday 9/29 at 1:30pm to measure in detail and to review the garden and ID safety hazards in this, the oldest garden. After the review of the garden, the club will request specific material to repair any rotting wooden garden borders.

A. Other

- The items of concern indicated by the Operations Managers will be discussed at the September meeting with General Services and the responses will be reported to the Operations Managers and to the club members.
- In September the club will begin meeting in Willow Ridge Community Room at 1:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month.
- September’s Garden Club program will be “Miracles of Monarchs”.
- In the September meeting, the Chair will ask for a nominating committee. All current officers will remain but the by-laws require the process of having a nominating committee appointed at the September meeting. The slate of candidates will be presented at the October meeting as well as the request for additional candidates, and the vote will be taken at the November meeting.
- The Garden Call boxes have been installed. There are three in each garden. Two in each garden are temporarily on the fences until the poles can be erected in the gardens.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

**Next meeting: Business & Program Meetings, Tuesday September 8, 1:30pm
Willow Ridge Community Room**