



A path to beauty & abundance

Meeting Agenda for September 20, 2017 – 7:30PM

1. Roll-call

Board Members (2016 - 2017)		
Chairperson: Amaru Bustamante	Vice-Chairperson: Isabel Bustamante	Secretary and Treasurer: Pedro Mejia
Trustee: Angela Alberti	Trustee: Randall Esulto	

Other Attendees			

2. News and Recent Events

- 2.1. Researching potential grant opportunities
- 2.2. Yoga in the Park 8/26 - Completed
- 2.3. Bogota Block Party 9/9 - Completed

3. Open Projects

3.1. Community Garden

- 3.1.1. What: By permission of the Bogota City Council, a community garden installed by Bogota Beautiful, and maintained by Community Garden members that provides land for plants, flowers, herbs, and possibly produce
- 3.1.2. Updates: Solar up-lights to be purchased and donated by Bogota Beautiful; Plots remain available for rent

3.2. ArtsBergen Community Art Project TBD

- 3.2.1. What: In partnership with Northern New Jersey Community Foundation’s (NNJCF) ArtsBergen initiative to promote arts & culture in communities, we’ll work with them and the Bogota Borough to have local artists beautify public objects (e.g. utility boxes, etc.)
- 3.2.2. When: Target completion Spring/Summer 2018
- 3.2.3. Who: Project Lead tbd
- 3.2.4. Updates: ArtsBergen previously teamed up with Hackensack on a “Utility ARTBox” project of the same nature. NNJCF recommends that the Borough of Bogota apply for the “Clean Communities” grant and allocate part of those funds to this project, which is what Hackensack did.
 - 3.2.4.1. Need to assemble a project team

3.3. Blooming Bogota 2018

- 3.3.1. What: Raise funds to purchase and install additional street planters, similar to the ones we did on W. Main St., in other areas of Bogota, and fill them with colorful plants and/or flowers.
- 3.3.2. When: Target completion Spring 2018
- 3.3.3. Who: Project Lead – Isabel Bustamante
- 3.3.4. Updates: Need to assemble project team and to plan fundraisers

4. Other Business, New Project Ideas or Requests

4.1. Suggested project ideas:

- 4.1.1. *“Fall Festival”* – The Bogota Recreation Center requests the support of at least 10 volunteers for its upcoming Fall Festival happening on October 28th approximately 12pm – 5pm. They have a planning meeting scheduled to occur on October 3rd at 7pm at the Rec Center and request that interested parties attend to discuss the plan and what’s needed.
- 4.1.2. *“Seniors Lawn Care”* – Community Service opportunity for H.S. students to assist Senior Citizens with basic lawn care
- 4.1.3. *“Halloween Costume Party”* – a party and fundraiser for Bogota Beautiful
- 4.1.4. *“New Year’s Eve Gala”* – a party and fundraiser for Bogota Beautiful

4.2. Archived “Storefront Pop-Up Art Gallery” for future reconsideration

- 4.3. Please share with your communities: Bogota Beautiful was registered with Amazon Smile where 0.5 percent of purchases will be donated to Bogota Beautiful. Use <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-2334607> when shopping to select Bogota Beautiful, Inc. as your charitable organization.

5. Open Discussion