

RUNNING FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE, NOV 2022

Name and Plot Number	Susan Miles, Plot 180
Committee Position Interested In	Membership Secretary
Why are you interested in this position?	I previously served on the Committee as Line Manager Coordinator 2019-2021, and recently was asked by a committee member whether I'd consider taking on the role of Membership Secretary. As a longstanding plotholder, I'd like to contribute to the running of the allotment site.
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	Reasonably computer literate, good admin and communication skills, experience of using and updating databases, eye for detail.
Who is seconding your nomination?	Maureen Erny, plot 27

Name and Plot Number	Don Marshall 226
Committee Position Interested In	Member, no fixed role
Why are you interested in this position?	I have been a plot holder with my wife for over 20 years. It's about time I contributed to the running of the site.
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	I am a software developer and can provide assistance with IT related issue or tasks.
Who is seconding your nomination?	Sarah Thurman 227

CURRENT MEMBERS RUNNING FOR REELECTION, NOV 2022

Name and Plot Number	Tyrrell Evans 192 and 213
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Committee Position	Co -Chair (with Sarah Thurman)
Why are you interested in this position?	<p>My wife and I loved the allotments, having had a plot for over ten years, and it has always given us so much peace, enjoyment, and relaxation.</p> <p>Since she died, I have found I have more time on my hands and I joined the committee over a year ago. I now see how much people do to make it all work so well for us.</p> <p>I am happy to offer the time and the skills that I have, to support our allotments and make them better still for all of us to enjoy. I have much to learn about the rules, regulations and organisations involved, but I know some well, and have always enjoyed connecting and working with others locally.</p> <p>Sarah and I feel we have worked well together over the last year and are working hard to foster still further the links between the committee and our members.</p>
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	<p>I have been interim Co–Chair with Sarah Thurman since November 2021. We have spent time learning how to work most effectively together using our skills and experience to the maximum effect.</p> <p>I have had leadership roles in several different organisations: as a GP Partner at Paxton Green Group Practice for 30 years; as a trustee for 15 years and Vice Chairman for 4 years with St Christopher’s Hospice; and I was involved in establishing and then Chairing our Residents Association, one of the first recognised by the Dulwich Estate.</p> <p>I was involved in all the activities you would expect such as governance, finance and fundraising, human resource issues, consultation processes, innovation, project management and complaints.</p> <p>Sarah and I believe we work well together, and with the committee, and believe we can all tackle the significant challenges that face us managing the site. We hope you will support us.</p>
Who is seconding your nomination?	Meng Neo Sim plots 193 and 211

Name and Plot Number	Sarah Thurman, 227
Committee Position	Co-Chair (together with Tyrrell Evans)
Why are you interested in this position?	<p>The Grange Lane Allotments are an incredibly special place and I've been lucky enough to have had a plot for around 10 years. I want to help ensure that it is still a wonderful place in the long term.</p> <p>I think I've got the energy and skills to continue to help take forward many of the changes needed on the site. Tyrrell and I work really well together and I think we would do justice to the shared role.</p>
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	<p>I've had a plot for 10 years and have been a member of the committee for 3. I've been interim Co-Chair since November 2021. I now have a good understanding of how the committee/Dulwich Estates and CDAS work, and the (many!) challenges of managing the site.</p> <p>In my professional life I've held many senior positions in the social sector (in charities, housing associations and local government). I have experience in managing people, project planning, governance, fundraising, consultation, community development and financial management. I'll bring these experiences and skills to the role of chair.</p> <p>My vegetable-growing skills need more work!</p>
Who is seconding your nomination?	Don Marshall, Plot 226

Name and Plot Number	Maureen Erny Plot 27
Committee Position	Secretary
Why are you interested in this position?	I have carried out this role for some time and so am familiar with all the various tasks and responsibilities. I am passionate about the allotments and want to see them thrive and be of huge benefit to the local communities. My husband and I have had an allotment for many years and have been instrumental in bringing about many improvements to the running of the site over the last few years. There is still much work to be done and I am happy to help as much as I can, knowing what a wonderful resource the allotments are to so many people.
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	I have secretarial training and senior management experience in the commercial and charity sector. I have very good written and verbal communication skills, along with good computer skills. I am used to organising meetings, taking minutes and ensuring action points are followed up. I have gained experience of running Grange Lane Allotments by being involved in many aspects over the years and helping where and when needed.
Who is seconding your nomination?	Frank and Olya Kunna, plot 65

Name and Plot Number	Sarah Lyness, Plot 150
Committee Position	Treasurer
Why are you interested in this position?	<p>I've had a plot at Grange Lane for 6 years and have seen the enormous pleasure we get from our allotments. I've enjoyed contributing to the running of the site through membership of the committee, including facilitating committee awaydays and helping organise the recent consultation process.</p> <p>In the last 9 months I have also been Treasurer. In this role, I have overseen and managed the Grange Lane's finances. Our consultation in November 2021 produced many suggestions for improvement of the site, such as improving the paths and installing more eco toilets. I will continue to work with the committee to keep a sensible balance between our income from plot holder fees and spending on on-going costs and site improvements.</p>
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	<p>I have extensive budget management experience from my fundraising career in the charity sector (Oxfam and Cancer Research UK) and in higher education (London School of Economics). I regularly set annual income and expenditure budgets to match planned activity, approve costs and track expenditure. I have been involved in many aspects of regulatory compliance including those involved in government contracts, such as audits, risk management, due diligence assessments of suppliers, and value for money strategies.</p> <p>I have strong Excel skills, and in particular have experience of presenting financial information in an accessible format to help others understand the finances and to help make good financial decisions. I enjoy working as part of a team bringing my financial and analytical skills to the role of Treasurer.</p>
Who is seconding your nomination?	Sarah Thurman

Name and Plot Number	Jill Panni Plots 221 and 222
Committee Position	Site Manager
Why are you interested in this position?	<p>I have been fulfilling this role for several years, even before it became designated.</p> <p>It suits me as I am on site most days in the week and am usually available at short notice.</p> <p>I have the ability to fulfil the requirements</p> <p>I was instrumental in getting the hut, like it being a focus for plot holders, and am determined to encourage a wider use.</p>
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	<p>Several years' experience proving</p> <p>Adequate IT skills including Excel</p> <p>Adequate financial skills, to include managing cash account for hut</p> <p>Managing plug plant sales, honey sales and monthly hut socials.</p> <p>Getting site problems sorted.</p>
Who is seconding your nomination?	<p>Sarah Knight</p> <p>Plot 158</p>

Name and Plot Number	Sarah Knight plot 158
Committee Position	Lettings
Why You are interested in this position?	<p>I have been involved in this role since 2016 and am happy to continue. I am flexible with my time but am frequently on site and enjoy being outdoors now that I am retired. I enjoy meeting potential plot holders and guiding them through how the site works and the obligations of becoming a plot holder.</p>
What are your relevant Skills and experience?	<p>I believe that I have the necessary skills to put potential plot holders at their ease and communicate, orally and electronically, what is required in order to have a productive allotment on this wonderful site. My previous working existence required these skills too.</p>
Who is seconding your Nomination?	Jill Panni plot 221

Name and Plot Number	Mark Aeron-Thomas, 204
Committee Position	Communications
Why are you interested in this position?	<p>Allotment gardening can make an important contribution to the mental health of individuals, to the social health of wider society and to local biodiversity. These objectives are best achieved when the allotment association functions effectively - when the committee reflects and works in harmony with the wider membership. This requires effective two way communication.</p> <p>This post contributes to this: first, through the regular mailings from the committee to the membership and the maintenance of the website; and second, the identification of issues by members through surveys to decision-taking by polls etc.</p> <p>I am still keen to continue in this role because of the opportunities to develop the website. It has been a somewhat dormant resource. Feedback from plotholders surveys last year identified an appetite for greater learning and the website can contribute to this.</p>
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	I have been running GLAs' MailChimp and website over the last three years.
Who is seconding your nomination?	Sarah Knight

Name and Plot No.	Frank Kunna, plot 65
Committee Position	Committee member without portfolio
Why You are interested in this position?	Suits present personal time allowance, adaptive to suit its varied roles, with the flexibility within it to take on any GLA's social media communication ambitions as recorded (white boards) at the AGM in 2021.
What are your relevant Skills and experience?	Previous Trustee of the Borough Market, current Chairperson of DCRA on the Dulwich Estate with a working relationship with Adrian Brace and current governor of St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School LB Bromley stretching over 3 decades. Creative problem solver with project management and esprit de corps. IT capable with emotional and cultural intelligence.
Who is seconding your Nomination?	Sarah Knight

Name and Plot Number	Alex MacGillivray Plot 225
Committee Position	Committee Member (I have been without portfolio so far but now can take one on).
Why are you interested in this position?	I am passionate about supporting all Grange Lane Allotment plot holders to get the best wellbeing experience out of the amazing allotments, and about helping the allotments be inclusive, sustainable and well-governed. I am an experienced ecologist and environmentalist and would also love to see the allotments reach their full potential in tackling climate change.
What are your relevant skills and experiences?	I am an experienced charity trustee: most recently on the board of Trees for Cities (2021 to now); previously Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses; Hammersmith Community Trust. I have good interpersonal, governance and IT skills. As a plot holder for over 10 years and through frequent interactions with the committee I have a reasonably good understanding of allotment site management. I have recently been a line manager for plots 207-231. I have the time available to be an active and constructive member of the committee and to step up when things need doing.
Who is seconding your nomination?	Sarah Thurman, Plot 227