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Subject Robin Kanschack
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Abstract Robin Kanschack is in Charge of ASIA's community garden project She is an intern at ASIA and has been helping them since last August. ASIA wants to get a community garden established to revitalize the neighborhood. This interview discusses their plans and Asiatown
Tags "ASIA, Asiatown, gardening, environment, community gardens, Asian community"
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Notes
Minutes

- 1 Robin's bio, why she lives in Cleveland
- 2 Robin's intern work
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- 4 Robin's first experiences in Asiatown.
- 5 ASIA learns about RIC grant and gets involved
- 6 Community has many gardeners to help project
"Wanting to bring neighbors together. Language barriers make this a problem"
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- 8 Ethnicities in Asiatown
"ASIA's prior garden experiences First try didn't go quite as planned"
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- 10 Other people at ASIA w/gardening experience
- 11 ASIA's projects with youth
- 12 Getting youth involved in the garden
- 13 OSU training program
- 14 People will respect the garden
- 15 Providing people with gardening space
- 16 Getting neighborhood interest in garden
- 17 Keeping people's interest is a challenge
- 18 Upfront challenges include lead in soil
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- 21 Primarily planting veggies. Flowers also desired
- 22 Community grows vegetables of their own.
"Market garden was first plan to help residence supplement income but it was too labor intensive. ASIA went for a community garden. A future market garden could happen"
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"Current site not first choice. City forced them to switch sites"
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- 26 New site has benefits
"ASIA wants to bring neighborhood together, help residents have a healthy lifestyle and create green space"
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29 Afterschool education programs

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31 Garden will positively impact neighborhood

"RIC Project will positively impact city as a whole by making it greener"

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34 Current site has major problems, sinkhole

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36 OSU will bring in topsoil to fill in sinkhole

37 Picnic table may be put on sinkhole

"Garden will help people save money give people a place to gather"

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"OSU helped with gardening classes, Neighborhood progress also helped"

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41 Students are committed to seeing project succeed

42 Getting water from the fire hydrant

43 It is legal to get water from hydrants with permit

44 Hydrants used as water source for many gardens

45 Hose will probably get run over

"Robin leaves in July. Trying to find someone to take over"

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47 ASIA may allow neighborhood to take over garden

"Garden will feature shed, picnic table, and other things residents can think of"

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49 ASIA will try to find community sponsors

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52 Robin wants to get as much done as possible this year

53 Priority is to get everything in place.

"They were under the impression they had 5 years to spend money"

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55 Wants to get in a good spot to get grants

"People's interest has risen thanks to farmer's markets and environmental movement"

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57 Robin has gotten good impression and is hopeful

58 Robin hopes to see garden remain in the future

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