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Abstract Janet Cummings of the Helping Stone Garden discusses her involvement in the Helping Stone Garden. Janet Came to Cleveland in the 1970's and has been here ever since.

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Notes
minutes:

- 0 Intro
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- 2 Discuss when she came to Cleveland and when she was married
- 3 Discuss childhood in a retirement community
Janet explains why they chose the name for the project, and why they chose a
- 4 garden
Janet Discusses the reason for the garden to give the community fresh home grown
- 5 foods, they had their first harvest last fall
- 6 Janet speaks of a 90 year old neighbor
Janet speaks of her church in the neighborhood miles heights and that she is in the
- 7 neighborhood two to three times a week.
- 8 Discusses Church involvement in the project
- 9 Janet talks about how she wants the garden to run independantly some day
- 10 Discusses the variety of people that partake in the community garden
- 11 We learn about the lots and their demensions
- 12 Speaks of the delapidated housing next door and the resident raccon
- 13 Talks about security and a fencing problem
- 14 speaks about market gardens and how this one is in a visable spot
Speaks about the kids, the more you work the more money you can earn, loving your
- 15 plants
- 16 Talks about the future of the project
- 17 Discusses issues with fences and permanent structures
- 18 Discusses were funding will come from in the future
- 19 Talks about buisness plan and reinvesting in the garden
- 20 Discusses age range of particpants in the graden
- 21 Janet speaks about problems with cell phones and the kids while in the graden
- 22 Janet talks about the rain barrel and compost pile

- 23 Janet speaks of creating another garden with helping stone a couple of blocks away
- 24 Discusses people reaction to fresh produce
- 25 Talks about the grant they received from neighborhood connection
- 26 Discusses "throw away children"
- 27 Discusses school involvment with the garden
- 28 Discusses School run gardens
- 29 Discusses Grant writing for land bank lot
- 30 Janet talks about active learning through the garden
- 31 We learn that her church is the only involved in the area

- 32 Discusses community development commission, this is separate from the church

- 33 Janet speaks on how proud she is of all the gardens
- 34 Talks about the community and excitement for the gardens
- 35 Janet discusses teaching children at a young age
Discusses accident in Slovic Village, and teaching children to go past themselves to
- 36 help others
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- 38 Discusses how children got involved, and herb spiral
- 39 Janet talks about the vacant homes as being a challenge
- 40 Talks about the striping of the homes in neighborhood
- 41 Janet Discusses safety risk for the children in the neighborhood
- 42 Discusses harvest from the last fall
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- 44 Talks about how the beds are made and demensions
- 45 End