

SHEBOYGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN – Steering Committee

Date: January 23, 2014

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Attendees: Pat Soderholm, Ruth Cadoret, Leann Tigges, Geren Zhang, Cindy Statz

Meeting Minutes

I. Reports

- A. Treasurer: current balance is \$6471.74 but still need to pay \$250 sifted compost to CAC for 2013
- B. Registration: 60-70 are currently on the waiting list

II. Unfinished Business

A. Water Usage – Review Annual Costs & Policy for 2014

Actual water usage comparison:

2011	126,404 gallons
2012	178,816 gallons
2013	117,032 gallons

At the 1st garden workday, work leader should insure the longer hoses are placed at the right locations so hoses reach all plots. Also note, care should be taken so that rain barrels do not obstruct the spigots used to fill watering cans. SCG will find/purchase (5)-additional water barrels to be placed on the east side of the garden. A new back-up fire hose will be purchased.

B. Tools & Equipment: existing and new small hand tools will be spray painted with bright, identifiable paint. Hose holders and a few longer hoses will be purchased. The wood members of the picnic table by the Garden sign will be replaced; condition of the other picnic tables will be assessed. Cadoret will investigate types of compost/soil sifting stands.

C. Garden Preservation: The only currently approved project for the DOT development is an upgrade to the Crime Lab located on the north side of University Avenue. Jack Kloppenburg will continue to be involved in garden preservation. Efforts to date were discussed.

D. Status of 2013 Work Hours: Gardeners with less than the required 4 hours were discussed on a case by case basis and determinations of good standing were based upon the 2013 Garden Handbook. Statz will send follow-up emails/letters to those not in good standing.

III. New Business

- A. 2014 Gardener Registration: Statz will request 2014 CAC rates and forms and Tigges will begin 2014 garden registration the 1st week in March.
- B. Winter Potluck – 2/2 at 6pm Monticello Room: Statz will send Evite to 2013 garden members in a similar format to last year.
- C. City of Madison – adopt a healthy Ash tree: Cost is approximately \$150/tree/year. A concern was raised regarding the specific pesticide treatment to be utilized as it might affect bees; Cadoret will investigate and advise.
- D. Thelma Wells – Neighborhood Association for multi-unit
- E. 2014 Garden Handbook and Calendar: handbook will be reviewed at the next board meeting for printing prior to the Spring meeting.
 - a. Spring Potluck/Mtg– 3/25? Confirmed.
 - b. Fall Potluck/Mtg – 10/8? Confirmed.
- F. 2014 Spring Potluck planning: tabled until next meeting. West Madison Senior Center will require a deposit and room rental fee this year.

IV. Announcements: next meeting will be held on 3/6 due to vacation schedules.

V. Adjournment