

## **SHEBOYGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN – Steering Committee DRAFT**

Date: March 6, 2014

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Reports**

- A. Treasurer: current balance is \$6161.74
- B. Registration: 75+ people are on the waiting list

#### **II. Unfinished Business**

A. 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. SCG will secure (5)-additional water barrels to be placed on the east side of the garden. A new back-up fire hose will be purchased. Cadoret presented three options for compost/soil sifting stands. The stand alone, 4-post option will be recommended at the Spring meeting to see if someone is interested to construct. Discussed adding a bat house, martin house, butterfly house or Little Free Library to the garden. Will discuss at the Spring meeting. Recommend Little Free Library for gardening resources.

B. Garden Preservation: Many gardeners attended the Hill Farms Neighborhood Master Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House for Public. Draft plan would place the garden in new green space envisioned to be in place in approximately 10 years near the current location of Karen Arms. Review comments were provided by gardeners.

C. Status of 2013 Work Hours: Gardeners with less than the required 4 hours were discussed on a case by case basis. Seven gardeners have partial hours and will complete remaining hours in 2014; if 2014 hours are insufficient, those gardeners will be “not in good standing” for 2015. Three gardeners were determined “not in good standing” in 2013 and will not be invited to register in 2014.

D. 2014 Gardener Registration: Forms have been received from CAC. Rates remain the same as last year. CAC demographic forms have been revised and Statz will seek direction from CAC to modify the form slightly; revised forms will be ready this weekend. Currently, there are fourteen 200SF plots known to be available this year. Registration will begin this weekend.

E. Winter Potluck Review: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Shake the Winter Blues” potluck was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The potluck was well attended and is planned to continue next winter.

F. 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 investigated and reported a variety of chemicals are utilized. Not sure if the chemical injections are into the soil or into the tree. The program affects parks only at this time. Plant a tree is an option under the program and is more in keeping with SCG’s organic approach. Cadoret will monitor the program as it develops.

G. Neighborhood Association for Multi-Dwelling Units: Thelma Wells will provide information as the idea is developed. SCG will send informational notice to all SCG gardeners when available.

#### **III. New Business**

- A. 2014 Garden Handbook and Calendar: Statz will distribute draft handbook to the board for review and comment. Fewer handbooks will be printed this year as a PDF handbook with noted changes will be emailed to gardeners. Handbook will be available for the Spring meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- B. 2014 Spring Potluck planning: Registration fees and security deposit have been sent for the Spring and Fall Meetings. Evite will be sent to gardeners in good standing. Registration materials will

include information on the 3/25, Spring Potluck & Meeting. Statz will bring door prizes and Whole Foods donation of seeds. Lee will bring usual beverages and paper products.

- C. CAC Community Garden Program status: Statz reported meeting with CAC, City, County, and Health agencies to discuss the future CAC's involvement in community gardens. Due to changing demographics, community gardens may fall out of CAC's mission/funding. Follow-up planning meetings are being scheduled now; Statz will continue to attend.

- D. UW Horticulture Program: tabled until next meeting

IV. Announcements:

V. Adjournment