

SHEBOYGAN AVENUE COMMUNITY GARDEN (SACG)
Garden Preservation & Board Meeting
Monticello Community Room
December 11, 2014

Attendees: Ruth Cadoret, Eric Eudelhofen, Jack Kloppenberg, Young Soon Lee, Yuhua Li, Mary McCarthy, Pat Soderholm, Dawn Springer, Cindy Statz and Leann Tigges

The November 6, 2014 minutes were approved.

I. Reports

- A. Treasurer -\$8204 balance
- B. Registration – 24 people are on the wait list.
- C. Timekeeper – All time issues have been resolved. People who are short have either agreed to make up the hours or have decided not to come back to the garden.
- D. Plot Monitor – 19 gardens not cleaned, 29 partly cleaned up, 63 gardens are cleaned up. Next year cleanup requirement will be more prominent and followed up on better.

II. Unfinished Business - Garden Preservation

- A. RFP #505-004 status and response update

The SACG received a positive response from the letter to Senator Risser who said he is in support of saving the garden. Representative Therese Berceau was also contacted via email.

The SACG sent a letter to Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Mike Heusch and Administrators Summer Strand and Cindy Torstveit with copy to Mayor Soglin, Alder Chris Schmidt, Nan Fey, Mark Woulf, and Matt Tucker to request discussion to preserve the garden.

The City of Madison Community Garden Committee sent a letter to the DOA on behalf of the SACG highlighting the Garden's leadership in past efforts, its value to the community, and a request to maintain the Garden.

The Sheboygan Av. Community Garden will contact the developer once they have been announced.

- B. The SACG Executive Committee will address preservation issues on behalf of the garden.
- C. The SACG is considering applying for non-profit status. 501c3 is non-profit, non-tax paying entity that can receive tax free donations and must have officers, Articles of Incorporation and bylaws. As a non-profit, if the garden is dissolved, any assets must be given to a non-profit.
- D. The SACG Executive Committee will meet again January 8 at Monticello community room.
- E. Notice will be sent to the garden members to provide an update on garden preservation work. A general SACG meeting will be held in early February to further update the garden members.
- F. Taking the issue of garden preservation public with newspapers etc. after the first of the year is being considered.
- G. A Garden Salvage Plan will be developed in the event it is needed.

III. Adjournment