

Sheboygan Ave. Community Garden
(SACG)
Member Meeting
February 12, 2015
Covenant Presbyterian Church
326 S. Segoe Rd – Madison WI

Thirty seven members attended the meeting. Cindy Statz introduced the board, Jack Koppenberg, Dawn Springer and Melissa Behling, a journalist student who wrote article on the garden in Madison Commons <http://www.madisoncommons.org/?q=content/sheboygan-ave-community-garden-faces-uncertain-future>

I Reports

- A. Treasurer
\$8,004.59 balance
The water utility bill has not been received yet.
Sheboygan Av. \$100 will go toward Garden Summit sponsorship
- B. Registration
30 names are on the wait list which is fewer than past years.

II Unfinished Business

- A. Garden Preservation Status
Gilbane Inc. has been selected to manage redevelopment of the Hill Farms state office property http://host.madison.com/news/local/writers/mike_ivey/rhode-island-based-hill-farms-developer-has-worked-extensively-in/article_f93649d5-91ea-58f2-b0ee-14e09e984143.html

The Madison Capitol Police issued a 2015 garden permit for Sheboygan Av. Community Garden.

The Garden Preservation Committee spoke with Sen. Fred Risser, the City of Madison Committee on Community Gardens, the Madison Mayor's office and City Planning and sent a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Administration requesting the garden to be part of the future development.

The Garden Preservation Committee has discussed the pros and cons of potential relocations for the garden.

SACG will encourage green space and urban agriculture in the DOT development. Garden members will represent the garden at city zoning and planning meetings. It is not necessary to speak at the meetings, only register your position.

- B. Dane County Community Gardens Partnership
The Gardens Network is a partnership of Community GroundWorks, Dane County UW Extension, and the City of Madison whose mission is to support community gardens <http://danecountycommunitygardens.org/>

Troy Gardens is a 501C3 non-profit entity and had agreed to be SACG fiscal agent so that the garden will be able to apply for grants to support the needs of the garden. SACG is working to establish an incorporated non-profit identity.

III New Business

- A. Non-stock, non-profit articles of incorporation
- B. SACG will be purchasing liability Insurance
- C. Draft by-laws (distribute by separate email) to establish SACG as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

IV Announcements

- A. Dane County 2015 Community Garden Summit – Saturday February 28, 2015
<http://danecountycommunitygardens.org/connect/summit2015/>
SACG may participate in outreach to other gardens that need help.
- B. Spring Meeting and Potluck – Thursday, April 9, 2015 will be at the West Side Sr. Center.
6-7PM potluck and meeting at 7PM.

V. Adjournment