

## **SHEBOYGAN AVE COMMUNITY GARDEN – Garden Preservation & Board Meeting**

Date: November 19, 2015

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Attendees: Jim Baumann, Ruth Cadoret, Yuhua Li, Jack Kloppenburg, Leann Tigges, Pat Soderholm, Geren Zhang, Cindy Statz

Previous meeting minutes – approved as amended.

### **AGENDA**

I. Treasurer Report: \$8187.11 - \$30 (Mapline pin maps) - \$41.77 (printing for City of Madison meetings) - \$60 (wheelbarrow repairs). Madison Water Utility is mailing the water bill now.

#### II. Unfinished Business

A. Thank you letter/s to DOA/DOT/Capitol Police/CAC – draft distributed for review and comment; revised draft will be presented.

#### B. Garden Preservation/Relocation Strategies

1. Summit Smith (Hill Farms DOT contractor) was prepared to relocate the garden soil in a large pile (no grading); however, no site was available to receive the soil. Garden declined the offer on 11/11/15.

2. SACG spoke at City of Madison Committee on Community Gardens meeting: committee approved the Hill Farms Neighborhood Master Plan with inclusion of committee letter of recommendations summarized as follows:

- a. Find an interim SACG garden site for 2016-17 within walk able distance from Sheboygan Ave.
- b. Add language regarding inclusion of community gardens on specific, city-owned land.
- c. Rank community garden space higher than expanded prairie space at Garner Park.

3. SACG and Community Gardens Committee (Fey) spoke at City of Madison Sustainable Madison Committee; committee approved Hill Farms Master Plan with Committee on Community Gardens' recommendations.

4. Next city committee meetings are Bike/Ped/Motor Vehicle Commission (11/24) and Plan Commission (12/7) to consider Hill Farms Master Plan. SACG will attend both.

5. Discussions are continuing with DOT regarding impact of possible interim plot locations.

#### III. New Business

A. District 11 Alder Chris Schmidt: SACG contacted Alder Schmidt to request meeting with City of Madison and other stakeholders to develop process to determine new garden site for 2016. Alder Schmidt sent email to City of Madison staff to notify them that a meeting would be forthcoming.

B. Hill Farms Neighborhood Association (HFNA). SACG attended HFNA board meeting on 11/14. Alder Schmidt attended as well. SACG requested HFNA representative to join other stakeholders as sites are identified and evaluated. Peter Hughes and Joe Keyes will represent. SACG requested "garden relocation" added to board's next meeting in Feb 2016. SACG may submit an article for the HFN December newsletter.

C. Meeting scheduled (by Jule Stroick) with City of Madison planning, engineering, parks, Community Gardens Committee, Food Policy Council, HFNA, Alder Schmidt, and SACG on 12/3 to explore options.

#### IV. Announcements

#### V. Adjournment