

SHEBOYGAN AVE COMMUNITY GARDEN – Garden Preservation & Board Meeting

Date: December 17, 2015

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Attendees: Pat Soderholm, Leann Tigges, Yuhua Li, Jim Baumann, Cindy Statz

Previous meeting minutes – approved

MEETING MINUTES

I. Reports

A. Treasurer: \$8187.11 but Madison Water bill has not been received or paid

II. Unfinished Business

A. Thank you letter to DOA/DOT/Capitol Police – approved as amended.

B. Garden Preservation/Relocation Strategies:

Garden soil was saved from the DOT site and transported to City of Madison Parks Division (for use to be determined by City of Madison).

SACG and Community Gardens Committee (Fey) spoke at Pedestrian, Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Commission meeting on 11/24 in regards to Hill Farms Neighborhood Master Plan (HFN) and Community Gardens Committee's recommendations for the plan. Commission approved the plan with recommendations in support of the community garden.

SACG met on 12/3 with Alder Schmidt, City of Madison planning, engineering and parks representatives, HFNA, and Community Gardens Committee (Fey & Schneider) to discuss options and next steps. Engineering discussed \$300K-\$800K scope to infill Rennebohm Park stormwater way. Parks Division presented overview of multiple uses currently present in Rennebohm and Garner Parks. Future plans for Vernon Blvd. were also discussed. Consensus was reached to continue along timeline required for public meetings, HFNA board meeting, Common Council, and Parks Commission approvals for 2016 gardening season if garden site options are available. Alder Schmidt will work with City staff to determine next steps within the next two weeks and report back to the group.

SACG and Fey spoke at Plan Commission meeting on 12/7 regarding HFN Master Plan. Committee approved plan with modified recommendations from Community Gardens Committee.

DOT reported back that WSOR declined SACG's request for easement usage citing pedestrian safety/liability concerns.

SACG web domain name "sheboygancommunitygarden.org" registration through Go Daddy is active until 11/13/16. SACG will renew as necessary.

Alder Schmidt provided partial update on 12/17 regarding possible deed restrictions. Garner Park has deed restrictions; Rennebohm Park does not. Full report due this week. SACG will prepare relocation proposal/s for public meeting.

SACG board will utilize email for reviews, action items, and decisions as defined in our bylaws due to difficulty meeting in person during the holiday season. Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 28, 2016.

C. Hill Farms Neighborhood Association next steps – next scheduled board meeting is February 2016.

III. New Business

A. REAP Food Group MOU fiscal agent – agreement confirmed; paperwork processed.

B. Grant proposals – potential grants, possible amount, and due dates

1. Home Depot Community Impact Grant (\$5K) due 2/1/16
2. Evjue Foundation (<\$5K) before its spring meeting
3. Madison Community Foundation (\$5K) Letter of Interest due 1/15/16
4. Fiskars Orange Thumb (\$3500 cash and tools, makeover?) due 2/1/16
5. City of Madison SEED grant (\$5K) Feb 2015; is it continuing in 2016?

C. New garden design and evaluation process:

There was a lot of discussion about the design/layout of the new garden. Leann will contact UW Madison to inquire if design of the new garden could be an independent studies project for one or more students.

Cindy will contact the Garden Coordinator of Bock Community Gardens to invite her to a future meeting to discuss the background of their garden layout.

IV. Announcements - 2016 Community Garden Summit is February 20th at Warner Park Recreation Center from 9am-3pm. \$15/adult, \$5/child (age 6-12)

V. Adjournment