

SHEBOYGAN AVE COMMUNITY GARDEN – Garden Preservation & Board Meeting

Date: February 25, 2016

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Attendees: Pat Soderholm, Leann Tigges, Ruth Cadoret, Young Soon Lee, Jim Baumann, Cindy Statz

Previous meeting minutes approved? yes

MEETING MINUTES

I. Reports

- A. Treasurer: current balance is \$8187; however, 2015 water bill, partial postage for Alder Schmidt public meeting, and printing charges are still pending. Rough estimate of new balance is ~\$7000.
- B. Registrar: 61 gardeners responded to Survey Monkey so far: 30 very interested, 16 interested but willing to wait, 6 not this year, 4 remove from list, 5 if not gardening elsewhere.

II. Unfinished Business

A. Garden Preservation/Relocation Strategies: Phase 1 - Option A in Rennebohm Park is moving through the City of Madison approval process and Phase 2 discussions are proceeding. Board will revisit area options for community garden space for additional discussion.

B. University Hill Farms Neighborhood Association next steps: Statz contacted President Hughes and provided update. Attendance at UHFNA's February meeting is not required. Hughes indicated the neighborhood association is satisfactorily informed through emails.

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

- 1. Home Depot Community Impact Grant (\$5K) begins 2/1/16 submitted 2/9/16 results due within 6 weeks; board acted via email quorum to accelerate submittal. Grant allows six months to complete after award.
- 2. Evjue Foundation (<\$5K) due 3/11/16 for May Evjue Foundation meeting
- 3. Madison Community Foundation \$5K award received on 2/1/16; need to keep Tom Linfield informed of approval progress and number of gardeners accommodated.
- 4. Fiskars Orange Thumb (\$3500 cash and tools) submitted 2/1/16 results due 3/2/16

D. New garden design and evaluation process: agreed to proceed by subcommittee with representatives as follows: UW Landscape Architecture team, Soderholm, Cadoret, Baumann, Dudley, and Statz. Will ask Community GroundWorks (landscape architect Shelly Strom) to participate.

E. Application to Community GroundWorks for lease amendment: Statz met with Karen von Huene, Executive Director of Community GroundWorks on 2/22/16. Discussed lease agreement, Garden Network and Community GroundWorks roles and responsibilities. Provided an overview of how the new garden would be designed and constructed – abilities and available resources as related to budget.

F. Application to City of Madison: formal application was submitted to Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp on 2/12/16. The resolution to amend the lease agreement will be introduced to the Common Council on 3/1/16; depending on whether the resolution is referred to committees, Common Council could approve on 3/15/16 or 4/19/16.

G. Registration 2016: a lot of discussion regarding the criteria to be used to identify and offer available plots to gardeners in good standing. Will revisit at next meeting when survey results are complete.

III. New Business

- A. Garden Handbook 2016
- B. Garden Calendar
- C. Rennebohm Park shelter reservations
- D. Spring Meeting & Potluck

IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment