

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

Date: March 24, 2016

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Attendees: Pat Soderholm, Ruth Cadoret, Jim Baumann, Jim Dudley, Geren Zhang, Yuhua Li, Youg Soon Lee

Previous meeting minutes approved? Yes.

### MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Reports

- A. Treasurer – no new payments; ~\$7000 balance after expected bills are received
- B. Registrar – a few more surveys were returned; registration will begin as soon as available garden plots are determined

#### II. Unfinished Business

A. Garden Preservation/Relocation Strategies – focus on design and construction of Rennebohm site; garden will send representative to committees reviewing Resolution #2 to find and evaluate sites in University Hill Farms area to replace community garden space lost to the Hill Farms DOT redevelopment. Community Gardens Committee approved the resolution with minor changes on 3/22. Upcoming meetings include Public Works (4/6), Parks Commission (4/13), Food Policy Council (5/4) and Common Council (5/17).

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

- 1. Home Depot Community Impact Grant (\$5K) – did not receive award
- 2. Evjue Foundation (<\$5K) submitted for May award announcement
- 3. Madison Community Foundation \$5K award received on 2/1/16; need to keep MCF advised of status
- 4. Fiskars Orange Thumb (\$3500 cash and tools) – did not receive award
- 5. Seeds of Change (\$10K) due 3/28 with internet voting to determine short list – our grant proposal will focus on water system installation

C. New garden design and evaluation process – multiple drafts were presented and discussed. Priority focus on layout for Community GroundWorks and Parks Division approvals prior to material ordering and construction. The discussion and determination of garden materials (interior fence, paths, etc.), aesthetics, and updated good gardeners rules will follow. Agreed to continue the discussion next Thursday to provide multiple options to Community GroundWorks for review and comment. Statz will invite Karen von Huene and Shelly Strom to the meeting.

D. Application to Community GroundWorks for lease amendment – approved by Community GroundWorks with Common Council approval on 3/15/16

E. Application to City of Madison – Resolution #1 (attached) – approved by Common Council on 3/15/16. Resolution #2 (attached) introduced for city staff to investigate and evaluate neighborhood space to provide additional community garden space to replace space lost at Hill Farms DOT due to redevelopment; referred to committees.

F. Registration 2016 – pending determination of available plots. May combine with Spring meeting

G. Spring Meeting & Potluck – schedule as soon as possible to provide update to gardeners. Registration may be combined if process and plots are ready to go. Statz will reserve West Madison Senior Center and send notice to gardeners.

#### III. New Business

- A. Garden Handbook 2016 – bring recommendations to next meeting
- B. Garden Calendar - table
- C. Rennebohm Park shelter reservations – unavailable; revisit this summer to reserve for next year
- D. Status Updates to Gardeners – include with notice of Spring meeting and potluck
- E. Additional Board Member – unanimous vote to approve additional board member pending proposed candidate's approval at the next board meeting

#### IV. Announcements

#### V. Adjournment