

SHEBOYGAN AVE COMMUNITY GARDEN – Garden Preservation & Board Meeting

Date: March 31, 2016

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Attendees: Pat Soderholm, Yuhua Li, Young Soon Li, Jim Baumann, Jim Dudley, Karen von Huene, Shelly Strom, Cindy Statz

Previous meeting minutes approved? Yes.

MEETING MINUTES

I. Reports

A. Treasurer: estimated balance is ~\$6940. \$60 check to West Madison Senior Center for spring meeting room rental with \$200 deposit.

B. Registrar: ~74 people have completed the survey of gardening interest

II. Unfinished Business

A. Garden Preservation/Relocation Strategies: resolution #2 is working its way through city committees for Common Council approval in mid-May. Garden reps will attend each committee meeting – Community Gardens Committee, Board of Public Works, Parks Commission, and Food Policy Council.

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

1. Seeds of Change grant due 3/28/16: did not submit as we did not qualify; could not utilize our fiscal agent.

2. Evjue Foundation (<\$5K) due 3/11/16; submitted for May decision

3. Madison Community Foundation \$5K award received on 2/1/16

C. New garden design and evaluation process: Karen von Huene (Executive Director) and Shelly Strom (Land & Gardens Director) from Community GroundWorks attended. Multiple design drafts were presented for review and comment. Drafters will incorporate suggestions as necessary for the next round of design review. The 4' black steel Euro fence, posts, and gates with black RabbitGuard were approved previously by Parks Division email. Board approved the fence tonight. Other interior design considerations will follow after the plot layout is finalized.

D. Registration 2016: There was a lot of discussion regarding the plot fee structure and the ability to deviate from the standard Garden Networks fee structure. Community GroundWorks confirmed that the structure is a guide only and was out of date. The guide allows for additional service fees (water, hay, compost, etc.) to be included with the garden plot fee registration. Board approved three tiers based on household income each with a \$5 water service fee. The fee structure will include instructions to contact the Garden Coordinator if proposed fees are a financial hardship; financial assistance will be provided.

E. Spring Meeting & Potluck with Status Updates to Gardeners: Spring Meeting is Tuesday, April 19th. Notice will be sent to gardeners with an update on the schedule for registration and timeline to begin gardening.

III. New Business

A. Garden Handbook 2016: tabled until next meeting due to time constraints

B. Garden Calendar: tabled until next meeting due to time constraints

IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment