

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden  
Date: July 27, 2017  
Location: Monticello Community Room  
Time: 6pm-8pm

## MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Pat Soderholm, Geren Zhang, Ruth Cadoret, Jim Dudley, Jim Baumann, Cindy Statz

### I. Reports

- A. Treasurer: \$12,492.09; Jim D. provided reconciliation document
- B. Registrar: 3 new waiting-list gardeners; information on the garden Welcome sign will be updated to include where to register, with a mailing address on tear-off slips. Possible QR code.
- C. Timekeeper: 15 gardeners have no work hours to date; Geren will send email to those
- D. Plot Monitor: The maximum height policy is problematic for 7' high tomatoes. Overgrowth on fence and aisles is being pruned as necessary. Email to be sent to gardeners to encourage gardeners to harvest their food; extra food may be taken to food pantries or left on the picnic table outside of the garden with a sign indicating "free". Email will include hose etiquette, water use, and that children should be accompanied by the gardener; please no running through other gardeners' plots. Jim B. has an Ego battery-operated trimmer and will test at the garden. Yuhua's donated pruner will not take a charge; Cindy will send info to group.

### II. Unfinished Business

- A. Rennebohm Water Service – progress, bib locations, and payments: Water service is substantially complete. Two hose bibs have been set by gardeners; discussed how to finish. Install metal hose holders. There should be no unattended hoses. Jim B. and Cindy will meet at the garden to figure out how to finish the installation. Garden will request written instructions on how to maintain the water service. There was also a discussion on the use of water barrels. How does Community GroundWorks liability insurance handle water barrels? Decision was made to provide three small bucket/barrels (similar to existing blue bucket). Plan is to set the two new bucket/barrel at bib locations on two standard 8" concrete blocks.
- B. Formal response to grants: still pending final installation of bibs and Pertzborn Plumbing work.
- C. City of Madison study of additional garden space – next steps: City of Madison is nearing completion the staff study of potential additional gardening space in the University Hill Farms area. Garden is ready to attend City of Madison meetings in support of the study.
- D. 2017 Garden Planning – planning for remaining open space: gardeners will keep looking for a 6' diameter, circular picnic table for location vacated by the water buffalo.
- E. Compost bin/s in the garden: Dawn's compost bin is acceptable within her plot.
- F. Signage and identification: Jim D. brought laminator, color ID tag sheets and hole punch. ID images were cut into individual ID tags and laminated. Board members present received their IDs. Cindy will take remaining laminated sheets, finish assembly, and mail to gardeners.

### III. New Business

Planning for "Anything but Zucchini Brunch"

City of Madison use of weed killer in Rennebohm Park; request Safety Data Sheets from Park.

### IV. Announcements

### V. Adjournment