

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden

Date: February 22, 2018

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6pm-8pm

Attendees: Soderholm, Baumann, Dudley, Statz, Tigges, Li

MEETING MINUTES

I. Reports

A. Treasurer: \$6910.24 reconciled for YR17 with water bill and YR16 (\$109) and YR17 (\$97) New Garden Fund donations still needed to be paid.

B. Registrar: 23 names are on the waiting list with many current gardeners seeking larger plots.

C. Timekeeper: notices were emailed to gardeners needing additional community service hours and to gardeners who are not in good standing due to lack of community work hours.

II. Unfinished Business

A. Formal response to Evjue Foundation: Statz is finalizing draft.

B. City of Madison study of additional garden space: City/Parks recommendations subsequent to the December/January community engagement will be presented at public meeting on March 8, 2018 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. The outcome would be an amendment to the designated park's Master Plan to be presented to the Board of Park Commissioners on 3/14/18 or 4/11/18. No additional Common Council review is needed.

C. City of Madison herbicide usage: revisit 2017 newspaper article and work to provide a draft letter of inquiry to Parks Division.

D. 2018 Gardener Registration prep: plot fees were reviewed considering there may be a number of 200SF plots available in 2018. Water fee for 100SF plots will remain \$5; water fee for 200SF plots will be \$10. Plots fees will be \$10/\$15/\$20 for 100SF plots based on income. Fees for 200SF plots will be \$20/\$30/\$40 based on income. Gardeners may apply for reduced rates based on hardship.

Existing gardeners in good standing with demonstrated ability to utilize and maintain a garden would be eligible for 200SF plots as available. New gardeners would be offered 100SF plots to begin so as to demonstrate their gardening abilities for possible 200SF upgrades in future gardening seasons.

E. Notice to Gardeners who are not in good standing – completed.

F. Review of Garden Handbook policies: tabled until next meeting.

G. 2018 Flower Program: submittal due by April 18, 2018.

III. New Business

A. Garden expansion planning: Rennebohm Park is the anticipated site for additional garden space. SACG would like Park to maintain the existing asphalt pathway to the east of the garden with an appropriate setback similar to the west setback from the path defined by Parks due to park circulation/aesthetics and path relocation costs; City budgeted funds could be utilized for other park improvements. Utilizing the City's recommendation of approximately 11,000 square feet of additional garden space, Baumann will send a number of concept layouts for SACG consideration prior to meeting with the City to finalize location and size.

B. Spring Meeting planning: possible dates are 4/3/18 or 4/10/18 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Statz will investigate and advise on availability.

IV. Announcements

V. Adjournment