

SHEBOYGAN AVE COMMUNITY GARDEN - Board Meeting

Date: August 30, 2018

Location: Monticello Community Room

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

ATTENDEES: Jim Bauman, Ruth Cadoret, Geren Chang, Jim Dudley, Yuhua Li, Pat Soderholm, Cindy Statz, Leann Tigges

MEETING MINUTES

I. Reports

- A. Treasurer: \$3495.98
- B. Registration: there are 13 people on the waiting list for 2019 not counting current gardeners who would like to upgrade to 200SF in 2019. Leann will send notice to 2018 gardeners who upgraded to a 2<sup>nd</sup> plot for additional registration fees.
- C. Plot Monitor: many plantings that exceeded 6' are dying off now. Garden is in pretty good shape.
- D. Timekeeper: 22 gardeners have no hours and 24 gardeners have less than 4 hours. Geren will send emails to alert gardeners that additional hours are required. There was some discussion regarding allowing a fee in lieu of work hours; discussions will continue.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Garden addition – status and remaining work: perimeter fence surrounding garden addition is proceeding. Plumbing work schedule remains unknown; some routing modifications will be requested as garden layout transitions. Pavers for ADA access to new raised beds are on site; we have asked the City to possibly hire contractor furnish limestone screening and construct paver base. Rabbit Guard needs to be purchased and install. Erosion is a concern in some areas of the garden; future layout will work to improve controls but individual gardeners may need training to reduce erosion within their plots.
- B. REAP Food Group has agreed to be our fiscal agent but we have not yet received the contract.
- C. Future garden layout: Jim B. presented recommendations from ad hoc sub-committee for discussion. There was a lot of discussion regarding the appropriate percentage of 100SF vs. 200SF plots beginning in 2019. Proposed layout will be presented at fall all-gardener meeting in early October. There may be a possibility of 150SF plots. The means to determine who is qualified to receive a 200SF plot is under review.
- D. Future garden plot numbering: modifications will be made pending the outcome of the fall meeting of the new garden layout.
- E. Fall meeting planning – October 4<sup>th</sup>. Cindy will confirm room reservation. Notice to gardeners will be sent as soon as possible.
- F. Call for elections: our bylaws require fall election for major positions on the garden

board. Leann and Cindy will provide position descriptions to encourage gardeners to nominate themselves or other gardeners for positions.

- G. Additional volunteer groups: the board would like to expand the number of volunteer groups within the garden to address specific needs and areas – including food pantry plot support, education, and community flower and herb areas. The discussion will be extended to the all-gardener meeting in October.

### III. New Business

- A. Garden support of food pantries: Cherokee Middle School on Midvale Boulevard has approached the garden to participate in supporting their upcoming food pantry beginning in September 2019. Other food pantries could benefit from the garden also. A committee of volunteers will be formed to recommend number of plots, who will tend, and who will harvest and deliver to food pantries. Current food pantry plots are nearing harvest time.

IV. Announcements: next board meeting will be held on September 20, 2018 due to vacation schedules.