



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, August 6, 2013

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room LL-120 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Fey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Present:** 8 -

Justin O. Markofski; Madelyn D. Leopold; Aislynn H.C. Miller; Annette M. Nekola; Nan Fey; Danna J. Olsen; Jill Schneider and Melissa Gavin

**Absent:** 1 -

Steve King

**Others present:** Nancy Dungan (CDBG). Joe Mathers and Shelley Strom (CAC); Eric Bielbila

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fey motioned to approve the minutes from June 25th - motion was seconded by Nekola - motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 31106

Sheboygan Gardens

Fey provided history and background related to State of Wisconsin's interest in developing and/or selling property where Sheboygan Gardens is located. City approval of 2006 re-development plan for the site included a condition that final plan would provide for relocation of community garden within the neighborhood, but has expired.

The State of Wisconsin is expected to present a new proposal within the next few months. Fey has asked City Planning to keep the Community Gardens Committee abreast of any action or submittal of plans. A neighborhood planning process is under way for the Hill Farms neighborhood and the question of what will happen to the Sheboygan Garden may be relevant. The committee authorized Fey to discuss drafting a letter supporting the preservation of gardening opportunities in the Hill Farm neighborhood with Mark Woulf in the Mayor's office.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 30629

Parks Department Pre-approved List of Improvements at Community Gardens

Joe Mathers had drafted a list of frequent improvements made to gardens located in City parks. The Committee agreed with the idea to establish a pre-approved list of acceptable garden improvements and specifications. Leopold will work with Mathers to provide context and framing for the list, presenting a draft to the committee at the September meeting. Parks planner Kay Rutledge will be invited to the committee's October meeting to discuss the list.

### 28453

New Garden Leadership for Long-Term Sustainability

**Attachments:** [Garden Leadership Doc 10 23 2012.docx](#)  
[CAC draft Garden Compact 2013.doc](#)

Gavin reported on work group's meeting. Their focus is on strategies to sustain existing garden leaders. Strategies that will require funding include sending a delegation of garden leaders to the American Community Garden conference in Chicago next summer, and holding a local garden leadership conference. Strategies discussed that will not require additional funding include: quarterly meetings of garden leaders to share information; re-naming the New Garden Fund and revising materials to reflect support for existing gardens and leadership development/sustainability as eligible activities, in addition to physical improvements and expansions; creating an annual awards and garden celebration forum as a possible fund raiser. The work group will meet again on August 19, and will invite Janet Parker to attend.

## REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

### 28455

Food Policy Council Update

Fey reported new regular meeting time will be on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The Council has been considering recommendations for the 2014 budgets.

[08281](#)

Parks Update

Leopold reported that Parks Foundation is looking to raise funds for a Reindahl splash park. No movement yet on developing a grant-making system for the Foundation.

[08283](#)

New Garden Fund

No activity to report.

[18897](#)

CDBG Update

Markofski reported that CDBG Commission's recommendation for 2014 funding for CAC Community Garden contract reflects a small decrease, based on expected decrease in Federal funding. The Commission approved a recommendation for \$10,000 to support improvements at the Leopold Park Community Garden, as part of the Leopold/Arbor Hills Neighborhood Planning Process.

[14868](#)

Planning Update

None.

[15100](#)

Garden/CAC Reports

Garden Days is scheduled for the weekend of Sept 14th. Activities are being planned for gardens across the City. A walkabout tour is scheduled this Friday at the new community garden in Brittingham Park with the Mayor, Alder Ellingson, and neighborhood residents/gardeners.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Gavin moved to adjourn - Markofski seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.