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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

Please contact Lisa Olmsted in the Mayor's Office at 266-4611 before the meeting if you will not be attending.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Andre Scaife; Nan Fey; John B. Bell; Alice K. Anderson; Maichong Lor;
Mary Malischke and Joe Mathers

Absent: 1 -

Renee E Stellpflug

Excused: 2 -

Betty Chewning and Linda F. Hoskins

Others attending were Nancy Dungan from CDBG.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 27, 2008 minutes - Nan Fey moved and Mai Chong Lor seconded to approve the minutes after changes to note that there was no "Unfinished Business" and that the item under New Business was actually an Announcement were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A handout was provided showing potential meeting dates for the committee next year; note possible conflict with Memorial Day. These dates will be tentatively reserved for Room 108 in the CCB pending approval of the calendar at the meeting on December 2nd.

REGULAR BUSINESS1. [08272](#) Garden/CAC Reports

Burr Oaks is attempting an expansion but running into bedrock/pavement.

Marlborough Park: Recent mosaic tile installation had some problems with removal and possible theft. There is good cooperation and response from members including from several who were resistant to change of regime and to making improvements in recent past

Sheboygan(Hill Farms): Relocation process is on hold awaiting the State's proposal(s) as to an on-site location for use in side by side comparison.

Meadowood: Group continues to seek expansion with Emerging Neighborhoods grant to use additional area of garden as "outdoor community space" to involve area teens and adults in cultural activities such as drumming circle, etc.

Lakeview (new): Request for community garden specifics by Ken Saiki Design as part of overall County Master Plan for Lakeview property was requested by participating neighbors. Nan and Alice will draft a Letter of Appreciation for transitioning CAC staffer Ben Sommers. Sheboygan group has done an individual appreciation and the Broadway-Lakepoint-Waunona group has one scheduled. Troy: Group has added a covered section to storage facility for power equipment. Southwest Gardens water installations: Awarded contract to Pertzborn Plumbing who still hopes to do work this year yet.

2. [08281](#) Parks Update

There was none. Follow up with Betty Chewning as to her availability.

3. [08282](#) Planning Update

Zoning Code rewrite is underway. There is an urban agriculture group that is working on code language to describe/enable local food growing that is seen as related but not the same as community gardening. There is a possible interim site near at the former Brennan's market site on Northport Apts.. Drive that could be available for four years, that came up at a Plan Commission meeting.

4. [08283](#) New Garden Fund

Alice distributed a handout showing the Fund's balance. There is \$1700 available for this year's round. Awards will likely be loans instead of grants. CAC has dedicated staff time from their administrative assistant to help with publicity and mailings. Re: the issue of whether NGF vetting process is strictly limited to City of Madison and what other funding may be used for these other requests (citing recent Middleton, Oregon, Monona and Fitchburg startups). Request to Chris Brockel at CAC to frame issue before next Garden Committee meeting.

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Garden Plot Fees

Attachments: [Garden Plot Fees \(English\) March 2008.pdf](#)
[Garden Plot Fees Spanish 2008.pdf](#)

Subgroup met to discuss these items:

1) Atwood has oversized plots while there is a waiting list. They will draft a letter asking for background information, then meet with to Goodman Atwood Community Center staff to discuss a possible suggesting a surcharge for oversized plots to relieve pressure on wait list, which is growing again.

2) Troy asks what qualifies as "City-supported"? Chris B. and Nancy D. are making a list of City supports.

3) Marlborough rumors of legal challenge to citywide sliding fee scale.

4) What if people have plots at different gardens and how to address?

5) What about the loss of seniority when someone moves and must then go to bottom of wait list? Suggest use garden coordinators to provide references or CAC to make referrals. Subgroup also is working on letter to all gardens reminding them of suggested 10% contribution to New Garden Fund. They will also provide wording about the NGF on the Plot Fee Table. There will be a survey to follow up on issues identified in first year of new plot fee implementation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - December 2, 2008

December 2, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Nan Fey moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Monya Choudhury. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.