



Board of Park Commissioners  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

November 9, 2016

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden, please accept our profound thanks and appreciation to the Board of Park Commissioners and City of Madison Parks Division for your leadership to relocate a portion of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden to Rennebohm Park in time for the 2016 gardening season.


As you are aware, the community garden was located nearby at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue on the Hill Farms Department of Transportation property for thirty-five years. In October 2015, the garden that supported more than 100 individuals and families was removed to make way for redevelopment of the property.

The Board of Park Commissioners' policy making facilitates public means of pleasure, recreation and amusement in parks for the welfare of the community. The City of Madison *Parks & Open Space Plan 2012-2017* serves as the current master plan for its parks and identifies community gardens as an important aspect of the City's recreation goals in parks. The relocated community garden in Rennebohm Park has indeed enhanced the pleasure and amusement of park visitors while sustaining a primary source of food and recreation for so many gardener families – all possible due to your stewardship!

The mission of the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden is to increase equitable access to the social, environmental, and health resources brought by a community garden environment in an urban setting. As such, the garden is open to all on a first-come, first-served basis with a sliding scale fee structure. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs grown in the garden are for family and food pantry consumption only.

The new community garden site in Rennebohm Park provides fifty-eight gardening plots measuring approximately 100 square feet each. The garden looks forward to city staff recommendations expected this fall for additional community garden space in and around University Hill Farms neighborhood to address the growing need for access to local food sources. Please see attached pictorial overview of the new garden construction. Our sincere thanks to Board of Park Commissioners, Superintendent Knepp and staff!

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Statz (Garden Coordinator) and the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden in Rennebohm Park

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Attachment: SACG Relocation to Rennebohm Park.PDF