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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Co- Chair Fey at 5:06 p.m.

Others present: Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office and Michael Kloppenburg, CAC.

Present: 7 -

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

Absent: 2 -

Steve King and Annette M. Nekola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 6th meeting was made by Schneider and seconded by Gavin, noting that Schneider chaired that meeting instead of Fey. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved subject to that change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Members indicated a desire to have a discussion regarding the New Garden Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

[31106](#)

Sheboygan Gardens

Woulf updated the committee on the latest information from the Mayor's Office regarding the Hill Farms Development. He explained that the city does have influence over the process, but expressed concern that by taking a strong stance on the community garden, we may lose what little ability we currently have to influence the process. Woulf explained that both the city and DOA are aware of the community garden issue going forward and will keep the committee updated.

Chair Fey expressed an interest in revisiting previous conversations regarding potential relocation sites, if needed, for the Sheboygan Community Garden. Members expressed interest in looking again at potential sites within Rennebohm Park.

[30629](#)

Parks Department Pre-approved List of Improvements at Community Gardens

Leopold explained that draft language to be added to the lease should be ready for full discussion at the next meeting in October and that it would be necessary to invite Kay Rutledge from Parks, most likely for the December meeting.

[28453](#)

New Garden Leadership for Long-Term Sustainability

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

Gavin and Kloppenberg reported that Community Action Coalition put in an application for a \$17,525 grant from the City's Emerging Opportunities Fund. The funds would go towards establishing a "Community Gardens Leadership Academy" including potentially sending some garden leaders to national community garden conference. CAC leadership declined to put forth a request for a stipend for the conference in the final proposal. A conference committee of Community Services and Community Development Block Grant is making a decision on funding shortly.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

[28455](#)

Food Policy Council Update

Chair Fey reported that the Food Policy Council established three working groups at their last meeting: edible landscapes, funding process, and healthy vending.

[08281](#) Parks Update

Attachments: [Brittingham Garden Update Sept 2013.pdf](#)

Leopold reported that there was a wonderful update from Brittingham Community Garden that was given at the previous Parks Commission meeting explaining how well the season is going at the garden.

[18897](#) CDBG Update

Markofski reported CAC summer funding was approved at the last month. Markofski also confirmed the CDBG's conference committee was meeting that evening to award "emerging opportunities" grants. Awards will have to be confirmed by the Common Council. Markofski will provide the committee with information on the Emerging Opportunities Fund process once he gets it.

[14868](#) Planning Update

None.

[08283](#) New Garden Fund

Materials for the new garden fund will be sent out tomorrow. CAC reported no knowledge of any new gardens in the works for the 2014 season.

[15100](#) Garden/CAC Reports

CAC reported that there were 438 participants at the CAC Garden Days.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brush collections begin September 30th. Schneider will follow up with George Dreckmann to confirm the offer from Streets and Recycling to perform one pickup of garden debris at each community garden in fall as well as one in the spring.

Olsen announced the Downtown Community Gardens Group is currently working with the First Settlement Neighborhood Association on a small garden on top of Well #17 platform on Wilson Street.

Chair Fey reminded members to sign up for committee member training in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Leopold moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Markofski. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.