



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Approved

COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 -
Nan Fey; Monya A. Choudhury; William W. Barker; John B. Bell and Sharon Lezberg
- Absent:** 2 -
Renee E Stellpflug and Mary Malischke
- Excused:** 4 -
Alice K. Anderson; Linda F. Hoskins; Maichong Lor and Joe Mathers

Janet Parker was the only non-voting member present and Nancy Dungan was the only non-voting member absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from October 23, 2007 were approved with the following corrections: Delete second sentence of Parks Update; New Garden Fund, line 5 to read: "way to build up the fund before expanding this approach to all."; CAC, line 3 spelling correction Gladis Benavides; Garden Plot Fees correct spelling "figures at this point" and strike "and likely needs more education on."

PUBLIC COMMENT

None - There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. [08284](#) Garden Plot Fees - November, 2007

The Garden Plot Working Group Work Plan and meeting calendar were distributed. The Working Group is currently meeting weekly; as well, presentations are scheduled to the CDBG and Parks Commission. There was discussion regarding the availability of the working group to include drop-in members versus continuing to hold public hearings; problem-solving around how to inform the public of proposals when they are available for discussion and comment.

REPORTS

2. [08272](#) Garden/CAC Reports - November, 2007

The Madison Community Fund has awarded a \$300,000, three year grant to Community Action Coalition for gardens. Specifically, this grant will fund five new gardens in addition to food pantry gardens.

Meadowood Park and Falk Elementary are promising prospective new garden sites. Janet will evaluate a prospective space in the Allied Drive neighborhood tomorrow. Gardening season is over.

3. [08267](#) School Garden Partnerships

Midvale Garden received a grant to plant fruit trees and has received training and planted said trees. The fruit trees are flourishing.

At Sandburg School, a three-section compost bin has been installed and a classroom is enthusiastically gathering food waste for the compost bin. Families seem to be engaged by their childrens' efforts to compost.

4. [08281](#) Parks Update - November, 2007

No update.

5. [08282](#) Planning Update - November, 2007

No update.

6. [08283](#) New Garden Fund - November, 2007

Fundraising efforts are underway, spearheaded by Alice Anderson and Trish Haza. Individual gardens will be engaged in the fundraising process, as well. An opportunity to donate to the new garden fund may be incorporated into the new plot fee payment form.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Bell, to Adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.