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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Nan Fey; John B. Bell; Annette M. Nekola; Andre Scaife; Alice K. Anderson; Mary Malischke; Joe Mathers and Janet Parker

Absent: 1 -

Betty Chewning

Excused: 2 -

Monya A. Choudhury and Mai Chong Lor

OTHERS PRESENT: Yee Ythao, Shoua Xiong, Nicole Craig, Rachel Mallinger and Jane M. Morris

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[15102](#)

Sheboygan Garden Letter

Sheboygan Garden Update: Draft letter to state requesting inclusion of garden as integrated component in future site planning was presented by Fey. Approved a Motion to Accept by Scaife with second by Nekola. Letter to be forwarded to Linda Page at Sheboygan Garden for routing to appropriate state officials.

REGULAR BUSINESS - REPORTS

[15100](#)

Garden/CAC Reports

Nicole Craig was introduced as newest CAC Garden Developer staffer initially assigned to Marlborough Park Garden. Garden statistics: Parker and Mallinger presented a draft overview of the increases to numbers of garden plots (29.5%), acreage (49%) and families served (69%) since 2002 baseline year. They requested that we check of any errors, omissions or changes to terminology. Request that families be changed to households for consistency. Mathers reported that community gardeners have been asked to be leaders of a 4 week series of community discussions about importance of food growing leading up to this October's Wendell Berry speaking visit. There was also mention that food system writer Michael Pollen is coming to this September's Food For Thought Festival. Water is now installed or very near the finish at all three southwest gardens (Prairie Hills, Meadowood, and Hammersley).

[08281](#)

Parks Update

There was none.

15101

Planning Update

Nan Fey reported that the Zoning Code Rewrite (ZCR) public hearings will be on 6-24 at Sequoyah Library and the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. The Urban Ag language is intact as well as being an element of the sustainability emphasis. The ZCR will then go to the Common Council for referral to the various Committees.

08283

New Garden Fund

Scaife passed around a list of criteria that are under consideration. The subgroup will do a ranking of these over the summer for submittal to the Community Garden Committee this fall.

09055

Garden Plot Fees

The survey (regarding the new fee structure) will be ready later this summer to be sent out to garden leaders.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Morris suggested that extra agendas for the public to follow along with be provided, that the CAC website is down, and had a question regarding plot standardization term (Plot Equivalent vs. plot). Schiesser noted the need for sustainability in gardens, incorporating composting in individual plots and using less machinery.

NEW BUSINESS

Lease - "Special Conditions" - by Joe Mathers

Item was vacated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Bike Tour: The Tour will be on Saturday morning August 29th with the Southwest Gardens cluster as the likely focus.

Garden Leaders Gathering: Saturday morning August 1st at the Sheboygan Community Garden

Composting Workshop: Troy Gardens will host a compost workshop on September 19, beginning at 9 am. Following the workshop, beginning at 12 pm, will be the Troy Garden's Harvest Festival.

Michael Pollan Lecture 'Go Big Read' Humanities Without Boundaries Lecture In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Kohl Center, <http://www.humanities.wisc.edu/pollan.html>

Food for Thought Festival Saturday, September 26, 2009, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm,
Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (off the Capitol Square) Madison, WI,
<http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/FFTF2009/FFTF09Home.htm>

Wendell Berry, Keynote Lecturer Wisconsin Book Festival 2009, Sunday,
October 11, 4 p.m., Overture Center for the Arts.
<http://wisconsinhumanities.blogspot.com/2009/06/wendell-berry-announced-as-wisconsin.html>

Community Garden Committee Meeting dates (4th Tuesday of Month)
September 22, October 27, December 1 (moved from November 24 to
accommodate Thanksgiving)

Future Agenda items: 1) Communication with Gardeners, 2) Garden Leaders
responses to the Plot Fee Survey, 3) Criteria for new Garden Fund Grants.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

John Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by
Annette Nekola. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.