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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 202 (Madison Municipal Building - 2nd floor)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Present: 7 -

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

Absent: 2 -

Steve King and Nan Fey

Others present: Nancy Dungan, Joe Mathers, Shelley Strom, Micah Kloppenburg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Markofski and seconded by Leopold to approve the September 24th minutes. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dungan shared with the group that Chris Brockel will be leaving CAC. In addition, and unrelated to his departure, CAC's Board will be reviewing the future of the Community Gardens program at CAC in light of expected CSBG funding cuts and other considerations. Dungan suggested we add a new agenda item to the December meeting to get an update from CAC regarding the status of the Community Gardens Program and discuss any actions the Committee needs to take. Committee agreed to extend an invitation to Greta Hansen, Executive Director for CAC, to provide the update on CAC's planning efforts and any decisions about the Community Gardens program.

31912

New Garden Fund Issues

Attachments: [Gardens Working Group ReportFINAL.pdf](#)
[New Garden Fund Issues Discussion Document for 12-3-13 Meeting.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Gavin to table this agenda item until the December meeting pending CAC's Board review of the future Community Gardens program with the agency. Markofsky seconded and the motion was approved. (See attached outline for discussion at December 2013 meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

31106

Sheboygan Gardens

No report.

30629

Parks Department Pre-approved List of Improvements at Community Gardens

Attachments: [Draft Garden Lease Language for Discussion 10-22-13 Item #30629.pdf](#)

Leopold and Mathers presented lease term sheet (attached) recommended for use by Parks when developing lease agreements with new or expanding gardens located in City parks. Committee approved the lease term tool and asked Leopold and Mather to follow-up with Parks' staff and report back at December Committee meeting.

28453

Garden Leadership for Long-Term Sustainability

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

Gavin reported that CAC's funding request for Emerging Opportunities Program was not funded. There will likely be additional EOP funding opportunities in 2014. The Garden Leadership workgroup is scheduled to meet again to discuss next steps without funding

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

[28455](#) Food Policy Council Update

Attachments: [Food Policy Council Report from Nan Fey for 10-22-13 Meeting.pdf](#)

Fey was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted this report which was read to the committee (see attachment).

[08281](#) Parks Update

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

Brittingham Garden continues to receive positive responses, including neighborhood police officer comment that she has seen reduction in problems reported in the park since garden opening this summer. Alder has also expressed appreciation for how nice the garden looks, and suggested to Parks that they consider ways to provide a nice-looking fence. Leopold and Strom will follow up on ideas discussed at the meeting for providing a fence.

[18897](#) CDBG Update

Markofski reported that the current City budget includes an additional \$200,000 for the Emerging Opportunities Program.

[14868](#) Planning Update

No report.

[08283](#) New Garden Fund

CAC reported that they have had a few inquiries about the New Garden Fund, a group in Segoe Park, a group near the Southwest Capital bike path, Worthington Park, Middleton Food Pantry. Clarified that under current New Garden Fund guidelines gardens located outside of the City are not eligible.

[15100](#) Garden/CAC Reports

Chris Brockel is leaving Food and Garden program at the end of October to take a new position as Executive Director of Fair Share. CAC's Board is in midst of an organizational review, which will include consideration of the Community Gardens program, especially in light of potential cuts to federal CSBG funds, which are a major source of funding for the Garden program. Streets has agreed to pick up garden waste twice a year, in the Fall and Spring. Also reminded Committee members that the CAC Harvest Potluck is scheduled for November 11, 6 – 8 pm, at Good Shephaerd Lutheran Church.

COMMUNICATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Olsen reported that at this week's BOE meeting \$10,000 was included for Water Utility to provide raised bed gardens on the concrete surface on E Wilson St. Mathers shared that Water Utility has proposed a 25% increase in water fees for 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Markofski moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Nekola. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.