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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL110 - Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 -

Nan Fey; Annette M. Nekola; Andre Scaife; Kevin Schiesser; Jill Schneider; Melissa Gavin; Joe Mathers; Nicole M. Craig and Nancy A. Dungan

Absent: 1 -

Betty Chewning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One correction was made to the minutes - Annette Nekola's last name was corrected. It was inadvertently spelled Nikola. Kevin Schiesser made a motion to approve the minutes subject to the correction and the motion was seconded by Melissa Gavin. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

[18896](#)

Edible Landscaping on Public Lands.

No report.

[20739](#)

Recommendations for Updating the Committee Report of 2004-2007

The working group has met and a preliminary draft of the update has been circulated among its members. When the update is in a nearly final form, the group will bring it, and any outstanding questions/issues to the full committee for discussion. The committee clarified that the purpose of the report was to update the community and council on the activities of the committee since 2007. It also discussed the possibility of holding a public input session to collect ideas for a "work plan" for the committee, but this would be a different process and involve the full committee, not just the report update working group.

REGULAR BUSINESS - REPORTS

[18897](#)

CDBG Update

Charlie Sanders will be appointed to the committee.

[14868](#)

Planning Update

Fey reported that the Congress for New Urbanism would be holding its international conference in Madison during the first week of June, 2011. The conference is entitled "Growing Local" and committee members may be able to help provide information, tours, etc. More about the conference can be found at the CNU website: www.cnu.org/cnu19. Fey also reported that the City and some of its regional partners have been awarded a "Sustainable Cities" planning grant that may provide some additional community gardens opportunities.

[08283](#)

New Garden Fund

There are four applicants for funding this year. New Garden Fund committee members are making site visits and will meet the week of February 14th to make preliminary recommendations. Recommendations to the Community Gardens Committee will be presented at the February 22nd meeting.

[15100](#)

Garden/CAC Reports

Fiskars awarded a grant to the Blackhawk Middle School this year to establish a school garden. The Grow Together Conference will be held on February 19th at Globe University and the Community Garden's Youth Grow Local Conference is on March 5th to be held at the Goodman Community Center. There are gardens for employees on the grounds of Epic, American Girl, Cascade Asset Management and one is being developed at American Family Insurance and Pioneer Rim and Wheels. Garden Plot fees, at the current level, were extended for 2011/2012 and the committee asked CDBG to report every fall on what, if any, changes have been made in the income figures on which they are based; every two years, the committee will discuss whether or not the fees need to be adjusted to keep pace with changes in the county median income figures.

[08281](#)

Parks Update

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remaining meetings in 2011 will be held in LL120 in the Madison Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Andre Scaife moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Annette Nekola. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.