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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Steve King; Madelyn D. Leopold; Aislynn H.C. Miller; Annette M. Nekola;
Sharon Lezberg; Nan Fey and Jill Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT

George Reistad, City of Madison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: adopt minutes with changes as provided to staff. Lezberg motioned,
Nekola seconded. Motion passes by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

[44812](#)

Dissolving the Committee on Community Gardens and expressing appreciation to past and current members for their accomplishments.

Attachments: [44812 v1 By Title Only.pdf](#)

Companion Resolution to provide background for Ordinance change below. Thanks co-chairs and all past and present members of CGC. The Food Policy Council will consider both actions next week; they'll go to the Common Council for passage in December. Motion to Recommend Approve by King/Lezberg. Passed by voice vote.

44808

Repealing Section 33.12 and amending Section 33.52 of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the Committee on Community Gardens.

In addition to authorizing the elimination of the Committee on Community Gardens, this ordinance amends the roster of the Madison Food Policy Council to specify a representative or advocate of community gardens. Committee members asked that its materials and presence on the City's website be retained and that the Ordinance and Resolution be on its final meeting agenda December 6th for an update on the completion of the legislative process.

Motion to Recommend Approval by Leopold/Lezberg. Passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS**42601**

Review Mission of Community Gardens Committee

Attachments:

[Community Gardens Committee Ongoing Issues Summary.pdf](#)

[CGC Invitation to Stakeholders March 2016.pdf](#)

[CGC Grids #1 #2 #3 Combined with cover letter 5-13-16.pdf](#)

[Guidance on Recommendation for Future of Community Gardens Committee](#)

The committee discussed a first draft of its final activity report for 2012-2016, suggesting revisions, edits, comments. Fey will incorporate changes and provide a "final draft" on December 6.

44880

Sheboygan Gardens Update OCTOBER 2016

Report on Sheboygan Avenue Community Gardens relocation. George Reistad met with City staff from Parks, Engineering, Water, Planning, EDD, and Mayor's Office who mentioned that during Alder Schmidt's term, there was quite a bit of work and research that went into locating alternative sites within the Hill Farms area.

Working to gather and compile this info and will then set another meeting, which department heads will provide designated staffers to start assessing sites and creating a report – per Nan's timeline we hope to have something ready or almost ready by Thanksgiving so this can be acted on before the end of the year and the presumed dissolution of this committee. Committee expressed frustration that the process is just beginning now, given the passage of the Resolution in May and the October 1st due date for the first stage of the process report.

44881

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE OCTOBER 2016

Frank Allis Elementary SEED grant given no-cost extension.

[44882](#) PARKS UPDATE OCTOBER 2016

Leopold described the observations process of gathering info on how parks are being used at different times; professor Sam Dennis (Landscape architecture) is assisting. When members expressed an interest in helping, Leopold offered to let Parks staff know, and list of parks participating will be distributed by Leopold.

[44883](#) CDBG UPDATE OCTOBER 2016

None.

[44885](#) PLANNING UPDATE OCTOBER 2016

“Imagine Madison” is the name of the Comprehensive Plan update process, but there is currently no link to it on the City’s website.

[44886](#) GARDENS NETWORK/GARDENS COALITION REPORT OCTOBER 2016

Water off for the season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aislynn might have found a new coordinator for Meadowood Community Garden (w/ assistance).

ADJOURNMENT

7:04pm; motion made by King, Leopold 2nd.