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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

5:00 PM 10 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 118 (City County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: George Reistad, Jasmine Brey and Nancy Dungan (CDBG).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve as written by King, seconded by Leopold. Unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. Cindy Statz attended for Sheboygan Gardens discussion.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

[42334](#)

BY TITLE ONLY: Accepting the staff report and its recommendations on University Hill Farms Gardening Space for Sheboygan Community Gardens.

Attachments: [2nd Substitute Resolution 42079.pdf](#)

42344 – Reistad projected the evaluation matrix currently being utilized to implement Resolution 42079 – exploring additional garden space in the Hill Farms area. Suggestions from Sheboygan Garden representatives had not been incorporated because of a glitch in timing, but can be added to the analysis. Should add the “triangle” area of Rennebohm Park (at the corner of Eau Claire and Regent) since it’s recently been cleared of ash trees, and provide separate analyses of four other areas including the Backstop Area, the Southeast Corner, the East Side, and the Drainage Area. The recently-adopted Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan should also be considered, since some of its recommendations would have (mostly negative) implications for some gardening sites, e.g. high rise buildings blocking sunlight.

Next steps will be managed by staff and the Food Policy Council. When the matrix has been completed, a meeting should be convened with staff and stakeholders to review the findings and recommend sites to be further analyzed through the City’s “equity tool” with a goal of identifying location(s)

suitable for planting in the spring of 2017. The Food Policy Council will also take responsibility for considering the larger issue of how to serve a growing community as development pressures increase on existing open space.

OLD BUSINESS

[44808](#) Repealing Section 33.12 and amending Section 33.52 of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the Committee on Community Gardens.

Approved by the Common Council Organizing Committee earlier in the day, making it possible for final action to be taken by the full Common Council on December 6th. Fey attended that meeting, accepted the grateful applause of the Common Council, and witnessed the unanimous approval of these actions that both acknowledged the accomplishments and authorized the dissolution of the Community Gardens Committee. Thanks to Alder Steve King for shepherding these actions through the process.

[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](#)

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[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](#)
[CommunityGardensReport2012-2016.pdf](#)

The Committee reviewed, revised and approved its final Activity Report for 2012-2016. Motion by Lezberg/seconded by Nekola.

[45198](#) Sheboygan Gardens Update DECEMBER 2016

The water system was not installed this season and will have to wait until spring. Question of who signs the contract with Pertzborn Plumbing needs to be resolved over the winter. See also discussion of #42344 above.

REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

[45199](#) FOOD POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE DECEMBER 2016

No report. Failed to meet quorum on November 2, 2016.

[45200](#)

PARKS UPDATE DECEMBER 2016

Leopold shared the names of committee members with Parks staff for assistance in conducting surveys of park usage around the city. Parks & Open Space Plan process is proceeding; Fey noted that staff had a table at the open house for the Comprehensive Plan community meetings beginning this week.

[45202](#)

CDBG UPDATE DECEMBER 2016

Nancy Dungan reported an extension for another year of the funding for Community GroundWorks for leadership development, networking and meeting support.

[45204](#)

PLANNING UPDATE DECEMBER 2016

King reported on the "Imagine Madison" process for engaging the community in the updating of the comprehensive plan. This public participation partner in the process has now been linked on the City's Planning Division webpage, and interested parties can sign up to be alerted to opportunities for input. Fey attended the first meeting on December 5th noting that community gardens were specifically mentioned on a prominent map in the presentation, indicating a strong commitment to food issues in the comprehensive plan update process.

[45205](#)

GARDENS NETWORK/GARDENS COALITION REPORT DECEMBER 2016

Schneider reported the 2017 Summit is scheduled for February 18th and will focus on leadership. Master Gardeners are working on handouts that address specific horticultural issues, and there may be a Spanish-language summit. Schneider will be stepping down as registrar at Troy Gardens, but is clearly staying engaged with the Coalition and garden leadership development.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garden Summit will be held on February 18th, 2017. Watch list serves for details.

ADJOURNMENT

Final motion for Adjournment and Dissolution was made by Alder King, seconded by co-chair Schneider. Unanimous approval by voice vote and thanks to all members, past and present, for a job well done.