



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, June 25, 2013

5:00 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 -

Madelyn D. Leopold; Aislynn H.C. Miller; Annette M. Nekola; Nan Fey;  
Danna J. Olsen and Melissa Gavin

**Excused:** 3 -

Steve King; Justin O. Markofski and Jill Schneider

**Others present:** Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office: Nancy Dungan, CDBG; Joe Mathers, Shelly Strom and Micah Kloppenburg, CAC; Jane Anne Morris, Downtown Garden Group.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of May 28, 2013 were approved as written.  
(Leopold, Nekola) Fey abstained having been absent from the meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

[30629](#)

Parks Department Pre-approved List of Improvements at Community Gardens

CAC needs guidance from the Parks Department on improvements in community gardens. Existing leases may be helpful, as well as the committee's recommendations for meeting special needs in gardens (resources are on CAC's website.) Ask specifically about structures, water, fencing and signs. Leopold will update the Parks Commission on this issue and the garden in Brittingham Park.

## OLD BUSINESS

[28453](#)

Garden Leadership for Long-Term Sustainability

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

Having identified issues and possible solutions at the last meeting. What are the next steps?

Gavin reported that she and Kloppenburg (CAC) had met and concluded that leadership training access and funds are necessary for sustainability. Funding opportunities and strategies were discussed, and Leopold suggested that it might be helpful to have a proposal ready for a meeting on September 11th between Parks Foundation and Parks Commission. Questions arose (again) about what New Garden Funds could be used for, reminding the committee that this issue needs more study. A working group was created to review the list of leadership issues and potential solutions in the minutes of the May 28 meeting. The group includes committee members Gavin and Nekola, staff from CAC (Kloppenburg) and CDBG (Dungan); they may also choose to invite others, like Tom Linfield, Judy Olsen (city grant-writer) and a representative of MMSD to discuss possible implementation strategies. The group will meet during the month of July, and report back to the committee on August 6th.

## REGULAR BUSINESS REPORTS

[28455](#)

Food Policy Council Update

Fey reported the council will be working on potential budget requests and forming working groups on issues identified in its Goals for 2013 list. The Healthy Food for All process has been completed, and its report issued; press event was held at Brittingham Park yesterday.

[08281](#)

Parks Update

Leopold reported a New Executive Director of Parks Foundation, Stephanie Franklin, has been hired and is already hard at work. Brittingham Community Garden is going very well.

[18897](#)

CDBG Update

Currently reviewing request from CAC for garden funding. Cuts are likely in 2014, CAC presentation to CDBG would be useful.

[14868](#)

Planning Update

The newly hired planning director, Katherine Cornwell, started June 1st. She has experience in urban agriculture, and is very interested in local food issues.

[08283](#) New Garden Fund

No report.

[15100](#) Garden/CAC Reports

Leopold Garden is off to a good start - work days are being held and Home Depot has donated needed items. Sheboygan Garden hosted a "Make Music Madison" event. Garden Days is scheduled for September 14th this year.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Leopold motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Gavin. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.