

College Area Community Garden

A Project of the College Neighborhoods Foundation

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

SDSU Children's Center, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Henry Bertram

Attendees: Henry Bertram, Glen Brandenburg, Robin Judd, Gabe Mitchell, Jordan Wells, Chris Pearson (City Councilmember Emerald's Office), Ray Blanchard, Angela Mariscale, Charlie Mason, Ellen Bevier

A. Call to Order at 6:03 pm. Sign-in sheet was circulated.

B. Motion to Accept Minutes from June 26 meeting with no adjustments was made by Mason/seconded by Brandenburg/approved.

C. Current Issues

1. Administration & Finance Reports

- a) Secretary's Report - Robin reported thank you to Edco is ready to send. Letters written and now waiting for mailing addresses to send thank you to Doug Moebus & Kellogg for their donations of 2 pallets of soil which should fill 8 raised bed boxes in our garden.
- b) Treasurer's Report - Henry reported for Alicia who was not able to attend. Currently we have \$1,450 in the treasury. The College Neighborhoods Foundation (CNF), our fiscal sponsor holds funds for disbursement as authorized by CACG Executive Board officers.
- c) Grants & Fundraising update provided by Henry:
 - i. SDG&E Environmental Grant - Joint CACG/Urban Corps of S.D. application. Still no word after 3/5 months but then they have not said no either and some agencies have received notification their app was not funded. Hope remains for us.
 - ii. City of S.D. - M. Emerald's office has discretionary funding for projects such as our garden. We are assured we will receive funding which comes in the form of re-imburement for monies spent in development of the garden. The CNF will pay upfront costs (up to \$5,000.00) as needed and reimbursement will come to them once funds are made available from the City for our garden.
 - iii. County of S.D. - Supervisor Jacob's office did not fund our initial application for \$24,000 in discretionary funds for the garden. We are now re-applying for the next round of applications.
 - iv. Metropolitan Water district (LA) Educational Grants are available for organizations to support educational projects that teach about water conservation issues within the communities served by the district. We have re-submitted our application for \$2,000 after learning additional information.

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2. Garden infrastructure Update

- a) The Sept. 24 underground utility location work was completed. Henry reported that the technician did not find any water or electrical lines on the property where we will be digging.
- b) Planning & Construction are moving forward with the installation of the water and electrical lines. Henry, Glen and Gabe have been working to secure the appropriate trades people to complete the project. Next project is trenching for the water lines; install the water meter; install the pipes for the water with discussion still being held between PVC or galvanized pipe for the above ground water lines; Fence repairs will be done to patch an existing big gap to re-direct walking students to cross onto SDSU property further south of the old path; some neighbors have reported more students seem to be walking down the hill since we cleared the land but perhaps that is because they can now see them or maybe there are more students living up the hill now; we will continue to watch and see what effect our garden has on the student foot traffic in the area of the hillside.

3. Website Design / Implementation

Henry reported for Nancy who could not be here tonight. Things are moving forward. The Website is now live A new logo was chosen following a vote of the Board and interested others via e-mail. The "Tomato Design" was chosen and will be worked into the web page going forward.

D. New Business

1. The next work party date will be October 12 for the trenching and Oct 19 for laying of the pipe and more. Henry will work on flyers and get those out ASAP
2. CACG Board Member openings include Vice President & SDSU Student Rep. It was recommended that Jordan Wells, AS Green Love Board Chair, step into the SDSU Student Representative role. Per CACG Rules, the CACG President may make temporary (interim) appointments to any vacant Board position except that of President which must be voted on by the full Board. Jordan Wells accepted the appointment of CACG Student Representative. Henry will formalize the interim appointment in writing for her to serve out the remainder of the current term.

E. Closing

1. Calendar date for next regular meeting is set for 6 pm Wednesday, October 30 (Per subsequent email action of Board, Robin Judd to chair meeting).
2. Adjournment by Henry Bertram at 6:52 pm.