

College Area Community Garden

A Project of the College Neighborhoods Foundation

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

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

Meeting Facilitator: Robin Judd

Attendees: Ellen Bevier, Glen Brandenburg, Robin Judd, David Larom, Gabe Mitchell, Remy Serrano.

A. Call to Order at 6:07 pm. Sign-in sheet was circulated.

B. Motion to Accept Minutes from September 25 meeting with no adjustments was made by Bevier/seconded by Brandenburg/approved.

C. Current Issues

1. Administration & Finance Reports

- a) Secretary's Report – Glen reported that a thank you to our sponsors would be appropriate along with individuals and groups that had worked so hard during our work party dates. Robin to follow up with Henry for addresses and begin working on those letters.
- b) Treasurer's Report –\$1900 is in our account at this time.
- c) Grants & Fundraising update provided by Henry:
 - i. SDG&E Environmental Grant - Joint CACG/Urban Corps of S.D. application. Was approved and meeting with the agency will be held later this week to discuss how to move forward from here. Great news!
 - ii. City of S.D. – M. Emerald's office has confirmed funding which should be received sometime in December. Good news!
 - iii. County of S.D. – Supervisor Jacob's office, no updates at this time.
 - iv. Metropolitan Water district (LA) Educational Grant for \$2K was received on October 21, 2013. More good news for us!
 - v. Other Private and/or Business donors: we received \$500 on 10/14/13. Good news continues!
 - vi. SDUS Presidential Leadership Grant has been submitted by David Larom. No deadline on notification process at this time.

2. Garden infrastructure Update

- a) Glen reminded us of the great progress made during work party dates in October. Additional work was done over the weekend of Oct. 25-27, by several individuals to finish the trenching work, laying pipe, moving sand and much more work that was needed to connect the main water lines. A water meter was installed at the connection to the Children's Center so all water can be metered for use by the garden. Special recognition goes out to Gabe and his dad for work done on that Friday; Randy McWilliams for his time on that extra

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Saturday; and 7 volunteers from the FIJI fraternity house on campus. And we cannot fail to mention the time and support provided by Glen Brandenburg who was present for each Saturday work day to ensure this plumbing and electrical work was completed as scheduled. Thanks to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly over several weekends and some weekdays, particularly Henry and Glen, to pull this project forward. We look forward to the next steps

- b) Planning & Construction:** next moves will wait until after the meeting with the Urban Corps so we understand the work they will do in support of the garden. Following that we can plan our next move which we hope will be a planting day!!

3. Website Design / Implementation: no new report.

D. New Business

- 1.** CACG Board Member openings include Vice President. Gabe Mitchell was mentioned as a possible candidate. Others mentioned they felt he would be a good candidate for the position. Gabe said he would think it over.
- 2.** A discussion was held regarding parking fees for CACG members. It was suggested we find a way to charge a flat rate for CACG members and make it part of the membership dues or in addition to annual dues. Perhaps we could factor the number of hours a member would be parking each week and create a special permit designation for a set price. More work needs to be done on this topic, perhaps tapping into our University Public Safety connections.

E. Closing

- 1.** Calendar date for next regular meeting was suggested as 6 pm Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 as Glen will be out of town on Nov. 30.
- 2.** Adjournment by Robin Judd at 7:03 pm.

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