

College Area Community Garden

A Project of the College Neighborhoods Foundation

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 3, 2013
SDSU Children's Center, 6:00 to 7:08 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Henry Bertram

Attendees: Henry Bertram, Ellen Bevier, Glen Brandenburg, Robin Judd, Nancy Kavanagh, David Larom, Gabe Mitchell and Jordan Wells.

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

B. Motion to Accept Minutes from October 30 meeting with no adjustments was made by Kavanaugh/seconded by Bevier, approved.

C. Current Issues

1. Administration & Finance Reports

- a) Secretary's Report – Robin had no new report
- b) Treasurer's Report – Henry reported for Alicia who was unable to attend. Current balance is practically zero as we have paid many invoices for major work completed to date. Details of remaining grant funding will be explained below. A full accounting should be available at our next meeting if not before.
- c) Appointment of CACG Member Gabe Mitchell to CACG Interim Vice President was announced by Henry -action was applauded by all.
- d) Grants & Fundraising update provided by Henry:
 - i. SDG&E Environmental Grant - Joint CACG/Urban Corps of S.D. work is just about finished, major improvements made including fencing and other site prep work bringing us closer to the day we can build boxes and begin planting. Lots of hours of labor and materials donated along with project management hours by both Henry and Glen. Without this funding we would still be a long way off from planting!
 - ii. City of S.D. – M. Emerald's office donated \$5,000 in support of our project. To date we have received and spent half. The remaining dollars should come soon to fund further work.
 - iii. County of S.D. – Supervisor Jacob's office (app under review).
 - iv. Metropolitan Water district (LA) Educational Grant (awarded for \$2K)
 - v. Other Private and/or Business donors: no new donations at this time.
 - vi. SDSU Presidential Leadership Grant. David reported no word as yet on awards for this semester.

2. Garden infrastructure Update

- a) Recap of work to date was provided by Glen. Fence work is completed and has improved the site which helps in building relationships with both the University and the neighbors; water supply connected and 21 hose bibs in place; electrical conduit has been laid with wire to come later; there is a universal water shut off using a timer that will turn off all water each evening preventing potential flooding issues. Still plenty of work to do: install shade; create dry creek bed; create road bed; add a dumpster; build boxes; possible farm animals & aquaculture in the future as well.

3. Website Design / Implementation: Nancy reported the web site, collegeareagarden.org, has been modified and logo is now being used; filled with content; moved to a new host; more photos to be added soon; adding forms to web site for easy access next; meeting minutes and agenda will be archived here in the future as well.

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D. New Business

1. Rare Fruit Trees – Henry and Gabe are working with variety of local contacts to secure trees to be placed on site, particularly on the north slope. Gabe has contacts within the SD Rare Fruit Growers organization as well as other horticulture groups who he is contacting to seek donations for us.
2. SDSU Sustainability Day March 5, 2014 – Jordan explained project is part of the celebration of the new SDSU Student Union which celebrates their official grand opening with a full week of events showcasing the building and the contributions it will bring to the campus. On this day, March 5, the focus will be on the Leed Platnum building itself and a variety of green initiatives of Associated Students. It was suggested that the CACG table during this event, motion made to do so by Judd, seconded by Bevier. Robin, Henry, Ellen, Jordan and Nancy all volunteered to help get things organized for the event. It was also suggested we use pictures of students working during our past work part days to show the connection with students as well as recruit some of those past workers to help us staff the table during the event.
3. Marketing was discussed. How can we get getting publicity about the CACG on campus. One ideas was through a University Newscenter story or Daily Aztec article to not only recruit volunteers for work party but memberships as well. We need to begin to get word out that plots would be available for lease sooner than later now. We want to start the buzz about the CACG. Nancy has some contacts and will pursue that angle.

E. Closing

1. Calendar date for next regular meeting was suggested as 6 pm Wednesday, January 29, 2014.
2. Adjournment by Henry Bertram at 7:08 pm.

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