

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHSIDE PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MAY 24, 2017**

A meeting of the Southside Place Community Garden's Board of Directors was held at the home of Linda Elkin on May 24, 2017 at 1:30PM. All Board members (Julia Babcock, Kay Browning, Linda Burdine, Linda Elkin and Patti Tilton) were present.

The board approved the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting.

**Financials:**

Patty reported:

- We made \$467 at the wine tasting,
- Spring Party: net \$6,295 (\$5,200 on the silent auction)
- Dues: \$1395
- Current financials attached

An auction committee member sent emails to individuals who purchased items at the party with language soliciting business for her company. The email also included the fair market value and amount paid for the purchase. We will request that she remove the solicitation language as well as the FMV and amount paid.

**Old Business:**

- Lovett Sign – will be moved to the back of the pergola
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lot – We all agreed that our priority is fruit trees and pathways. We also need irrigation and grass, and hope that the city will pay for those. Julia received a bid of \$34,170 from Ramm for excavation & removal, treated wood edge of court, topping material, ect. We will set up a meeting with David Moss and Pat Patterson to review the bid and discuss what the City will be willing to contribute toward the development of the lot.
- Furniture for pergola – we reviewed furniture catalogs and agreed that ordering furniture for the pergola was our top priority. We identified the pieces we need – price is \$4,500. After we pay for

that, we will determine how much we have left for trenching for electrical and perhaps refinishing or replacing rocking chairs.

#### Operations:

- Linda E. reported that we had a problem with the okra this year – may try to plant more. We are now down to summer plants – eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers. We planted buckwheat in the empty beds to prevent weeds. We are watering every third day for a longer time.
- Linda E. suggested that we investigate buying reusable water bottles with our logo for our next party.
- Volunteers – Linda E. will start communicating with volunteers for operation. We will start making better use of our FB page and group. It was suggested that we add signage with info about work days, encouraging visitors to visit with their families and come to work days to work and harvest vegetables.

#### New Business:

- There was a discussion of successorship and term limits. We agreed that new directors will be elected for a term. We will consider, further discuss and vote on the details at the next meeting. We also agreed that the president's responsibilities should be more clearly described in the Bylaws. The need for a communications' director to handle the SS Living articles and general communication was also discussed.
- Future parties: It was decided that we should limit parties to two per year: the fall dinner for adults and the spring family event. It was suggested that we hire wait staff for the party and to help with clean-up. We need to make sure that in the future we have staff with a clean-up plan for all events.
- We set the date of October 22, 2017 for the Dinner in the Garden. The rainout location will be the Clubhouse if it is available.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30pm.