

MINUTES
SOUTHSIDE PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2017
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A meeting of the Southside Place Community Garden's Board of Directors was held in the Southside Place City Hall Conference Room on November 7, 2017 at 5:15PM. All Board members (Julia Babcock, Kay Browning, Linda Burdine, Linda Elkin and Patti Tilton) were present.

The board approved the minutes from the May 24, 2017 meeting, previously distributed.

Patty gave a financial report and distributed copies of the general ledger and bank statement (attached). Our cumulative balance as of October 24 is \$15,527.70. She also reported on the 2017 Dinner in the Garden. The net inflow from the party totals \$4,233.55, and we made a \$480 contribution to the Emergency Aid Coalition to help Hurricane Harvey victims.

The board discussed the upcoming City Council meeting and how to proceed with development of the second lot. The current bid from Ramm Excavation is \$33,000, which includes the bocce ball court. We discussed the pros and cons of being involved in the development of the second lot. Since our primary mission is building and operating a garden, it was decided that our recommendation is that the City take the lead in developing the second lot in accordance with the plan presented. We will financially support the portions of plan that are in accordance with our mission, such as fruit trees and irrigation. All available board members will attend the upcoming Council meeting.

The board discussed a succession plan for the board and whether our Bylaws should be revised to increase the size of the board and to reflect term limits. Since the Bylaws state that "The number of Directors shall be no fewer than three", the board agreed that there is no reason to change the Bylaws regarding the number of directors. Regarding term limits, the Bylaws do not specify director's terms, so the board agreed that there if no reason to address that issue in the Bylaws. Rather, when directors are elected, we agreed to specify a two-year term, with the option to renew for an additional one or two year term. After much discussion the board voted to elect the following members for a two-year term, with the option to renew for an additional one or two-year term:

Claire Baker
UJ Bhandari
Sally Lukats
Pat Mullen

Claire Baker will be asked to serve as President, UJ Bhandari as Treasurer and Sally Lukats and Pat Mullen on Operations. If these individuals agree to serve, the new board will evaluate which current board members will stay on and in what capacity. The current plan is that Julia Babcock will stay on one more year as Past President, Linda Elkin will stay on one more year as Communications, Patty Tilton will stay on one more year to help with the Treasurer's position and the transition, Kay Browning will stay on as Education chair and Linda Burdine will stay on one more year as Secretary.

We briefly discussed the fall planting plan.

Our priorities for future expenditures will be determined when we learn what City Council decides regarding the second lot. Current priorities include trenching for electricity, fruit trees for the second lot, and extending the sprinkler system to the second lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.