

MINUTES
SOUTHSIDE PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2016

A meeting of the Southside Place Community Garden's Board of Directors was held at the home of Julia Babcock on October 6, 2016 at 5:00PM. Julia Babcock, Kay Browning (via phone), Linda Burdine, Linda Elkin and Patti Tilton were present.

The board approved the draft minutes of the June 7, 2016 minutes (previously distributed), with one amendment.

Patty produced a financial report (attached). In response to a question at the last board meeting, she reported that the Garden's liability insurance policy provides an aggregate of \$2million in liability coverage with \$1million per occurrence. It also provides property damage coverage for our structures and their contents.

The upcoming Dinner in the Garden was discussed. The board decided that it is appropriate to propose & discuss with the caterer tips for the sous chef in the amount of \$50 - \$100 and \$25 - \$50 for the servers.

The details of party set-up and take-down were discussed. In the case of rain, the party will be moved to the Clubhouse. Tickets will be non-refundable, but are transferable.

Committee Reports:

Development

Lisa Roy is waiting for board approval to communicate a request to the membership for voluntary dues, suggested amount \$25. The board decided the best time to send this request is February. Lisa Roy is stepping down as chair of the Development Committee. She has offered to help find her replacement. The board agreed that we will miss her and truly appreciate her efforts on behalf of the Garden.

Educational Outreach

Kay Browning reported that Beehive Preschool will be coming to the garden on Thursday mornings. The Post Oak students have moved to a new building and have been given space to develop their own school garden. Kay and Claire Baker are working together on a program to get the schools closest to the garden involved.

Operations

Linda E. is working on a “come and pick it” communication to the membership when we have an abundance in the garden. She is meeting with a sprinkler system company for a quote on repair and upgrades to the system. She will report to the board by email on the results of that meeting. She is also looking at other options for regular garden maintenance.

The agenda for the upcoming October 15 General Meeting was discussed. The meeting will be at 9am in the courthouse, followed by a work day in the garden and a field trip to the new garden at the UT School of Public Health. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Fall planting plan
- Furniture options for the pergola
- Shed interior – Eagle Scout project details
- Financials – Patty will present basic financial status and budget
- Vacant lot – Ideas for its uses will be presented (Joe Przybyl presented three options for uses of the lot - attached)
- Ideas to get young people involved in the garden
- Voluntary dues
- Ask for members’ interest in serving on Board

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45PM.