

Minutes Central Park Gardens
Steering Committee
August 18, 2010

In attendance Emily Griswold, Dorothy Peterson, Gail Morris, Lisa Buckman, Jim Fowler, Peg Smith

1) Updates

Interpretation Project is on hold. Willa is in Australia and the committee will resume meeting when she returns.

10-10-10 Event Dorothy Peterson relayed an invitation to Central Park Gardens and Master Gardeners to be participants in the "Cool Davis" 10-10-10 Event to be held from 2-5 PM October 10 at the Veterans' Memorial Center. From discussion it was felt that it would be most appropriate for a formal request be made to the MG Planning Committee and the MG Coordinator to ask for an MG table, similar to the standard for Farmers' Market, for this event. Peggy Smith will move this forward through the MG process.

ABOW Artisan Baking on Wheels Dorothy Peterson described a mobile pizza oven to produce seasonal pizzas at the Farmers Market through October. Profits will go to the Farm to School Program. Dorothy requested herbs or any "spare" produce from the Central Park Garden. Rosemary, basil and thyme were identified as herbs that would be available from the garden.

2) Garden Irrigation

Results of the recent water audit show that the north end of the garden has the most need for irrigation improvement. A proposal to use the funds generated by the "Mothers' Day Tea" Event to purchase upgraded sprinkler heads was approved. Close coordination and cooperation with the City of Davis will be needed to complete this project.

Items to be considered before undertaking

- a) *Volunteers will undertake to reveal (dig out) heads needing replacement*
- b) *will the new heads (standard head for UC Davis with 5 year replacement warrantee) be compatible with the current City system*
- c) *a small crew will need to be scheduled around City duties to work with CPG volunteers on the project*
- d) *to meet future needs replacement parts and supplies will need to be provided and organized in the CPG shed*

3) Pathway Renovation Project

All dirt is removed bender board, tentatively positioned. Solomon (Faducci) will be contacted with measurements for the space to determine what would be most helpful for the sculpture installation process.

4) Summer Work Days

Wednesday, August, 18 6 - 8 PM

Wednesday, September 1, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 15, 5 - 7 PM

5) Sundial Proposal

Pedestal height needs to sufficient for “toddler” safety – probably 36”. Committee felt that a more traditional gnomon design would be best. The starburst design was felt to be attractive but clarification on the security and safety of the star “arms” was needed.

6) Open House Planning

The consensus was to hold the Open House October 30 with the Avenue of the Scarecrows Event as per 2009.

Plant sales will be held throughout the garden.

The official unveiling of the sculpture will be part of the festivities.

Publicity re CPG activities will be included on the main poster

Discussion of Design Vision and Policy for Addition and Removal of Plants was tabled until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Peggy Smith