

Harvest Farm at White Street Park

Minutes for Managing Board Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – 4:00 pm

Suwanee City Hall ~ 330 Town Center Avenue ~ Suwanee, GA 30024 Big Splash Room

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Rosalie Tubre called the meeting to order at 4:05. In attendance were Vice Chair Chantez Daya, Boo Kirsch Hynes, Jessica Roth and Kim Thompson, Dan Foster, Jeanne Haynes and Deborah Thornton. Sara Kleinfeld was absent.
2. Approval of July 7, 2010 minutes – Kim made a motion, seconded by Chantez, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 8-0.
3. ACGA Tour – There was a motion by Chantez, seconded by Deborah, to spend \$59.00 for the motor coach that will bring the ACGA tour participants to Harvest Farms and other destinations on the north side. The motion passed 8-0.
4. Volunteer Opportunities – A sign up sheet will be posted for volunteer activities.
The following discussion took place here although it did not relate to this agenda item - Plots 45 and 59 have been neglected. What is the process for contacting plot holders? If there is no response how do we reclaim the plot and assign it to a waiting gardener? There was discussion about implementing Rule #6. The negligent plot holders will be notified and have 2 weeks to restore their plot. If the plots are not cleaned up according to the rules they will be reclaimed by the managing board and assigned to waiting gardeners. Rosalie will draft an email that will be sent. The email will be followed by a phone call.
5. Chickens – The board reviewed several designs and color options. Kim made a motion to accept the coop design as presented [need name of publication]. The motion passed 8-0.
Boo made a motion, seconded by Chantez, to accept the colors as presented [need name of publication]. The motion passed 8-0. Voting on chicken names will take place at the September meeting. Rosalie presented the Committee to Care for Chickens and the protocol for caring for the chickens. There was discussion about whether Suwanee residents should have priority to serve on the committee. It was decided that at this point all qualified volunteers will be accepted because more volunteers are needed. There will be a mandatory meeting with Andrew for all committee members.
6. Garden Work Program – Kim made a motion, seconded by Jessica to hold a public input meeting on September 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The motion passed 8-0.

7. Park Maintenance – Many of the hoses and sprayers need to be repaired or replaced. Please send Dan a list of maintenance items.
8. Board Nomination Process – The seats held by Deborah, Kim and Sara expire on December 31, 2010. The board will be accepting applications for these seats and will submit a slate of board members to the City Council for approval by the December Council Meeting. The application process will begin after the plots have been assigned for 2011. The due date for applications will be decided later.
9. Semi-Annual Report to City Council – Please plan to attend the City Council Workshop on September 16 at 5:30 p.m.
10. Application Process for 2011 Plots – The application process will be approved at the September Board Meeting. The proposal is for current plot holders to apply by September 24. Open plots will be released on October 1. Open plots will be assigned on site on October 6 from 6-8 p.m. The process will be advertised in advance.
11. PEPSI Grant – The board agreed to meet on Wednesday, August 11 at 4:00 with Lynne DeWilde to discuss.
12. Other – There was discussion about composters. Chantez will research composter options and report at the September meeting. Committee chairs are asked to submit their reports electronically so they can be included in the minutes.
13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.