

## Harvest Farm at White Street Park

Minutes of the Managing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 1, 2010 – 4:00 pm

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

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Tubre at 4:00. In attendance were Vice Chair Daya, Dan Foster, Boo Kirsch Hynes, Sara Kleinfeld, Jessica Roth, Deborah Thornton and Rosalie Tubre. Jeanne Haynes joined the meeting at 4:20. Kim Thomson was absent.

2. Approval of the August 4, 2010 minutes – Sara made a motion, seconded by Dan to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 7 – 0.

3. Chickens

Coop Construction – The coop has been built and the water was run today. Dan will build the run this Saturday, September 4 at 10:00. He needs 6 volunteers. Dan requested \$700 to build the run. Dan made a motion, seconded by Jessica, to authorize the expenditure of \$700 for the run. The motion passed 7 – 0.

Names – The new chickens will be named Rosemary, Lavender and Sweet Pea. The winners have been notified.

Celebration – The welcome celebration for the chickens will be Sunday, September 19 at 3:00. A workshop to train the volunteer care givers will be held at 4:00. Andrew Wordes will be there to give instructions.

4. Garden Work Program

Format for September 9 meeting – There was discussion about the best way to get feedback from gardeners. It was decided that a survey attached to the 2011 Application for new plots would be have the best results. Board members will also send it out to their assigned gardeners. Jessica will create the survey. The survey will take the place of the September 9 meeting.

5. PEPSI Refresh Grant – Voting has begun and will continue through September. The board is encouraged to use their networks to get the vote out every day.
6. 2011 Application – Jessica distributed the proposed application for review. The application was approved for distribution. New applicants will be asked to come to an informational meeting on October 6 at the garden.
7. Fall Gardening Class – Chantez will conduct the Fall Gardening Class on September 15 at 6:30 in the barn. Board members should let their assigned gardeners know about the class. It will also be advertised on the Harvest Farm face book page.

8. Compost Report – Chantez presented her research on 3 compost options; the compost tumbler, the 3 bin open system and the aerobin. After discussion Dan made a motion, seconded by Jessica, to buy one aerobin at \$399 plus shipping. The motion passed 8 – 0. Additional bins may be purchased later if the first one works well.

9. November Fundraiser Dinner

Projects to be done with funds – There was discussion about the need for committees to present potential projects (fundraising and otherwise) to the entire board for approval before making any commitments. There was a motion by Chantez, seconded by Jessica, that all committees should present potential projects, including dates, costs, resources and communications to the Board for approval before any external commitments are made. The motion passed 8 – 0.

Ideally the Board will develop a short term and long term work program (based in part on the results of the gardener’s surveys). We can use the priorities identified in the work program to create a budget for 2011. The budget will determine what we spend on events including socials, fund raisers and education seminars. There was a motion by Sara, seconded by Chantez, that fundraisers should not be held for a specific item. All funds raised should go into the treasury. The Board will decide on how the money is spent based on priorities and the budget. The motion passed 8 – 0.

10. Other – The Harvest Festival is scheduled for October 23. There was a motion by Chantez, seconded by Sara, to allocate \$100 for food for the event. The motion passed 7 – 0 (Dan left the meeting).

Jessica reported that the gardeners are responsible for cutting the grass inside the fence. A lawn mower is needed. There was a motion by Sara, seconded by Jessica, to allocate \$225 for a lawn mower. Board members are encouraged to seek the donation of a lawnmower so we don’t have to buy one.

Several of the hose reels need to be returned because they are damaged. Rosalie will ask Dan to do this.

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:05.

