

Harvest Farm at White Street Park

Minutes of the Managing Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 6, 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, Jessica Roth and Rosalie Tubre. Jeanne Haynes joined the meeting at 4:10. Sara Kleinfeld, Kim Thomson and Deborah Thornton were absent.
2. Approval of the September 1 2010 minutes – [name] made a motion, seconded by [name] to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 5 – 0.

2011 Applications - Update on received applications - Jessica distributed listings of current plot holders and the applications that were received by the deadline.

2010 volunteer hours – Jessica reviewed the process for assigning new plots. It was agreed that current county resident plot holders will be bumped to accommodate city residents based on their volunteer hours.

3. Board nominations process

Three board seats expire on December 31, 2010. The openings will be announced in the newsletter and on the Harvest Farm Face Book page. Applications will be accepted through Friday, October 22. The applications will be reviewed and, if necessary, a “short list” will be created. Interviews will take place after the November 3, 2010 Board Meeting.

4. Education Committee Update - Chantez informed the Board that 3 classes have been scheduled. All of the classes will be held at the barn.

October 25, 2010 - Herbs
Timothy Daly, Gwinnett County Extension Service
6:30 – 8:00

November 2, 2010 – Soil Fertility
Timothy Daly, Gwinnett County Extension Service
6:30 – 8:00

November 8, 2010 – Gardening for Your Family’s Health
Kelli Clay
12:00 – 1:00 (Bring your lunch)

5. Social Committee Update

Harvest Family Fest – Jessica reported that the Social Committee requested an additional \$50 for the event. Dan made a motion to approve the additional funds. Jeanne seconded the motion for discussion. It was agreed at the October, 2010 Board Meeting that funding requests should include details about what the money will be spend on. The details for this request were not provided. The motion was denied 5 -1, with Dan voting in favor and all others voting no.

Fundraiser Dinner – The Fundraiser Dinner has been cancelled. The Committee is looking at a possible event in the Spring.

Jessica mentioned that the City will not be providing Public Works support for these events. Volunteers will be needed to do the tasks that have been done by Public Works, such as setting up tables and chairs and collecting trash.

6. Projects Committee Update

Fall Clean-Up – Dan requested that the Board announce a clean-up day for the common areas. The Fall Clean-Up Day is Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 -12:00. The rain date is Saturday, November 6.

Compost Prep – The Board discussed the platform for the bin. The bin has been ordered but the arrival date is uncertain.

7. Chickens – Carol Hassell presented a proposal on behalf of the Chicken Committee to install a new chicken coop and run. Please see the attached presentation, hereby incorporated into the minutes. The funding for this proposal would come from donations from Beth and Kevin MacDonald, Evette Parker and the purchase of the existing coop by Carol and Powell Hassell. There was a motion by Boo to approve the proposal. Jeanne seconded the motion for discussion. After brief discussion the motion was approved 5 - 0 pending approval from the City (Dan Foster left the meeting).
8. 501c3 Application – Rosalie presented information about process for Harvest Farm to become a 501c3 organization. She will continue to gather information on the application process and report back to the Board.
9. PEPSI Refresh Grant – Rosalie was informed that the Treehouse project will be eligible for votes in October. It is unknown why the voting period has been extended. She explained that she met with several project coordinators who agreed to partner in getting the vote out. Everyone is encouraged to continue to vote as often as possible.
10. Other – There was no discussion.
11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned without a motion at 5:40.

