

GENERAL MEETING Minutes
October 18, 2008

CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

Goodwill Industries lobbied Vallone for money in previous years to develop a park.

\$450,000 just coming through now (technically must still be approved by whole council and legislature however). We want to be included in planning.

Ideas: water source, benches, shade structure.

The Community Board District Manager, Lucille Hartmann, still seems confused about the status of garden. Doesn't realize it's independent of Goodwill. Steering committee members will meet with her next week. CB meeting on 21st will include capital projects issues. Petition being worked on. Emily read latest draft.

Garrett solicits opinions on petition. Will it be alienating? Agreed that petition is a good thing to bring attention to situation that is still up in the air.

Garrett proposes that the petition begin circulating by the day of the festival. Seconded by Vanessa. Passed.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Will be held on Sat Oct 25th. Fliers have been made and distributed. We need lots of help before, during, after. A sign-up sheet for tasks circulates.

Vallone will likely be there. Timothy's band will play. The CSA folks are handling food. Potluck action. Raffle. Kids activities, instrument making, costume parade. Soil Workshop, Composting Workshop.

PLOT MAINTENANCE

No more rotting fruit can be left on the ground!

COMMUNITY PLOT

Good idea for people who don't have time for own plot - Educational space - Giveaways for community - Good for outreach -

Somewhere in middle area?

Likely crops: tomatoes, peppers, raspberries

David suggests subcommittee and circulates sign-up sheet for it.

OPEN HOURS REQUIREMENTS

Garrett and Emily attended meeting where Parks officials said they wanted us to expand open hours from 10 to 20 hours per week. We will have to schedule monitors for security.

Discussion about open hours. Feeling generally favorable.

PLOT SIZE

Nicole will collect comments and suggestions from members.

LISTSERVE

Chris V. wants to set up group. Group discussion, generally favorable. Jodie has set up googlegroup, but the response has been lukewarm. Needs streamlining.

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 15