

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

Date: November 29, 2009

Time: 5:45pm

Place: NATA Room – Council Chambers

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Minutes:

Meeting opened at 5:45pm

- **Introductions** 10 minutes
- **Discussion of our Goals / Mission** (*Brainstorm Session*) 15 minutes
 - Farmer's Market Presence
 - Fresh Vegetables for dinner
 - Attractive/pretty along the road
 - Introduce artistry
 - Have benches/Place to sit
 - Youth Participating
 - Local schools – volunteer credits
 - Boy Scouts ; Churches
 - A parcel dedicated to youth involvement
 - Planting/Sharing of bulbs/plants with City/Flower club
 - Garden is open and welcoming to neighbors vs. Controlled Garden
 - Someone needed to maintain/monitor
 - Decorative fence vs. Gated fence vs. "Blackberry" Hedges
 - Garden is the pride of the city
 - Partner with businesses (Farmer's Market, Vincenzo's, Paul's, etc)
 - "Neighborhood grown tomatoes"
 - Some of the logistics of 'pay-back' could be overwhelming
 - Share-cropping
 - Reintroduce the concept of canning
 - Wednesday Markets ...
 - Introduce people to neighborhood and a way of raising money

- **Possible Sites of Gardens** 10 minutes
 - OFW – see attached
 - Investigate 485 Mueller
 - Robert Superior – see attached
 - Investigate 802 Robert
- **Available Resources** 10 minutes
 - City
 - Public Works has watering truck ...
 - Businesses
 - Paul's Market, Vincenzo's, etc
 - Gateway Greening (Shaw Garden)
 - *Dwayne to scan and distributed information gathered by Natasha ...*
 - Neighbors
 - Would give retirees another thing to do (utilize Jolley Trolley)
- **Next Steps Discussion** 10 minutes
 - Continuing to enroll resources
 - Building list of volunteers/donors
 - Touring some existing gardens
 - *Nancy to call on her contacts in other cities.*
 - Designing garden
 - *Everyone to visit tentative sites – looking at sunlight, trees, etc*
 - Compost area in back
 - Develop Water options
 - Investigate options with Missouri-American
 - Soil testing
 - Developing schedule; *“Finding the low-hanging fruit”*
 - Developing cost
- **Next Meeting Dates** 5 minutes
 - March 16th at 5:45pm – NATA Room

Adjourned at 6:45pm

Old Ferguson West Vacant St. Louis County or City owned lots



Robert-Superior Neighborhood
St. Louis County or City owned vacant lots



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