

## **Harvest Farm at White Street Park**

Minutes of the Managing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 5, 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 4:05. In attendance were Vice Chair Daya, Dan Foster, Jeanne Haynes, Boo Kirsch Hynes, Sara Kleinfeld, Jessica Roth, Kim Thompson and Rosalie Tubre.
2. Approval of April 7, 2010 minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
3. Construction Update -
  - Contractor progress – Jessica reported that several areas were damaged by the recent heavy rains. She estimated that Mathias will finish the barn in about 2 weeks. Fosco will complete the parking area after Mathias leaves the site. Kim asked when the fence will be completed. Jessica will check on the completion date for the fence.
  - Items to purchase for garden – Jessica asked what supplies should be purchased with the \$500 gift card. New hoses are the only items requested at this time. Kim will let Jessica know how many hoses are needed.
  - Pending issues from volunteer work days – no issues were identified.
4. Plot Location Concerns
  - Potential shade in terraces near the wetlands – Several plot holders have expressed concern about shade from nearby trees. The trees can't be disturbed because they are in a protected buffer. The board agreed to monitor the amount of sunlight that plots receive as the season progresses. Please let Jessica know if you hear of additional concerns.
  - Policies for addressing – refunds, transfers, etc. – The board will monitor the progress of the plots that are currently inactive. It may be necessary to send out an email to remind plot holders that they are required, at a minimum, to mulch their plot. This will be discussed at the June 2, 2010 meeting.
5. 2011 Plot Assignments
  - Dates for releasing and submitting application – The board agreed to make October 1, 2010 the first day that applications for the 2011 season can be

received. The board will decide on the window for applications at the June 2, 2010 meeting. Jessica suggested that the applications be taken on site to avoid confusion about plot size and check amount. She suggested that an address list could verify city residents.

- Understanding of priority assignments – The priority for assigning plots is 1)board members, 2)city residents, employees or tax payers who currently hold plots, 3)city residents, employees or tax payers that do not currently hold plots, 4)employee of a business in the city, 5)county residents who are current plot holders, 6)county residents who do not currently hold plots. Current county plot holders can continue to hold their plots in the next year as long as priorities 1 through 4 are met. Otherwise they will be bumped to make a plot available for a gardener with a higher priority.

## 6. Educational Programs

- Vince Dooley appearance – May 27 – Vince Dooley will speak at 4:30 in the council chambers for about 30 minutes. Each plot will be offered 2 tickets. Plot holders will be asked to RSVP. Extra tickets may be available based on this response. A \$10 dollar donation to benefit the garden will be encouraged.
- Future events – Canning, cooking and other classes were discussed as possibilities. We discussed polling the gardeners to see what they are interested in and making use of the resources that the gardeners have – for example, Sara is a caterer. Kim suggested a fund raiser cookbook.

7. Mission Statement – Several variations of possible mission statements were discussed at length. It was agreed that a short Mission Statement and a more detailed Value Statement would be the best way to represent what the garden is all about. Deborah made a motion to adopt “Growing a Healthier Suwanee” as the Harvest Farm Mission Statement. The motion was seconded by Sara. The motion passed 8 – 0. It was agreed that the Value Statement would be based on the word “h-a-r-v-e-s-t”. All suggestions should be submitted to the Chairwoman Tubre by Tuesday, May 22.

8. Grand Opening – Kim showed 3 examples of a water bottle that will be given away at the Grand Opening. Boo made a motion to fund up to \$400 for the green bottle. The motion was seconded by Sara. The motion passed 8 – 0. Boo amended the motion to include an additional \$100 for printing of the Mission Statement on the bottles. Sara amended her second. The amended motion passed 8 – 0. “Hawk Talk”, a non-profit bird rehab company will attend for a fee of \$250. Boo made a motion to fund \$250 for “Hawk Talk”. Chantez seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 – 0. Grand Opening activities include Farmer D as the “organic speaker”, a backyard habitat by “Bird Watchers of Buford”, the “Plow Group” antique farming, Rosalie’s lady bug project, meal planning and cooking demonstrations, a scavenger hunt, and other activities. The city will provide a photographer and videographer.

9. Other – There was discussion about the donation of 3 laying hens, the estimated \$300 cost of building a pen and the ongoing costs and responsibilities of maintaining the hens. It would be good to know how many gardeners would be willing to help take care of the hens. It would also be good to know if the city would approve the construction of a pen and keeping the hens on park property. No decisions were made on this. The donor is willing to bring the hens to the Grand Opening.

10. Adjournment – Chairwoman Tubre adjourned the meeting at 5:20.

