

Friends of Riverside Park Gardens

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2007

Opening:

President Mary Carson called the meeting of the Friends of Riverside Park Gardens Membership to order at 9:07 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the Greenhouse.

Present:

See attached sign up sheet.

A. Open Issue

B. New Business

Mary Carson introduced present Board Members.

Mary Carson reported \$961.10 from the sale on October 7, 2007.

Greg Bouljon gave a treasurer's report and it was accepted by the membership.

It was suggested the space at the top of the stairs in the greenhouse be used as our document center. Dorothy Monahan mentioned the Rock Island Historical Society has all the Friends of Riverside Park Gardens old records from Prospect Park.

Barb McCleary informed the membership that the board had approved purchasing 4 tables, 2 small racks and 1 large rack. Barb passed a book around showing pictures of what those items look like.

Barb McCleary said the shed in the Children's garden has been given to the Friends for storage and if anyone had ideas on how that should be arranged or suggestions on what to store we were open for suggestions. Barb said they would be working on that the next workday.

Tom Greene asked the membership permission to explore the concept of signage through out the gardens at an approximate cost of \$4000. Tom

also mentioned he would like the membership to consider expanding the parking lot at a cost of approximately \$35,000. Tom spoke to someone from River Action and they thought they might be able to give a grant of \$12,000 towards that project. The membership asked Tom to investigate these projects and report back to the membership.

Tom Greene suggested we use the space between the greenhouse and the garden center on the west side as our nursery space. He also mentioned planting low growing bushes and evergreens around the greenhouse.

Vickie Koker reported talking to Milt Hand about the “Point of Entry” that the Friends will be responsible for the next 5 years. That “Point of Entry” is located between the Visitor’s Center (3rd Avenue) and Green Valley Cabinet Company. Milt said there is a new sign coming for that space. Mary Carson asked if there was any member willing to make plans for that space, Louise Stoelting volunteered.

Stephen Mueller reported the final inspection of the greenhouse had not been done yet. He said the heat needed to be demonstrated and some other items before the final payment is released.

Stephen Mueller distributed a draft of the use agreement for discussion. He reported speaking to Milt Hand and Milt said he didn’t see any problems other than he didn’t know if it would be a use agreement or a lease. Either way the membership was looking for a long-term commitment.

Don Sheesely offered the group some free items from his church, such as bricks, containers, sink, counter. No decision was made.

The annual membership meeting will be Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. for brunch.

The official workday will be Wednesdays from 9-11 and 5-7. The website address is www.friendsofriverside.org.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Old Business
- Committee Reports
- Develop Budget
- Establish 2088 priorities
- Develop 2008 budget
- New Business

Adjournment:

President Carson adjourned meeting at 10:45 a.m. The next board meeting will be November 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Vickie Koker

Approved by: