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GARDENS**



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Scott Kolwitz, Senior Planner  
City of Goleta  
Community Development Department  
130 Cremona Drive  
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Re: Fairview Gardens January Progress Report

Dear Scott:

The following is our January progress report for the Fairview Gardens.

- January 13, 2009 attended DRB hearing Phase 4 lighting.
- January 27, 2009 attended a DRB hearing for final approval on the Phase 4 temporary housing and conceptual approval of Phase 5 permanent housing with architect Dennis Thompson.
- Updated the budget and timeline for Phase 3 & 4.
- Interviewed potential project managers for completion of phases 3 & 4 to relieve staff.
- Comprehensive Business Plan is in draft form. Board members will review at February BOT meeting.

Detailed progress reports on development follow on a phase-by-phase basis:

**Phase 3**

1. Project engineer, Kevin Connors of Penfield and Smith, finalized the sewer design and distributed it to Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Services and to Fairview Gardens. The City Surveyor suggested a few Map corrections, revision in progress.
2. The Planning Commission's compliance hearing has not yet been scheduled by the City of Goleta, however, Fairview Gardens will be ready for the hearing on or before April 1, 2009.

**Phase 4**

- 1.Sewer/road construction is anticipated to begin in March.
- 2.Met with Lash and Granite for construction bids and timelines.
- 3.Spoke with GSD about sewer connections and fees (April).
- 4.Spoke with GWD about tempary meters and fees (April).

Phase 4 is on target to be completed by July 1, 2009.

## Phase 5

Architect Dennis Thompson created a design concept for the Phase 5 permanent housing project. This was submitted to DRB on January 27, 2009 and received conceptual approval. We are off calendar for the next one to two years after we have raised funds and are ready to move Phase 5 forward within a reasonable timeline.

## Fundraising Summary

Total Funds raised to Date: \$277,205

## Submitted / Pending Grants

- Enterprise Green Communities Program (\$50,000)
- USDA Community Food Projects Grant Program (\$300,000 over three years)
- SB Foundation: Community Enhancement and Environment Grants (\$50,000)
- Home Depot: Affordable Housing Built Responsible Program (\$100,000)
- Submitted Letters of Inquiries to approximately 12 foundations for the next grant cycle

## Other Sources of Income

Private Loan (from Board of Trustees Member) \$40,000; Appeal Letter: \$16,000

## In-Kind Contributions

- Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Services; Phillip Seymour (Legal Counsel)
- Penfield and Smith (Survey and Engineering Services); Hayward Lumber (Discount)
- Dennis Elledge (Building Contractor / Project Management)
- Victor Schumacher (Architectural Services)
- Wilson Environmental Landscape Design (Landscape Design)

## Other Recent Fundraising Activities

- Creation of 2009 Fundraising/Development Budget
- Development Committee continues to meet regularly
- Developing Capital Campaign Committee
- Meeting with Capital Campaign Consultants
- Production of a Letter of Support to develop a network of Community Partners/Supporters
- Continuing to refine donor lists, develop funding strategies
- Continued dialogue with potential donors and local companies
- Planning Fundraising Events (i.e., dinners, speakers, etc.)
- Development Phase of music event to be held at SB Bowl with partnering organization
- Planning for fundraising event in Ojai (early Spring)
- Finalizing new organization logo to produce various merchandise items for sale
- In process of creating artist's renderings of Phase 5 housing plans to be used as fundraising tool

For February, we hope to secure our project manager and finalize the road and sewer plans. We will break ground in March, so this month is sure to be busy with details and final decisions.

As always, the farm board and management are meeting regularly to work on strategizing and fundraising for the remaining phases. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Most sincerely,



Adrienne Davis  
President, Board of Trustees