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Scott Kolwitz, Senior Planner
City of Goleta- Community Development Department
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta, CA 93117
Re: Fairview Gardens November Progress Report

Dear Scott:

The following is our October Progress Report for the Fairview Gardens CUP.

Production of the Farm's annual Appeal Letter has been written and will be ready for mailing this month when the donor list update is completely done.

Active work with Dennis Thompson for preliminary plans of a new Produce Stand construction has begun. The Staff and Board are now considering the design options completed thus far and must calculate their costs. Fundraising is the sole source to fund this project.

The prospect for moving the probationary Executive Director forward did not succeed. The Board and Staff are assessing it needs. One grant application was accepted during this probation period.

A retreat occurred mid October establishing a new, simpler revision of the Farm Mission Statement. Our new bookkeeper and certified public accountant have progressively streamlined the farm accounting system enabling the Board and Staff to continue its work on the 2010 Farm Budget during the retreat. The Board and Staff discussed the produce stand enterprise and its viability. It was moved to continue the activity to re-build.

Phase 5 is the only phase that remains to be completed. A detailed progress report for Phase 5 and fundraising follows:

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 Review. The project is off the DRB's calendar for the next one to two years, until such time that the Fairview Gardens has raised enough funds to move Phase 5 forward within a reasonable timeline.

Monthly Fundraising Accomplishments

Private Donations (Secured): \$1325

*Monthly Funds Raised: \$1325

Total Fundraising Accomplishments

* since C.U.P. issuance (7/1/08)

Private Donations (Secured): \$ 78,896

Private Donations (Pledged): \$50,000

(Pledge pulled back – Ill elder lost market funds)

*Total Funds Raised to Date: \$361,896

*Grant Pending – Six Months: \$10,000.

*Due to economic cutbacks affecting staff changes, fundraising efforts have been briefly put on hold until training is complete.

In-Kind Contributions

- Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Services (Planning Services)
- Thompson Naylor Architects (Architectural Services, Discounted Rate)
- Victor Schumacher (Architectural Services)
- Allen Associates (Project Management, Potential Builders, Discounted Rate)
- Penfield and Smith (Survey and Engineering Services)
- Wilson Environmental Landscape Design (Landscape Design)
- Phillip Seymour (Legal Counsel)
- Dennis Elledge (Building Contractor / Project Management)
- Matt Dobberteen (Planning Fees)
- Marborg Industries (Waste Management, Discounted Service)
- Hayward Lumber (Materials Donation/Discount)
- Harriet Eckstein (Graphic Design)

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

Thank you,
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