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January 7, 2010
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130 Cremona Drive
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Re: Fairview Gardens January Progress Report

Dear Scott:

The following is our December, '09 Progress Report for the Fairview Gardens CUP.

The Farm's annual Appeal Letter was mailed out and is generating funds although expectedly smaller than it was last year due to the economic fallout. Gifts received are noted below.

Active work with Dennis Thompson for preliminary plans of a new Produce Stand construction has progressed. Working with the Architect and Draftsman, the Staff and Board Building and Facilities committee made one selection of the five evolving design options and now must calculate its cost. Fundraising and possible grants are the sole sources to fund this project.

The Executive Director Search Committee initiated their activity setting a January 4, 2009 deadline for applications. The Committee is now in the process of selection with a February 15 hiring deadline.

The Board and Staff continued its work on the 2010 Farm Budget during the month of December. It is near ready for its approval.

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:

*Monthly Funds Raised: \$10,485.00 - Annual Appeal, December, 2009

Total Fundraising Accomplishments since C.U.P. issuance (7/1/08)

Private Donations (Secured): \$ 10,485.00

*Total Funds Raised to Date: \$372,381.

*Grant Pending – One Month: \$10,000.

*Due to economic cutbacks affecting staff changes, fundraising efforts, aside from the Annual Appeal Letter, December, 2009, have been briefly put on hold until shortly after the first of the year when the board will grow by one and the Executive Director search has been concluded.

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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