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February 1, 2010
Scott Kolwitz, Senior Planner
City of Goleta- Community Development Department
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta, CA 93117
Re: Fairview Gardens January Progress Report

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City of Goleta
Planning & Environmental Svcs.

Dear Scott:

The following is our January, '10 Progress Report for the Fairview Gardens CUP.

The Farm's annual Appeal Letter was mailed out and generated funds although expectedly smaller (50%), due to the recession. Gifts went to farm operating expenses as they were left unspecified aside from a small amount directed to the education fund.

Progress with the Produce Stand awaits a meeting to be established by the City in coordination with other regulatory agencies (i.e. Environmental Health Services) and utility companies (i.e. Southern California Edison_ in the near future. Today, the stand re-opens after its winter closure, selling on-site produce only. Fundraising and possible grants are the sole sources to fund the building of a new stand.

The Executive Director Search Committee is now in the final stages of selection with a February 15 hiring deadline and progressing nicely.

The 2010 Farm Budget is near ready for its approval by the Board of Trustees.

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. The Farm will consider a return to the DRB for review when the new Executive Director has been established.

Fundraising Accomplishments:

*Grant Pending – One Month: \$10,000.00
Two Months: \$1,500.00

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

Private Donations (Secured): \$ 10,485.00

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

*Due to economic cutbacks affecting staff changes, most fundraising efforts, aside from the December, 2009 Annual Appeal Letter, have been briefly put on hold until shortly after the first of the year as the board grows and the Executive Director search has been concluded in February.

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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