April 1, 2010
Scott Kolwitz, Senior Planner
City of Goleta - Community Development Department
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta, CA 93117

Re: Fairview Gardens March Progress Report

Dear Scott:

The following is our March, ‘10 Progress Report for the Fairview Gardens CUP.

Progress with the Produce Stand still awaits a meeting to be established with the City, SCE and Environmental Health in the near future. The stand has re-opened in the meantime, after its winter break, selling on-site produce only on an honor system. It continues to function well and is attracting more attention. Fundraising and possible grants are the sole sources to fund the building of a new stand.

The Board of Trustees made its selection of one of several outstanding candidates for the position of Executive Director, Mark Tollefson. He is happily settling in. The Board and Farm Manager are delighted with the choice and look forward to a fresh year of collaboration, analysis and planning.

The 2010 Farm Budget has been approved 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 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 is established.

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

Total Funds Raised to Date for Phases 1 - 5: $332,677.24
Total Funds Expended to Date for Phases 1 - 5: $332,677.24
Total Funds Available for Phase 5 Completion: $3,382.74
Total Estimated Cost for Phase 5 Completion: $2,500,000.
Total Funds Needed for Phase 5 Completion: $2,496,617.26

*Due to economic cutbacks affecting staff changes, fundraising efforts, aside from the December, 2009 Annual Appeal Letter, had been put on hold until the establishment of the Executive Director as of March 22, 2010 was in effect and the board grows in number. Our next step in the next several months is to determine and agree upon our goals and plan their realization.
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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