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Re: Fairview Gardens April Progress Report

Dear Scott:

The following is our May 2010 Progress Report for the Fairview Gardens CUP.

I'm beginning to settle in as Fairview Gardens new Executive Director and am excited to move these projects to completion.

We are in the initial stages of a strategic planning process that will help to unify our efforts in understanding how all of our projects fit together in a plan that will benefit our whole community.

We have reinitiated our fundraising efforts and have begun discussion with funders and other stakeholders to assess our moves forward in completing this project. We will be mailing our spring appeal in the next month and will be submitting Letter's of Inquiry to foundations based upon their funding guidelines.

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 once we have finished our strategic planning process and have begun to implement our donor program.

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:	\$2,500,000.00
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 now. We are anticipating growing our board over the summer and having a functional team in place to achieve our goals by fall.

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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