

WHAT: Agenda community garden meeting

WHEN: January 14, 2010

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**1. Meeting Purpose and Goals**

- Gather information to complete the grant report for the 2009 garden year
- Assess interest of past garden leaders
- Brief garden leaders on new support at EOU
- Brainstorm for 2010 success
- Prepare for the February planning meeting
- Thank past leaders

**2. Grant Report discussion**

- Questions to answer for the grant
  - What worked; what was successful?
  - What do participants want changed?
  - Suggest improvements

**3. 2010 Garden**

- Do you want the community garden to be an ORA project? DISCUSSION

<b>Benefits to being ORA project</b>	<b>Obligations of CG to be ORA project</b>
Non-profit status: donations are tax-deductible, grants can be funneled thru ORA, federal tax reporting thru ORA	Membership has to support the CG as an ORA project (voting)
Administration is provided by ORA	CG coordinators must be ORA members
Utilizing tools bought thru grant	Coordinator/gardeners must have regular meetings with ORA staff
Insurance costs are lower thru non-profit	Project must build organization and bring in members so we can expand if we want and keep leaders from getting exhausted
Access to ORA membership for volunteers, donations	All gardeners must be approached about becoming members of ORA
Using office space, printers, computers, meeting space; a home	Project must be advertised as an ORA project
ORA staff help in strategizing, helping to	Monthly reports must be provided at

ORA staff help in strategizing, helping to plan for future	Monthly reports must be provided at monthly chapter meeting
Help with advertising	Expenses must be communicated to ORA staff (w/ receipts) in order to fulfill grant and accounting obligations
Making connections between organizations, business, people; moral	Community garden must have a democratic decision-making process and

- ORA involvement in community garden; Vision, role, goals
- EOU's role in 2010- summary by Larry Brooks
  - Need written proposal for the 2010 to give to EOU
- Who is interested in participating in the garden and in what capacity?
- 2010 coordinator needed; job description
- Set date, time, location, agenda of 2010 planning meeting
- Divide out publicity/media work
- Partners to contact