



NLR Community Garden Committee Meeting NOTES

February 11, 2015, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Committee members present:

Fit 2 Live (Bernadette Gunn Rhodes, Beau Cooper)
Neighborhood Services (Dan Scott)
Recovery Centers of Arkansas (Dawn Smith)
Skyline Community Garden (Diane Barton)
Baring Cross Community Garden (Margaret Powell)
First Presbyterian Church Community Garden (Robert Fisher)

Applicants present:

Baring Cross Community Garden (Janie and Ken Lumley)
Recovery Centers of Arkansas (Dawn Smith) – *same as above*
Shorter College (Dr. Paula Fletcher, Harrison Johnson)
Skyline Community Garden (Diane Barton) – *same as above*
North Little Rock Academy (Tanya Phillips)

Consideration of Spring 2015 Funding Proposals (Committee)

Shorter College (*new applicant*)

- Discussed tracking volunteer hours: Harrison will track.
- Fit 2 Live recommended excluding from budget the soil test, animal barrier kit, nutritionist, and personal trainer.
- Fit 2 Live recommended funding at \$3,500.00.

NLR Academy (*new applicant*)

- 3 staff members have volunteered to manage garden.
- All classes required to assist in garden 10 hours per year.
- Summer school students will tend to garden over summer.
- Using seasonal planting list from U of A Cooperative Extension.
- Students will build fence.
- Fit 2 Live recommended excluding from budget the fencing and tiller.
- Fit 2 Live recommended funding at \$3,300.00.

Baring Cross Community Garden (*returning applicant*)

- Fit 2 Live recommended excluding from budget the seeds/starts, tools purchased with last year's garden funding, and water bill expenses.
- Fit 2 Live recommended funding at \$3,500.00.

St. Patrick's Church (*new applicant*)

- Fit 2 Live recommended approving budget as proposed and funding at \$1,884.20.

Recovery Centers of Arkansas (returning applicant)

- 8 paid staff will manage garden.
- Gardening will be included in Lifestyle Curriculum for clients, who will tend to garden on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Maintenance staff will maintain garden on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Staff will use work log to measure hours and ensure tasks are completed.
- Fit 2 Live recommended excluding from budget all gas expenses, fencing, and labor (per Recovery Centers' revised budget).
- Fit 2 Live recommended funding at \$1,500.00.

Skyline Community Garden (returning applicant)

- Fit 2 Live recommended excluding from budget all water expenses.
- Fit 2 Live recommended funding at \$1,000.00.

VOTE: Approving Community Garden Funding for Spring 2015 (Committee)

Dan Scott made a motion to fund all six projects at the Fit 2 Live-recommended levels with the recommended budget exclusions.

Robert Fisher seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Summary

Shorter College Community Gardens	\$3,500.00
NLR Academy Garden	\$3,300.00
Baring Cross Community Garden	\$3,500.00
St. Patrick's Community Garden	\$1,884.20
Recovery Centers of Arkansas Garden	\$1,500.00
Skyline Community Garden	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,684.20

Next Steps

Fit 2 Live staff is submitting License Agreements to the City Attorney's Office, which will file legislation for City Council to accept the license agreements at its March 9th Council meeting. The meeting will be held Monday, March 9, at 6:00 PM in NLR City Hall, 300 Main St. After the legislation is approved, first quarter funding checks will be issued.