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October 1, 2008

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

Fairview Gardens September Progress Report Re:

Dear Scott:

The following is our September progress report for the Fairview Gardens CUP. As you'll recall, I have temporarily taken over the role of project manager for Phases 4 and 5 of the project pending Fairview Gardens' hiring of an Executive Director.

During the past month, Fairview Gardens has welcomed a new member to the Board of Trustees, UCSB Professor of Environmental Studies David A. Cleveland.

Fairview Gardens is also pleased to announce that in addition to the architectural services which have generously been provided by Victor Schumacher, we have retained the services of Dennis Thompson, of Thompson Naylor Architects, Inc., to prepare the conceptual design for the permanent housing which will be Phase 5 of the project. In addition, Daniel Wilson, of Wilson Environmental Landscape Design, has graciously agreed to join the project team by providing landscape design services for Phase 4 of the project.

Fairview Gardens will be submitting additional materials for special events and produce stand permits within the next two weeks.

Progress reports on development follow on a phase-by-phase basis:

Phase 2

Fairview Gardens completed the construction of the final thirty foot (30') yurt in the lower village.

- 2. On September 24, 2008, Building and Safety Manager Dan McLaughlin conducted an unscheduled final inspection and reported that he was pleased with the final construction. He left a short list of final tasks to be completed and will return to the farm to verify the work is completed. Fairview Gardens anticipates that this final work will be completed within the next few weeks.
- 3. Physical improvements associated with Phase 2 have been completed.

Phase 3

- 1. Fairview Gardens' application for annexation by the Goleta Sanitary District is currently pending. The application is scheduled to be heard by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on November 6, 2008.
- 2. The Planning Commission's Compliance Hearing has not yet been scheduled. The hearing is to be conducted by April 1, 2009.

Phase 4

- 1. The project received a positive conceptual review from the Design Review Board (DRB) on August 26, 2008. At the September 23, 2008, meeting of the DRB, the project was not reviewed, but Phases 4 and 5 of the project were bifurcated for further review. Phase 4 of the project will return to the DRB for additional conceptual/preliminary review on October 28, 2008.
- 2. The resubmitted project will include additional information on the proposed lighting and landscape design for the project.
- 3. Fairview Gardens met with Kevin Connors of Penfield and Smith to discuss the timetable for the preparation of design and engineering details for the driveway apron and roadway improvements and submission of the project to the fire department and local utilities for approval.
- 4. Fairview Gardens will be consulting with its architect to work on the design and location of the roadway and parking.
- 5. Fairview Gardens is continuing its work on the production of a comprehensive business plan.

Phase 5

- 1. The project received a positive conceptual review from the DRB on August 26, 2008. At the City's direction following the City's bifurcation of Phases 4 and 5 of the project, the farm submitted a new application for DRB approval of Phase 5.
- 2. The Phase 5 project is scheduled to return before the DRB for further conceptual review on December 23, 2008, but, at the suggestion of the City, Fairview Gardens is requesting to continue the review to January 27, 2009.
- 3. The farm will be consulting with its architect in preparation for conceptual review. Initially this will involve work on the design and location of the roadway and trash storage and refinement of the proposed building envelope.

Fundraising Summary

FUNDRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Private Donations (Secured): \$21,260 Appeal Letter Response \$16,260 General Donations \$5,000

TOTAL FUNDRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*since C.U.P. issuance (7/1/08)

Private Donations (Secured): \$45,260 Private Donations (Pledged): \$50,000

Grants (Secured / Awarded):

Orfalea Foundations \$125,000

Santa Barbara Foundation: Emergency Grant \$25,000

All at Once / Jack Johnson Foundation: Matching Grant \$3,000 (\$500 grant and \$2,500 matching grant)

Total Funds Raised to Date: \$248,260

Submitted / Pending Grants

- Kresge Foundation: Green Building Program Grant (\$50,000 to \$100,000)
- Enterprise Green Communities Program (\$50,000)
- USDA Community Food Projects Grant Program (\$300,000 over three years)
- Santa Barbara Foundation: Community Enhancement and Environment Grants (\$50,000)
- Home Depot: Affordable Housing Built Responsible Program (\$100,000)

Other Sources of Income

- Private Loan (from Board of Trustees Member) \$40,000
- Fundraising Appeal Letters to General Public and Neighbors (returns from these letters continue to arrive)

In-Kind Contributions

- Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Services
- Phillip Seymour (Legal Counsel)
- Penfield and Smith (Survey and Engineering Services)
- Dennis Elledge (Building Contractor/ Project Management)
- Victor Schumacher (Architectural Services)
- Daniel Wilson (Landscape Design Services)
- · Hayward Lumber (Materials Donation/Discount)

Other Recent Fundraising Activities

- Continuing to receive response to appeal letters sent to neighbors and community
- Development Committee continues to meet regularly
- · Ongoing selection of members of Capital Campaign Committee for Phase 5 funding
- Ongoing meetings with Capital Campaign Consultants
- · Continuing to refine donor lists, develop funding strategies
- Continued dialogue with potential donors and local companies
- Planning Fundraising Events (i.e., music benefit, dinners, speakers)
- Developing a number of fundraising activities (i.e., artists willing to donate works for fundraising)
- Website Improvements for Donations

For the next month, the key issues will be the application processing for the special events and produce stand permits, along with the conceptual/preliminary hearing before the Design Review Board for the Phase 4 temporary housing. As always, the farm board and management are focused upon strategizing and fundraising for all phases. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Karen Boris

Member, Board of Trustees

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