

Coalition of Austin Community Gardens
Goals & Strategies
November 22, 2008 • 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Alamo Recreation Center

Session Objectives: 1) Flesh out action plan and decide how to target potential partners. 2) Begin populating Austin Community Gardens Coalition website with information from community gardens.

Timeline	Activities	Responsible Party
Immediate	<p>1a. Revise Letter of Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand and clarify 1st bullet point to ensure that CG reps. are included in meetings of NPZD, PARD,.... - Change 2nd paragraph to include language to strengthen existing community gardens and protect at-risk gardens. -Clarify request to include specific language about code changes pertaining to Qualified Community Garden Designation. -Include bullet requesting that CG rep. be nominated to Sustainable Food Policy Board <p>1b. Get on calendar to meet with Council members</p> <p>1c. Obtain signed statement from PARD agreeing to Rules and Contract suggested by community gardeners.</p> <p>2. Present letter of resolution, PARD agreements, rules and contract and UT Student brochure to council members.</p> <p>3. Inventory existing CGs, possible garden sites both public and private (vacant land survey from Martinez office?, TOD,), and potential partners (contact team,</p>	<p>Jessica, Melissa, Karen</p> <p> </p> <p>Melissa (Laura, Brewster), Flo (Leffingwell), Brandi (Randi, Wynn), Scott (Martinez), Nathan (Cole), Karen (Ott)</p> <p>Flo</p> <p>See above</p> <p>Nathan, Scott, Priya, Brandi, Emily, Sari</p>

	<p>neighborhood planning associations, Austin Neighborhood Council, newly forming community gardens, etc.).</p> <p>4. Create internal listserv for coalition communication and external list for outreach.</p> <p>5. Populate website with information from CGs.</p>	<p>Nathan</p> <p>*****</p>
Intermediate	<p>1. Estimate cost of starting a new community garden and make recommendation to include in the next budget cycle for PARD (June/July). (Who do we recommend budget to – council and/or PARD?)</p> <p>2. Outreach to people and organizations potentially interested in starting community garden in their neighborhoods. Approach neighborhood planning councils, people on waitlist, etc....</p> <p>3. Create a step by step guide on how to create a community garden with emphasis on how to get people involved (specific to Austin).</p> <p>4. Create/implement an educational process for policy makers addressing why we need more community gardens and the importance of community gardens to food security/emergency preparedness.</p>	<p>to be determined at next meeting</p> <p>tbd</p> <p>Emily, Sari</p> <p>tbd</p>
Long-term	<p>1. Create (at least 3) new gardens within next year.</p> <p>2. Mobilize community support to create a victory garden at City Hall or at the Capitol building (reminiscent of San Francisco victory garden).</p> <p>2. Establish ambassador program to help other groups start CGs.</p>	

Next Meeting: January 17, 2009 at 2pm