

**City/University Special Projects Fund Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 9, 2007**

Note: A brief orientation session was held at 6:00 pm for new members of the committee.

Members Present: Chair Aaron Otto, Jeff Chapman, Roger Adams, Becky Ballard, Tanner Banion, Lydia Peele, Eileen Meyer, and Katha Hurt. Members Absent: none  
City Administration: Diane Stoddard; Kansas State University: Bill Muir, Cindy Bontrager, and Mark Taussig

Chair Aaron Otto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Cindy Bontrager provided the Committee information about the process and details about the past year projects, current year projects, and 2008 funding request. Committee members asked questions about the proposed projects. The Committee then discussed the projects.

Becky mentioned the funding difficulties of the sports council to recruit more sporting activities to Manhattan. She mentioned that the University of Texas used its facilities for various youth events. Becky suggested that we look at the fund to possibly enhance the sports council. Jeff also indicated that this type of project was more appealing than the University Gardens.

There was general concern expressed with the number of years that the Gardens have been supported through this funding source and the number of future years programmed in the budget. Becky suggested funding the Gardens request for 2008, but request that no project for the Gardens be submitted for 2009. Aaron suggested perhaps creating a matching fund for dilapidated sidewalks. Roger indicated that a project to assist KSU Child Development Center might be an idea for future funding since child care was a large priority in the community.

Becky made a motion to request that the University not submit a project for the University Gardens for 2009. The motion was seconded by Katha. The motion passed 7-1 with Eileen Meyer opposed. Katha asked how recommendations for funding can come forward to the University. Bill indicated that funding requests are solicited by the University in several different ways. Diane indicated that it would be appropriate for this committee to make suggestions or recommendations.

Roger requested an assessment of the Good Neighbors Program. Diane indicated that she would be happy to provide updates on the project, which was getting off the ground in 2007, but that a full report wouldn't come until after the project had been fully

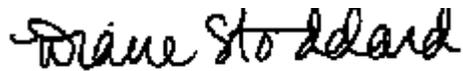
implemented in 2008. Jeff Chapman requested that additional detail be provided on the projects in future submissions.

After discussion, Jeff Chapman made a motion to recommend the allocation of funds for the 2008 projects as proposed. The motion was seconded by Becky. The motion was approved unanimously.

Katha was selected as the Vice Chair of the committee by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Stoddard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Diane Stoddard  
Deputy City Manager