

NC Community Gardens Steering Committee Meeting
September 5, 2008

Next Meeting: November 7th, 9:30-11:30 SEEDS 706 Gilbert Street, Durham, 27701

Present: Lucy Bradley, Diane Beth, Francesca Hyatt, Lucy Harris, Maria Hitt, Jenny Palmer, Brenda Brodie, Mary Bea Kolbe, Corrine Gionnini, Susan Jakes, Mike Lanier, Keith Baldwin

(State Planning Team: Lucy Bradley, Diane Beth, Michelle (?), Keith Baldwin)

Action Plan:

1. Website: Everyone look at it, give Lucy feedback about what should be on there. Make it a "Clearing House" of information
2. Data Gathering:
 - A. Existing Gardens
 - B. Interest in Gardens
 - i. Professionals
 - ii. Community Members (combine A & B?)
3. Program/Curriculum: Create something tangible for Extension Agents, Nutrition Educators and others to guide groups through the process of starting and maintaining community gardens
4. Funding to launch effort (Who?)

Assignments:

- Jenny Palmer and Susan Jakes will work together to come up with a survey to gather data on existing gardens. This will be sent out to everyone who attended the large group Community Garden Meeting, asking participants to send out the survey to all of their list serves
- Diane Beth and Lucy Harris will explore the option of having their Nutrition student volunteers collate data from the surveys
- Keith will explore the possibility of Extension adding a community gardening component into their programming and staff roles
- ALL will review the notes from the large group meeting and come up with ideas and suggestions on how to proceed

Questions:

- Who else should be part of the steering committee? How can we increase our racial diversity, connect with other possible partners?
- Should we set up a statewide meeting for all community garden leaders? How?

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- Name of the group, determine time commitment
- Draft a vision statement
- Invite others to be part of steering committee
- What else?

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