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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Operations Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Kimberly Kiefer, Director Volunteer Division

From: Mei Ling Hui, Urban Agriculture Program Manager

Subject: Alemany Farm at St. Mary's Complex

Agenda wording:

Discussion and possible action to appoint members to seats 3-9 of the Alemany Farm Community Advisory Committee, pursuant to Resolution No. 1208-005

Strategic Plan

- Strategy 2: Inspire Play Promote active living, well-being and community for San Francisco's diverse and growing population
- Objective 2.3: Work with partners and neighborhood groups to active parks through organized events, activities, and unstructured play.
- Strategy C: Increase opportunities for urban farming and community gardening.

Background

Alemany Farm is a 3.5-acre site, located on Alemany Blvd near Ellsworth Street and is managed under the Recreation and Park Department's Community Gardens Program.

Through the collaborative efforts of multiple site stakeholders, Alemany Farm has achieved high levels of success in promoting ecological urban agriculture. Alemany Farm provides important educational, recreational, and community building opportunities in the areas of ecological farming, natural areas and habitat management, orchard and food forest management, vineyard management, beekeeping, aqua-culture and pond management, and composting, among other program areas.

A communal effort of organizational stakeholders supported by RPD staff engaged in a year-long process to develop the Alemany Farm Management Plan, which was adopted by the RPD Commission in August 2012. This plan established the Alemany Farm Community Advisory Committee to guide programming on the Farm, though engaging



input from the multiple site stakeholders and interested community members in an open forum setting.

The Alemany Farm CAC membership structure identifies stakeholders to represent identified priority activities and site goals as outlined in the Management Plan

CAC membership is subject to an application process and appointment by the Recreation and Park Commission. Member terms are for two years, with members allowed to continue serving with indefinite holdover until new appointments are made. Inaugural appointments for Seats 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 were made by the Commission in September 2012. Inaugural appointments for Seat 1 and Seat 6 were made by the Commission in November 2012. Appointment for Seat 3, was made by the Commission in December 2013. Currently, all appointments have lapsed.

Staff Recommendations:

Seat 1 and Seat 2 have no applications. Applicants for all remaining seat assignments have attended CAC meetings and expressed significant interest in supporting the goals of the Alemany Farm Management Plan. Staff recommends that all applicants be appointed as follows.

Alemany Farm Community Advisory Committee	Recommendation
Seat 1: Neighborhood Resident	No Application
Seat 2: Neighborhood Resident	No Application
Seat 3: Dedicated site volunteers who demonstrate a leadership role in site management and programming.	Brett Stephens (Re-appointment)
Seat 4: Dedicated site volunteers who demonstrate a leadership role in site management and programming.	Daniel Ishofsky (New Appointment)
Seat 5: Naturalized open space representative member.	Craig Heckman (Re-appointment)
Seat 6: Farming practitioner member.	Capri LaRocca (New Appointment)
Seat 7: Youth advocate member with, for example, demonstrated experience working with at-risk youth advocacy and/or education.	Bonnie Ora Sherk (Re-appointment)
Seat 8: At-Large member with no specific qualification. This member may live outside of San Francisco.	Maya Rogers (New Appointment)

Seat 9: Recreation and Park Department Representative

William Lyons
(SFRPD Staff Appointment)

Cost and Source of Funds:

Alemaný Farm receives support through the Community Gardens Program, which is funded through the Open Space Fund.

Environmental Review:

Not applicable.

Project Outreach:

Alemaný Farm CAC
Urban Agricultural Alliance
Community Grows
BVHP Collaborative
Friends of Alemaný Farm
Stakeholder groups of Alemaný Farm
Community Gardens Program Coordinators and Leadership
Citywide Urban Agriculture Program working group
Recreation and Park Department Operations and Recreation staff
Rec and Park website- main page announcement with more details on project page:
<http://sfrecpark.org/park-improvements/urban-agriculture-program-citywide/community-gardens-program/alemany-farm-community-advisory-committee/>

Supported By:

Alemaný Farm CAC
Friends of Alemaný Farm
A Living Library

Opposed by:

No known opposition

Recommendation:

Approve appointments to the Alemaný Farm Community Advisory Committee (CAC) in accordance with the Alemaný Farm Management Plan

Attachments:

Alemaný Farm Community Advisory Committee Applications for Seats 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9.
Excerpt from the Alemaný Farm Management Plan
Alemaný Farm CAC Bylaws_4.16.13