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Results of the DBG Governance & Neighborhood Advisory Committees meeting

Representatives from the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) to the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Denver Botanic Garden's Governance Committee met on February 13, 2002 to discuss the Governance Committee's proposed changes in the composition of the DBG's board of trustees. Representing the NAC were Debra Adams, Art Blomberg, Jim Hannifin and Timothy Hepp. Representing the DBG were John Moye and Hal Logan. All parties present have reviewed this document.

It was agreed that the neighborhood trustee concept has been good for both the Gardens and the neighborhoods. The individuals who have been Neighborhood Trustees have done an outstanding job in the performance of their DBG trustee duties while also ensuring that neighborhood issues were considered.

After reviewing the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between the City and the DBG and considering the strategic objectives of the proposed changes in DBG's governance, it was agreed that no change was needed to the Agreement.

However, if the DBG's Board of Trustees is reduced in size, as proposed by the Governance Committee, there will be an increased need for each trustee to have specific skills. To assist in achieving this goal, the DBG's nominating committee will inform the NAC of the specific skills that are needed. The NAC will then attempt to, but not be bound to, provide candidates with the DBG's desired skills.

It is in the best interests of both the surrounding neighborhoods and for the community in general that the Denver Botanic Gardens continues to be a vibrant community asset that achieves its botanic missions. As the Gardens continues to evolve, cooperation and communication are essential so that both the Gardens and neighborhoods continue to prosper in a compatible fashion.

The Neighborhood Trustees are an important aspect of the partnership between the Gardens and the neighborhoods. The concept of Neighborhood Trustees, nominated by the NAC, reviewed by the Gardens, and appointed by the Mayor will continue in accordance with the Amended Agreement between the City and the DBG.

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