



SAVE KOSSUTH STREET GARDEN

#ZoneItIn
#SaveOurGarden



November 4, 2020

Fellow Neighbors: For 12 years, the Kossuth Street Garden (KSG) has sat on the ~1-acre lot at 641 E Kossuth St. The garden was chosen from all community gardens in Central Ohio and awarded the 2020 Franklin Park Conservatory "Growing to Green - Neighborhood Impact Award". The benefits of a community garden to a neighborhood include education, environmental awareness, physical activity, and community pride, to name a few.

A developer has purchased the property the garden occupies and plans to build 10 homes beginning in spring 2021. In a recent conversation, the developer indicated little interest in selling KSG the land on which the garden sits. Before building homes, the zoning of the property must be changed from "commercial" to "residential".

Here's what you can do to help save the garden:

- Attend the **Southern Orchards Civic Association (SOCA)** zoning meeting next **Tuesday, November 10**, at 6:00 pm. This meeting is open to all. Dues-paying members of SOCA can vote to save the garden at this meeting. To become a member, email **Southern Orchards** (SouthernOrchards.1982@gmail.com) or SOCA treasurer Donna Hughes (dhughes1125@yahoo.com). The \$12 membership fee will enable you to

This matter will also be reviewed by the Southside Area Commissioners (SSAC) and, ultimately, the zoning variance will be rejected or approved by Columbus City Council. Hopefully, the zoning change will be approved, with a provision for keeping the garden.

Letters of support should include the ways you see the community garden/green space as valuable to our neighborhood. Also, please relate that KSG has offered to buy a small portion of the lot.

- Email support for KSG to the following. **Note the deadlines.**
 - **November 10th** by 6pm - **Southern Orchards Civic Association (SOCA)** (1982@gmail.com).
 - **November 24th at 6:30 p.m.** - **Southside Area Commissions (SSAC)**: Atticus Garden (atticusgarden@gmail.com) and Curtis Davis at (cdavis@team-icsc.com)
 - **December 6th** - **Columbus City Council**: Nicole Harper, aide to zoning chair for Columbus City Council Priscilla Tyson (nnharper@columbus.gov). Please send before Council votes

Send questions to Kossuth Street Garden (kossuthgarden@gmail.com). Google Kossuth Street Garden and find us on Facebook for more background and photos.

Thank you and know that your vote and voice matter.

Michael Doody
Founder/Director
SOCA Member since 1996

Volunteers and Board of Trustees
Kossuth Street Garden
641 E Kossuth St, Columbus, OH 43206



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Southern Orchards Civic Association

AGENDA

11/10/20 Zoom Link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5159289209> 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Or go to Southern Orchards Civic Association on Facebook or your web browser.

6:00 Welcome, Introductions – September 7, 2020 Minutes Review and Request for Approval and Zoom recording of SOCA meetings

6:05 Planning and Development Committee (Zoning) - Chair Christian Goodrich
Rezoning and Variance Requests -- 641 E. Kossuth Street Development.

Application documents for consideration:

- [Rezoning Application](#)
- [Council Variance Application](#)
- [statement of hardship](#),
- [variance list](#) (revised square footage for the variance 3332.14),
- [legal description](#),
- [architectural drawing 1](#),
- [architectural drawing 2](#).

6:10 Presentation from Applicants: Tracy Cohen (owner), Julie Bullock (architect), Don Pritchard (general contractor)

6:20 Presentation of Kossuth Street Garden representative – Michael Doody

6:25 Discussion – questions / comments are limited to 2 minutes per person

6:45 Motion and SOCA vote

6:50 Healthy Homes Update - Jordan Henderson, Project Manager

7:00 Executive Board

- Zoom recordings of events and meetings – available at Youtube Channel
- 2021 Planning Meeting
- Financial Report
- Membership and Outreach
- Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Next meeting date to be announced

7:10 SOCA / Community past events. Report from Atticus Garden, CSSAC representative
District 2

- October 6, 2020 – SOCA's Night Out for Safety & Liberation.
- October 29, 2020 from 6 – 8 p.m. – Trick or Treat Night – held in compliance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the City of Columbus, and the Ohio Department of Health recommendations for safe community events during a pandemic in Southern Orchards. Organizer Atticus Garden.

7:15 Columbus South Side Area Commission update. Report Atticus Garden

7:20 Public Comment / Discussion

What's Next? **Executive Board (EB) Meeting: 11-29-2020 Civic Meeting: 12-1-2020**