

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: <u>09/27/10</u>		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's Ideas on the Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver City.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson, Acting PRCS Director		Phone Number: (310) 253-6655	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☒ No ☐		Date: <u>August 3, 2010</u>	
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – City Council (09/23/10); (Email) Meetings and Agendas – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (09/23/10); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (09/23/10); (Email) Senior Citizens (09/22/10); (Email) Ms. Dollard (09/22/10).			
Department Approval: Pam Robinson (by P. Mooney) (09/14/10)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (09/20/10)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (09/22/10)		City Manager Approval: John Nachbar (09/22/10)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the City Council hear a presentation by representatives of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission regarding the Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City, discuss the issue, and direct the City Manager as deemed appropriate. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> At the June 1, 2010 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (Commission) meeting, the Commission crafted a statement on the importance of developing additional community gardens within Culver City to be delivered in memo format, through the former Interim City Manager, to the City Council. Over the course of the following two weeks, the memo was drafted by staff and reviewed and approved by then Commission Chair Daly Redholtz. Due to unforeseen delays, the memo, dated June 14, 2010, was provided to the members of the City Council in early July, when it was included in the packet for the July 12, 2010 Council meeting (Attachment 1).			

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At the July 12, 2010 City Council meeting, Council Member Cooper requested and received consensus from the City Council to have a member of the Commission come before the City Council to present the Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City.

DISCUSSION:

In response to the direction from the City Council as noted above, at the August 3, 2010 PRCS Commission meeting, the Commission unanimously designated Chair Rick Hudson and Commissioner Laura Stuart as representatives to present the Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City. Chair Hudson and Commissioner Stuart are present at this evening's meeting to give an oral presentation to the City Council on this topic.

Impacts on Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Work Plan

The City Manager is currently working with the various departments to present recommended work plans for each of the City's departments to the City Council for discussion and ultimate adoption. These work plans will be based upon the priorities and the reduced availability of financial and staff resources reflected in the City Council Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. Currently, the draft work plan does not include the proposal related to Community Gardens and the related staff time to prepare and present to the City Council a proposal for consideration. Should the City Council provide direction to pursue this new project, then the draft work plan would be adjusted accordingly.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item.

ATTACHMENT:

Memo dated June 14, 2010 from the PRCS Commission to the City Council titled: *Culver City Community Gardens*

MOTIONS:

1. Receive a presentation from Commission representatives and discuss the Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City; and,
2. Direct the City Manager as deemed appropriate.