

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 06/30/08		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Reconsideration of (1) Approval of an Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Establishment of a Smart Gardening Demonstration Learning Center in Culver City; (2) Consideration of Recommendations of Possible Park Locations for the Learning Center (including Carlson Park and Veterans Park); and (3) Designation of a Location for the Learning Center in a Park within Culver City (Carlson Park or Veterans Park).			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (06/25/08); Flyers were distributed to the area within 300 feet of both proposed locations.			
Department Approval: Charles Herbertson (06/25/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol A. Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/25/08)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (06/25/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (06/25/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council re-consider the establishment of a Los Angeles County Smart Gardening Demonstration Learning Center (Learning Center) in Culver City at Carlson Park or Veterans' Memorial Park. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> On June 23, 2008 the City Council approved the construction of a Learning Center at Carlson Park. After the meeting, some residents that live near Carlson Park voiced opposition to the program. Also, additional questions about the exact location within the park for the construction of a Learning Center and the terms of the contract between the City and County were raised. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> Staff requests that the City Council reconsider the proposed location of a Learning Center within Carlson Park taking into account recent concerns raised by residents that reside near the Park. If Carlson Park is determined to be unfit for a Learning Center, then staff requests that the City Council consider Veterans Memorial Park as an alternative location and rescind the motion adopted on June 23, 2008 to place the learning center at Carlson Park.			
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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Los Angeles County will fund the design, construction and maintenance of the Smart Gardening Learning Center.

The typical contract term for a Learning Center is five years. If the City chooses not to renew the contract after the contract expires, then the County will uninstall the center and restore the park to its original state. The County will maintain the Learning Center until it is removed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. June 23, 2008 Smart Gardening Demonstration Learning Center staff report
2. Flyer advertising tonight's meeting

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Take no action (in which case the action taken to approve a Learning Center in Carlson Park will be implemented);

Or

2. Rescind the motion made at the June 23, 2008 City Council Meeting that approved the construction of a Los Angeles County Demonstration Learning Center at Carlson Park; and,
3. Approve a Los Angeles County Smart Gardening Demonstration Learning Center in Culver City at Veteran's Memorial Park; and,
4. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and authorize the City Manager to such documents on behalf of the City.