

City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: <u>04/07/15</u>		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
PRCS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM: (1)Informational Item Regarding Urban Gardening, Apartment Gardening, and Neighborhood Coop Gardening; and, (2) Discussion Regarding the Potential Role that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission May Wish to Take in Mentoring Community Members Interested in Community Gardening.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Dan Hernandez,PRCS Director		Phone Number: (310) 253-6655	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: (Email) Culver City Community Garden Plots Renters (04/02/15); (Email) Senior Citizens (04/02/15); (Email) Meetings and Agendas – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (04/02/15); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (04/02/15).			
Department Approval:Dan Hernandez (04/01/15)		City Attorney Approval: N/A	
Chief Financial OfficerApproval: N/A		City Manager Approval: N/A	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission (1) hear an informational item regarding urban gardening, apartment gardening, and neighborhood coop gardening; and, (2) discuss the potential role that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission may wish to take in mentoring community members interested in community gardening. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> At various times throughout the years, members of the public have come before the PRCS Commission requesting that the Commission look into ways that more community garden opportunities might be made available in Culver City. Most recently, in December 2014 and in January 2015, discussions regarding the final draft of the Culver City Community Garden Plots Rules and Regulations led to a broader public discourse regarding the general lack of community garden resources in Culver City. At the March 18, 2015 PRCS Commission Special Meeting, the topic of Urban Gardening was agendized by the Commission for discussion at this evening's meeting. Documents submitted by Chair Stuart regarding urban gardening, apartment gardening, and neighborhood coop gardening are provided as Attachments A through Q. <u>FISCAL IMPACT:</u> There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item.			

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ATTACHMENTS:

- A. (43) Apartment Balcony Garden on Pinterest
- B. 10 Secrets for Growing an Urban Balcony Garden_Gardenista
- C. 66 Things You can Grow At Home_In Containers, Without a Garden - HowStuffWorks
- D. About Us_Farmscape Gardens
- E. Community Garden Start up Guide
- F. Creating a Neighborhood Garden Wheel_iGROW Sonoma
- G. Dallas City Council OKs Urban Garden Ordinance After Cornstalk Debate_Dallas Morning News
- H. FAO_Growing Greener Cities_Approach - Microgardens
- I. Gardening Without a Garden_10 Ideas for Your Patio or Balcony-Renters Solutions_Apartment Therapy
- J. How to Make a Vegetable Garden on a Balcony or Patio_Apartments
- K. How to Start Apartment Vegetable Gardening_Small Space Gardening
- L. Northridge CommUNITY Garden_San Francisco Parks Alliance – A Garden in a Housing Community
- M. Sacramento City Council Approves Urban Farm Ordinance_The Sacramento Bee
- N. Shared Neighborhood Gardens Offer a Fresh Approach – LA Times
- O. Solution 4_Shared and Community Gardens_Nolo
- P. Urban Gardening on the Rise Atop Downtown Los Angeles Skyscrapers_abc7
- Q. Why Micro-Gardening Could Go Big_The Salt_NPR

MOTIONS:

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

1. Hear an informational item regarding urban gardening, apartment gardening, and neighborhood coop gardening; and,
2. Discuss the potential role that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission may wish to take in mentoring community members interested in community gardening.