

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

Meeting Date: <u>10/05/10</u>		Item Number: <u>A-3</u>	
PRCS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM: Report from the Commission Representatives on their Presentation to the City Council of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's Ideas on the Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver City.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (09/30/10); (Email) Parks, Recreation & Community Service Department Updates (09/30/10); (Email) Senior Citizens (09/30/10); (Email) Sustainability and Environmental Issues (09/30/10); (Email) Ms. Dollard (09/30/10).			
Department Approval: Pam Robinson (09/29/10) (by P. Mooney)		City Attorney Approval: N/A	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: N/A		City Manager Approval: N/A	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission hear a report from the Commission representatives on their presentation to the City Council of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City and take action as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 1, 2010 Parks, Recreation and Community Services 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 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 PRCS Commission Chair Daily Redholtz. 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.

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

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In response this direction from Council, 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.

DISCUSSION:

At the September 27, 2010 City Council meeting, Chair Rick Hudson and Commissioner Laura Stuart presented the Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City to the City Council. After public comment from several supporters of the concept and discussion by City Council, there was unanimous support from the City Council for the Commission to work with interested community members in looking further into the matter of developing additional Community gardens within Culver City.

Although many creative ideas regarding the development of community gardens were presented by Commission representatives, public speakers and City Council members, no specific direction was given to the Commission by the City Council as to the next steps in the process. With this in mind, after hearing a report from the representatives regarding their presentation at the September 27, 2010 City Council meeting, the Commission may wish to discuss and possibly take action regarding plans for developing this concept.

Since it seems that one major focus of this effort will be a dialogue between the Commission, the public and the City, staff recommends that the Commission consider either forming an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to spearhead the issue or designate that it be sent to one of the standing Subcommittees. A list of the current PRCS Subcommittees and their members is provided for reference as Attachment C, if needed. Staff also recommends that the Commission discuss, consider and possibly take action regarding any other ideas in accordance with the wishes of the City Council, as deemed appropriate.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Excerpt of the Approved Meeting Minutes Relating to Agenda Item A-1 of the June 1, 2010 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting: *Consideration of Issuing a Statement to the City Council Regarding Developing Additional Community Gardens within Culver City.*

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- B. Excerpt of the Approved Meeting Minutes Relating to Agenda Item A-4 of the August 3, 2010 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting: *Designation of PRCS Commission Representative(s) to Present the Commission's Ideas on the Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver City at an Upcoming City Council Meeting.*
- C. List of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Responsibilities for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

MOTIONS:

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

- 1. Hear a report from the Commission representatives on their presentation to the City Council of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's ideas on the development of additional community gardens within Culver City; and,
- 2. Take action as deemed appropriate.