

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation and Discussion of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission's Ideas on the Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver City.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor Christopher Armenta and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: P. Lamont Ewell, Interim City Manager

FROM: Chair Vicki Daly Redholtz and Members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

SUBJECT: Culver City Community Gardens

At the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission Meeting of Tuesday, June 1, 2010, the PRCS Commission made a motion to issue a statement to the City Council emphasizing the need for developing additional Community Gardens within Culver City.

The PRCS Commission wishes the Council to know that:

- Community Gardens are important assets that improve the overall quality of life;
- Community Garden programs are highly valued by the public;
- Culver City currently has only one Community Garden, while thousands of residents meet the basic eligibility requirements to participate in the program;
- Community Gardens promote urban learning;
- Community Gardens reacquaint the community with possibilities for urban creativity;
- The space in our parks is limited, highly programmed and does not lend itself easily to the development of new Community Gardens at this time;

Therefore:

- The Commission respectfully requests that when the City Council is considering land uses within Culver City, the development of Community Gardens be given a high priority;
- The Commission encourages the City Council to work with private land owners whose properties have not been used in a long time to utilize that space for Community Gardens;
- The Commission suggests working with schools to identify school property that might be used for Community Gardens;
- The Commission recommends identifying properties owned by other government agencies within Culver City and investigating the possibility of use for Community Gardens;
- The Commission asks that the City Council prioritize the development of Community Gardens at the earliest opportunity.