

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA
November 2, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

Note: This meeting will be held by web conference.*

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 - ___ Ryan Carlson
 - ___ Jeff Yager
 - ___ Shaun Curtin
 - ___ Susan Risher

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 - ___ Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff Liaison

- C. PRESENTATION

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - 1. Approval of August 3, 2020 minutes.

- E. AGENDA:
 - 1. Community Garden Survey Results
 - 2. Winter Activities

- F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- G. ADJOURNMENT:

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E. AGENDA:

1. Community Garden Questions

- Commissioners and staff discussed possible questions to include in survey regarding garden expansion. There are currently 29 plots at the garden. According to the Public Works Director the garden only has the capability to expand by 9 more plots.
- Commissioners created survey questions that will be posted online and in the Fall newsletter. The intent of the questions are to gain feedback about the demand of more garden plots in the community.
- The survey will be released to the public after the garden survey from the garden subcommittee has concluded to avoid confusion.

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- Walt Dunlap has resigned from the Parks Commission.
- The September Parks Commission meeting has been cancelled due to Labor Day.
- Next meeting is scheduled for October 5th. Commission will discuss survey results and begin discussing the street-scape plan.

G. ADJOURNMENT:



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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	November 2, 2020
Agenda Item	Consent E1
Attachment	Survey results
Submitted By	Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff

Item	Community Garden Survey Results
Descriptions	<p>Community Garden located at Community Park has 29 plots. All the plots are reserved for the summer by new and returning gardeners. Over the last couple of years there has been an increase of individuals the waitlist. Most of the gardeners are returning each year. This does not allow those on the waitlist to rent a garden plot.</p> <p>Returning gardeners are given priority each year to renew their plot rental. If returning gardeners do not wish to renew their rental then the application process is open to Falcon Heights residents. If there are remaining plots after the given deadline to Falcon Heights residents, then the plots can be rented by anyone in surrounding communities. Surrounding communities include St. Paul, Roseville and Lauderdale.</p> <p>At the July 6th Parks Commission Meeting, the commission agreed that the garden should be expanded. The overall consensus was to expand the garden by 10 plots. There was also further discussion about gaining community feedback before the garden expansion in order to see if the demand is higher than expected.</p> <p>At the August 3rd Parks Commission Meeting, the commission brainstormed survey questions that would go out to current gardeners and the community. The results of the survey will be shared with the commission.</p>
Budget Impact	NA
Attachment(s)	-Survey results
Action(s) Requested	Commission to review survey and results and discuss additional amenities to be offered at the garden.

Did you know Falcon Heights had a Community Garden?	Do you currently have a garden plot?
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	No
No	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
No	No
No	No; Yes
No	No
Yes	Yes
No	Yes
No	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
No	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
No	No
No	No; Yes
No	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	Yes

Please choose a time frame you think the garden should be available for gardeners:	Are you on the waiting list or are you interested in obtaining a plot?	Do you support the increase in size of the existing garden?						
		Yes						
April-October		Yes						
April-October		Yes						
April-October	I'm interested in obtaining a plot	Yes						
		Yes						
May-September		Yes						
April-October		Yes						
April-October		Yes						
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I am a...	What amenities do you like or wish existed at the Community Garden?
Resident of another community	
Homeowner	Path and or labeling for plots and walking.
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Renter	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	I am pleased with it as it is.
Homeowner	
Homeowner	Water by hose or pump. Compost area A few benches for people to sit on and rest. A bit of shade for when it's 90+ A small shelter with a picnic table.
Homeowner	
Homeowner	Expanding the existing FH Community Garden is not an alternative to restricting gardening activities at our homes. The need to expand the FH Community Garden existed long before the issue with home gardens began (as demonstrated by the trend of always hav
Homeowner	I like that there's an opportunity to compost weeds and scraps. I wonder if it could even be bigger. I think it would be a cool idea to expand the garden and use land between city hall and Larpenteur Avenue. Maybe there would be a different model than 1 Person
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	I don't use so no opinion
Homeowner	water and manure
Renter	garden of vegetables
Renter	
Homeowner	I think Quentin's garden should be allowed. We need more pollinator friendly space and less chemical dependent lawns. Stop discouraging gardens. Start discouraging grass lawns.
Homeowner	Current good services!
Homeowner	
Homeowner	
Homeowner	Closer water. Not a long hose from the community center.
Homeowner	None for me
Homeowner	None
Homeowner	none
Homeowner	water for irrigation, a rabbit-proof fence (maybe a deer-proof fence if there are deer in the area)
Homeowner	I do not have a plot as I currently have room in our yard for a small vegetable garden, but I do support vegetable gardening and am in support of expanding this garden if there is a waiting list.
Homeowner; Resident of another community	Reliable water source, weed & composting collection cans.



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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	November 2, 2020
Agenda Item	Consent E2
Attachment	N/A
Submitted By	Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff

Item	Winter Activities
Descriptions	<p>Winter is quickly approaching and with the ongoing pandemic it will be difficult to participate in events that have taken place in the past. The City is looking to provide outdoor options for the community that will provide an outlet of leisurely activities.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 concerns, the warming house will not be returning for the 2020-2021 skating season. The City will provide picnic tables and park benches at Curtiss Field for skaters to change in and out of their skates. The City will not be hiring a Rink Attendant due physical distancing. Safe skating guidelines will be placed around rinks to encourage safe practices. If it snows, Public Works will plow all City streets and then shovel the rinks as time/weather permits.</p> <p>Other potential items to discuss include plowing the snow on Community Park trail, operation of lights at Curtiss Field without a rink attendant, and the schedule of setting up the ice rink.</p>
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	N/A
Action(s) Requested	Staff looking for discussion about winter activities and guidelines to set in place.