



## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: February 6, 2020

#### Subject

Satellite Community Garden - Update

#### Recommended Action

Review and provide feedback regarding the proposed process for evaluating potential Satellite Community Garden sites throughout the city. Identify 2-3 potential locations and give them to staff by February 24.

#### Discussion

At the June 18, 2019 City Council meeting, Council reduced the budget for the Community Garden at McClellan Ranch Preserve to \$1.2 million and directed staff to allocate \$300,000 to explore opportunities to build additional community gardens at other locations within the City. Staff surveyed 10 surrounding cities who have community gardens. Information was gathered regarding size, number of plots, plot size, and whether the beds were raised or in-ground. Using this information, staff created the garden evaluation sheet, which is intended for use by staff and commissioners to determine the appropriateness of areas under consideration for satellite gardens. Following the identification of various locations, staff will return to the Commission to present the recommended sites. We then request that the Commissioners visit these locations, with our written criteria, and send their scores to staff. Staff will return to a future Commission meeting with the composite scores and identify the top few locations. We will then consult with a master gardener to confirm that these sites are appropriate.

#### Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impacts.

#### Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

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Attachments:

A – Community Garden Survey

B – Satellite Community Garden Evaluation Sheet