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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: May 6, 2021

Subject

Satellite Community Garden Evaluation Data and Potential Satellite Garden Locations.

Recommended Action

Review the satellite community garden evaluation data and provide input on potential satellite garden locations.

Discussion

In June 2019, Cupertino City Council approved \$300,000 as part of the Capital Improvement Program budget to fund the development of satellite community gardens throughout the City.

In September 2020, as part of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Park Amenity Improvement project, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks and Recreation staff, and Public Works staff evaluated 16 City parks and two special use sites for a variety of improvements, including satellite community gardens. The evaluation data was intended to identify potential locations to implement the satellite community garden Capital Improvement Project. Each site was ranked on a scale of one to five, five being the highest possible score and one being the lowest possible score.

The satellite community garden evaluation data (Attachment A) identified Wilson Park, Hoover Park, and Jollyman Park as the three highest ranked sites. Several other sites were ranked just below the top three.

In response to the Commission's request, City staff also researched additional property owned by the City to determine if other suitable locations should be considered for a potential satellite community garden. Staff identified two additional City owned sites, however, both are under long-term lease with San Jose Water District whose infrastructure and security requirements omit them as suitable locations for consideration.

It is recommended that the Commission review the satellite community garden evaluation data and provide input on potential satellite garden locations.

Sustainability Impact

No Sustainability Impact.

Fiscal Impact

City Council approved \$300,000 for the development of satellite community gardens.

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Attachments:

A – Satellite Community Garden Evaluation