ROSEBURG PARKS COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

8:15 a.m. Regular Meeting City Hall Third Floor Conference Room
900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon 97470

NOTE: IT IS UP TO EACH OF YOU AS COMMISSIONERS TO CALL 541-492-6730 AND LET STAFF
KNOW BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING. THANK YOU.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL:
Chair: Alison Eggers
Commissioners: Kyle Bailey Leila Heislein Diana Wales
Bob Grubbs Bob Cotterell Bob Walker

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. October 3, 2018

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Proposed Memorial In Stewart Park
B. Blue Zones Community Garden Concept

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION — At this time, anyone wishing to address the Commission concerning items of interest
not included in the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Commission shall, when recognized, give his/her name and
address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the whole Commission. The Commission reserves the right to delay any
action, if required, until such time when they are fully informed on the matter.

V. INFORMATIONAL

VI. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

** ** AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE ** **
Please contact the Office of the City Recorder, Roseburg City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, OR 97470
(Phone 541-492-6700) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time if you need an accommodation. TDD users please
call Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.
CITY OF ROSEBURG
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 3, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Alison Eggers called the meeting of the City of Roseburg Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 3, 2018, in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners Bob Cotterell, Leila Heislein, Bob Grubbs, and Kyle Bailey

Absent: Chair Alison Eggers, Bob Walker and Diana Wales

Attending Staff: City Manager Lance Colley, Public Works Director Nikki Messenger, Parks and Recreation Program Manager Kris Ammerman, and Department Technician Chanelle Rogers

Others Present: Umpqua Valley Tennis Center Representatives, Sara Downie, Ronda Spencer, T.J. Cameron, Rick Emberton, and Eric Ball

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bailey moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 Special Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Heislein and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Umpqua Valley Tennis Center Expansion Proposal: Ammerman stated the Umpqua Valley Tennis Center (UVTC) is proposing to make several improvements at the facility. Ammerman informed UVTC has been working with a landscape architect to develop a site master plan. Ammerman said one of the main issues UVTC has is the age of the outdoor tennis courts they have exceeded the normal lifespan. In addition to redoing the outdoor courts the plan also includes relocation of the basketball courts, add a public restroom, rehab the Hoffman Tennis Center, two new indoor tennis/pickleball courts and outdoor storage area. Due to the scope of work it will require multiple phases. Messenger informed that since the project includes converting outdoor space to indoor space it may require that additional outdoor space be purchased or repurposed for outdoor recreation, since Stewart Park falls under the Land and Water conservation Fund Act. Due to that the project will need to be submitted to OPRD and possibly NPS for their review. T.J. Cameron, UVTC representative, said they are just starting the planning and wanted to make sure it was ok with the City to start fundraising. Discussion ensued regarding acquiring or repurposing outdoor space. Heislein asked if the group would need to have funding in place for each phase of the project. Messenger replied that yes they would need it for each phase prior to starting construction. Grubbs asked if the horseshoe pits would be impacted. Ronda Spencer, UVTC representative, said they would stay the same but would then have access to the new public restroom. Messenger stated UVTC would come back to the commission for approval prior to starting each phase of the project.

MOTION: Grubbs moved to forward a recommendation to the City Council to give preliminary approval to UVTC’s conceptual expansion plan. The motion was seconded by Bailey and carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: During discussion

INFORMATIONAL: None
BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION: Heislein inquired if the City Manager had a chance to check on the status of the funds from the sale of the Willis House and also if he had checked into who owned the property next to Brown Park. Messenger and Colley stated the portion of the funds from the sale of the Willis House that were supposed to go into the Park Fund is in there. Colley said he had not checked into who owns the property. Messenger stated she had looked to see who the owner was but hadn’t had a chance to do more.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Chanelle Rogers
Chanelle Rogers,
Public Works Department Technician
DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Nikki Messenger, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Memorial in Stewart Park

ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
City staff has been working with a community group on potential memorial sites to honor the victims of the UCC incident. The issue for the Commission is whether to support the placement of a memorial in Stewart Park.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS
City Manager Lance Colley is a member of a committee formed and supported by UCC to identify potential appropriate sites for a limited number of memorials to honor the victims and families impacted by the 2015 UCC incident. Staff has worked with the committee to identify a potential site within Stewart Park. The attachments show the approximate location that is being proposed. It is located north of the butterfly garden, in a portion of Stewart Park that is considered a passive recreation area. Mr. Colley will be at the December commission meeting to provide additional information regarding the proposal.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS
Staff does not anticipate any financial or resource implications for the City.

TIMING ISSUES
None

COMMISSION OPTIONS
The Commission has the following options:
1. Recommend that the City Council support the concept of installing the proposed UCC memorial within Stewart Park; or
2. Request additional information; or
3. Not support the proposed memorial within Stewart Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
In November of 2010, the City Council adopted a ‘Park Memorial & Naming Policy’. A copy of this policy has been attached for your information. The proposal appears to meet the criteria stated in section 3 of the policy. As such, staff recommends that the Commission support the concept of installing the memorial within Stewart Park.

SUGGESTED MOTION
I move to recommend that the City Council support the concept of installing a UCC memorial within Stewart Park.

ATTACHMENTS Maps, Memorial & Naming Policy
Stewart Park Passive Recreation Area
North of Butterfly Garden
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16

A RESOLUTION ENACTING THE CITY OF ROSEBURG PARK MEMORIAL AND NAMING POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Roseburg periodically receives requests for installation of memorials within parks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roseburg periodically receives requests to name and/or rename existing City parks or specific sections therein; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roseburg Parks & Recreation Commission developed a policy outlining requirements for installing memorials and/or naming or renaming City parks or sections therein; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, that the "City of Roseburg Park Memorial and Naming Policy" attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby adopted and is effective immediately upon adoption.


[Signature]
Debi Davidson, Acting City Recorder
Exhibit “A”
City of Roseburg Park Memorial & Naming Policy

Definitions

1) “City Property” means a parcel of land or improvement owned and / or controlled by the City of Roseburg.

2) “Park” means a parcel of land owned and / or controlled by the City of Roseburg for park and recreation purposes, or as an area of City beautification.

3) “Facility” means a building or structure located on a City property, including but not limited to libraries, office buildings, utility buildings, recreation centers, community centers, plazas, pathways, sports fields or structures used for specific sports such as tennis courts, basketball courts and skateparks.

4) “Amenity” means a smaller support structure located within a larger City park facility, such as benches, picnic tables, conference rooms, playgrounds, drinking fountains, decorative or water play fountains, gardens, gazebos or vegetation.

5) “Memorial” means a facility or amenity placed within a City park facility or on City park property in remembrance of a particular person or event. For the purposes of this policy, “memorials” also include features designated for purposes such as celebrations, or other special recognition. Memorials are divided into two categories:
   a. “Minor Memorial” means an amenity or facility proposed for use as a memorial with a value of less than $5,000.
   b. “Major Memorial” means an amenity or facility proposed for use as a memorial with a value of more than $5,000.
   The value of a memorial will be determined based on the costs attributable to the project.

6) “Resident” means a person residing or owning land within the Roseburg city limits, or a business located within the Roseburg city limits.

7) “Plaque” means a marker used to identify an amenity or facility as a memorial.

Process; Exemption

1) All requests to place memorials on City property shall be submitted in writing to the Public Works Director. Major memorial requests may be made no sooner than two years after an event, activity or occurrence that has generated the desire to create a memorial.

2) Requests shall be evaluated as follows:
   a. Minor Memorials. The Public Works Director shall decide whether to approve or deny any minor memorial request in consultation with other City staff or individuals, as necessary.
   b. Major Memorials. Staff shall make a recommendation to the City of Roseburg Parks Commission, who shall review all major memorial requests. The Parks Commission will
forward a recommendation to the City Council for approval, or issue a denial, which can be appealed to the City Manager.

3) The criteria to be used to evaluate a minor or major memorial request shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
   a. Whether the request for memorial includes the direct cost of the amenity or facility including design, purchase of the amenity or facility, installation, and whether any special maintenance requirements are being borne by the requesting party. Staff time to coordinate the memorial and minor levels of effort to assist with design and installation may be borne by the City.
   b. Whether the memorial will interfere with the existing or planned design, function or intended user experience of the area in which it is to be located.
   c. Whether the placement of the memorial will create a condition in which a significant number of amenities or facilities within a City facility or park are used for memorial purposes. The intent is to assure that placement of memorials will not detract from the overall design, intended experience, vision or appeal of any park facility or property.
   d. Whether the placement of the memorial is proposed to replace a facility or amenity currently serving as a memorial for another purpose. Only under extremely rare and unusual circumstances shall existing memorials be replaced by another memorial.
   e. Whether the design of the memorial makes use of equipment, structures, vegetation, or features that are of similar quality and design to existing or planned standards for amenities or facilities within the City.
   f. Whether any identifying plaque associated with the memorial is constructed of heavy duty, high quality material, and no more than 5”x7” in size.
   g. Whether the placement of the memorial will create an increased maintenance or long-term replacement burden.
   h. Whether the installation or construction of the memorial will be completed or overseen by trained individuals in consultation with City staff, in accordance with all applicable master plans, codes, rules and regulations at the local, state and federal level.
   i. Whether the requesting party agrees and understands that all memorials become the property of the City, and the City shall not be required to replace any memorial or portion of a memorial that is vandalized, damaged or stolen. The requesting party must also agree that the memorial may be removed, at the City’s sole discretion, if the Public Works Director finds the removal to be in the public’s best interest.

Naming of City Park Properties, Amenities or Facilities

1) Consideration of the following in naming City park properties, amenities or facilities is strongly encouraged:
   a. Historical significance;
   b. Geographical identifiers; and
   c. Natural characteristics, including flora and fauna that are characteristic of the Roseburg area.

2) All requests to name or re-name a City park property, amenity or facility shall be made in writing to the Public Works Director. Such requests may be submitted no sooner than two years after an event, activity or occurrence that has generated the desire to name a City property, park, amenity or facility.
3) Requests to name or re-name a City park property, amenity or facility shall be evaluated by the Parks Commission along with a staff recommendation. The Parks Commission shall make a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the name. A denial by the Parks Commission may be appealed to the City Manager.

4) Generally, the naming of a City park property, amenity or facility shall occur before or during development, and be the product of a public participation process.

5) For purposes of evaluation and recommendation, the naming of a City park property, amenity or facility shall be divided into two categories:
   a. Service and Non-monetary Contribution. A City park property, amenity or facility may be named to honor a person, living or deceased, in recognition of that person’s extraordinary volunteerism, employment, leadership or similar service or non-monetary contributions to the mission and purpose of parks and recreation in the City of Roseburg. The applicant should submit a letter providing a summary and examples of the significant contributions to the mission and purpose of parks and recreation in Roseburg, with supporting documentation such as newspaper clippings, letters of support, or other relevant information.
   b. Financial Contributions. The Parks Commission may consider naming a City park property, amenity or facility for a resident, organization or a business that has given or offered to give an appropriate and significant financial contribution to acquire, construct or otherwise enhance a park and recreation facility. A significant contribution means a donation of at least 51% (or $300,000, whichever is greater) of the cost of the acquisition, construction or improvement of the City property, park, amenity or facility requested for naming. The Parks Commission may consider a time limitation on naming of a park property, amenity or facility by a business.

6) Renaming of City Park Properties, Facilities or Amenities. The City of Roseburg intends that the name on a facility be the permanent designation. Only under extreme or extraordinary circumstances shall facilities be renamed, unless the duration of naming was identified by prior agreement.

7) An application to rename a facility shall comply with and be evaluated in accordance with the procedures set out in the previous ‘Process; Exemption’ section.

**Deviations from Policy**

The Public Works Director may allow minor deviations from this policy if he / she finds that such deviation will further the goals and intent of this policy and will help further the mission of parks and recreation in the Roseburg community.
DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Kris Ammerman, Parks & Recreation Program Manager

VIA: Nikki Messenger, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Blue Zones Community Garden Concept

ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY
Blue Zones has approached City staff with a request to consider the concept of allowing community garden(s) within City parks. The issue for the Commission is whether to support this concept.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS
Blue Zones has been working on increasing the number of community gardens available to the residents of Roseburg. Currently, all of the community gardens available for rent to the public are located on private property. Blue Zones has teamed with NeighborWorks Umpqua to begin drafting a proposed policy that may allow future gardens on properties owned by the City. The initial proposal may be a new garden within public right-of-way south of the Roseburg Senior Center at the intersection of Pine and Stephens Streets. A representative from Blue Zones will be at the meeting to present their conceptual vision for community gardens to the Commission to gage if there may be support to continue working on this concept.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS
At this point, no financial or resource impacts have been identified.

TIMING ISSUES
The Blue Zones movement has just begun their second of three years of paid staff. As such, they would like to have an idea of whether the Commission supports the concept of community gardens on City property as soon as practical.

COMMISSION OPTIONS
At this time, the Commission is being asked to consider the concept and give feedback on the level of support for Blue Zones and/or other community groups to move forward with developing a draft policy for installing and maintaining community gardens on City property.

ATTACHMENTS
Blue Zones Community Garden information
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Benefits of Community Gardens</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program Vision, Goals and Objectives</td>
<td>2-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current Garden Sites</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recommended Neighborhoods for Future Garden Sites</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gateway Garden Proposal</td>
<td>5-7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional Resources Enclosed: Sample Gardener Agreement, Liability Waiver, Letters of Support
BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens build and strengthen the community, provide economic benefits, increase social equity and promote environmental stewardship. By providing access to affordable, nutritional foods, community gardening encourages a practical approach in preventing and reducing obesity and associated diseases.

Community Gardens offer a variety of benefits for individuals and families:

- In addition to providing access to healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables, community gardening can encourage more active lifestyles by providing children and adults the opportunity to exercise by stretching, bending, walking, digging and lifting tools and plants.

- Community Gardens have also been linked to education and lifetime learning. Hands-on exposure to community gardening can teach children about the source of fresh produce, demonstrate community stewardship and introduce the importance of environmental sustainability.

- Gardening is particularly beneficial to older adults. Studies have shown that gardening can contribute to overall life satisfaction, strengthen social networks, decrease feelings of loneliness, and provide other psychological benefits to the elderly. These benefits are derived from both doing gardening activities as well as being at the garden site.

Community Gardens are an economic benefit to local governments in several ways:

- Green space in neighborhoods has been shown to have a significant positive effect on housing prices.

- In Milwaukee, properties within 250 feet of gardens experienced an increase of $24.77 with every foot and the average garden was estimated to add approximately $9,000 a year to the city tax revenue.

- Community gardens provide a retreat from the noise and commotion of urban environments, and have been shown to attract small businesses.

- Community garden programs provide employment, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities for a wide variety of people, including students, recent immigrants, and homeless people.

- Gardens reduce soil erosion and runoff, which lessens flooding and saves the city money.

PROGRAM VISION/GOAL/OBJECTIVES:
Blue Zones Project-Umpqua recognizes the value of urban agriculture. The community garden policy emerged as a top priority at the Blue Zones Project Food Policy Summit in September 2017. Through the joint efforts of our Food Policy Committee and multiple community partners, we’ve developed this proposal to promote the development of one sustainable demonstration community gardens on public land.

Providing long-term, reliable access to public space for residents to grow food is an important way to foster social connectedness, increase availability of healthy food for households, improve neighborhood quality of life, and encourage physical activity, recreation and economic development opportunities.
Allocating public land and defining community gardens as ‘highest and best use’ is a way to ensure community gardens remain an important community asset and source of healthy food for residents.

**Vision**
The overarching vision for the Food Policy Committee is to broadly integrate sustainable gardens into our community as a powerful tool for combating diet-related chronic disease and food insecurity.

**Goals**
The establishment of the Gateway Community Garden aims to reduce obstacles to nourishment, increase access to fresh foods, provide hands-on education and community connection, and support low-income households in the Southeast Roseburg food desert.

**Objectives**
- Implement a demonstration community garden site on city land, managed by a community organization, and evaluate sustainability after 1 year.
- Provide nutrition and food skills education for community garden participants to improve healthy eating habits within families.
- Create linkages between community resources, food systems, and households to enhance community health.

**CURRENT SITES FOR COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL GARDENS WITHIN ROSEBURG CITY LIMITS**

Of the 15 areas listed below, 3 gardens are open for public use. As of October 2018, the Westside and Umpqua Dairy Gardens are nearing maximum capacity within their current space.

- Westside Community Garden at First United Methodist Church (Public)
- Umpqua Dairy Garden (Public)
- Rose Street Apartments Edible Landscape Planters (Public)
- Eastwood Elementary School (Private)
- Fremont Middle School (Private)
- Fullerton IV Elementary School (Private)
- Roseburg High School (Private)
- The Clubhouse (Private)
- Fir Grove Elementary School (Private)
- Roseburg Junior Academy (Private)
- Salvation Army (Private)
- Brookdale (Private)
- TMS Call Center (Private)
- Boys and Girls Club (Private)
- Phoenix School (Private)
- YMCA (Private)

**ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ADDING OR EXPANDING GARDENS**

- Winchester Elementary (Private)
- Douglas ESD (Private)
- FCR (Private)
- Newton Creek Manor Food Oasis (Will be open to public once complete)
- VA (Veterans and Staff Private)
- Faith Lutheran Church (Private)
- UCHC (Private/Public)
RECOMMENDED NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FUTURE GARDEN SITES

The two public gardens mentioned above are spatially distributed in West and Southeast Roseburg. There is a need to distribute gardens throughout the City in order to increase access by residents who may be limited by transportation. We recommend locating gardens within 1 mile of residences in food deserts and high-density housing areas. High density housing has the least opportunity to garden because of the space limitations associated with apartment complex design and renting.

Below are the recommended neighborhoods to prioritize the establishment of community gardens based on equitable geographic distribution and addressing the access issues related to limited transportation, grocery stores, high density housing and low-income household status. The list is provided as a starting point in the decision-making process. Potential garden sites will require further review of all applicable Roseburg Municipal Codes, City Council Policies, and Land Development Codes by City Staff.

For full interactive map with labels: [https://tinyurl.com/y8yld3nm](https://tinyurl.com/y8yld3nm)

- Existing Community Garden
- Proposed Community Garden
"GATEWAY GARDEN" PROPOSAL

Proposed Demonstration Garden Location
The city-owned parcel of land just south of the Senior Center (Pine and Stephens Streets) in Southeast Roseburg neighborhood was identified as a potential viable location for a demonstration garden site on public land due to several different reasons.

1. Food Desert - As referenced above, the nearby Umpqua Dairy Garden is nearing its maximum capacity. According to interviewees, access to fresh, healthy food continues to be a challenge in this area. Southeast Roseburg is three miles from any full-service grocery store. Public transportation is poor; thus many low-income and SNAP recipients in this area rely on neighborhood convenience stores, whose offerings are primarily unhealthy (2017 Blue Zones+ Food Environment Discovery Report).

2. Housing Density - Southeast Roseburg includes two of the city's three historic districts and is the most densely populated part of the city (lots are 4,000 sq ft on average). The residential area continues to be a working class neighborhood. The neighborhood's single family housing stock remains approximately 60% - 65% rental/investment properties (NeighborWorks Community Impact Measurement Report).

3. Community Engagement and Building - Through the attention and actions of NeighborWorks Umpqua (NWU) and SERVICE volunteers, an increase in volunteer neighborhood beautification, coordination of crime watch efforts, and neighbors working together, this historic core area of SE Roseburg has already experienced positive change.

4. Location Assets:
   a. Highly visible and welcoming green space as traffic is entering the Heart of Roseburg
   b. Conveniently located next to the Senior Center in a highly visible area that provides a source of activity and "eyes" on the community garden property
   c. Located next to a UTRANS bus stop and within walking and biking distance to residential areas located along Pine and Stephens
   d. Plentiful parking and ability to make ADA accessible from the sidewalk and parking lot
   e. City watering system is already installed

Ownership
NWU has agreed to assume liability coverage for the demonstration garden if it is in southeast Roseburg. SERVICE has agreed to provide a volunteer garden coordinator to manage the day-to-day operations of the garden in the same manner as the Umpqua Dairy Garden. SERVICE and the volunteer garden coordinator will provide the following services in support of the program:

- Oversight of program, including meeting goals and objectives of garden
- Planning assistance
- Administration of gardener agreements (including liability waiver) and new gardener orientations (see appendix for samples)
- Collects annual registration fees
- Planning and implementation of garden clean-up days at least 3 per calendar year
- Coordinates educational programming with Master Gardeners and UC-VEG
- Receives training from OSU Master Gardeners, City of Roseburg Parks and Recreation and other groups as needed
Proposed Garden Elements
- 20 (4’x8’ raised beds)
- 4 (herb garden raised beds, “pizza slices”)
- 4 (ADA accessible raised beds)
- 240’ Fence Perimeter with Locked Entry Gate
- 10’x14’ Garden Shed
- Picnic Bench

Fiscal Support
It is estimated that the proposed garden design will cost approximately $8,000 to build. Development funding for the Gateway Garden will originate from a number of sources:

- Blue Zones Project-Umpqua - $1,000
- Parks Department – Request for edible and decorative plant starts and soil
- UC-VEG Kitchen Garden Project – 3 garden beds, seeds, and soil
- Community donations
- Sponsorships (private and non-profit) and Grants

Operational funding for garden could be supported through yearly registration fees (comparable to Umpqua Dairy Garden fees of $60/year for 1 garden bed) if allowed by the city.

Partnerships
The Blue Zones Project Food Policy Committee is actively working with NWU, SERVICE, the Senior Center, Roseburg Public Schools, Douglas County Juvenile Department, OSU Extension, UCAN Food Bank, Umpqua Valley Farmer’s Market, Mercy Foundation, UC-VEG and other private entities to provide a wide range of nutrition and garden services to the community. There is an interest in developing multi-agency partnerships to meet common goals around food security and access to fresh produce. These gardens can be educational, therapeutic, and a support system for social service agencies concerned with food distribution and nutritional health.
# Gateway Garden Proposal

## Expenses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Expenses</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Landscape fabric and pins</td>
<td>$244</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soil - 42 yards of top soil and compost</td>
<td>$967</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4’x8’ beds (20), 4 ADA beds with cedar boards and screws</td>
<td>$1,980</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fencing – 240’</td>
<td>$330</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poles (32)</td>
<td>$1,200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entrance Gate (1)</td>
<td>$172</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Locks/keys</td>
<td>$100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hoses (4)</td>
<td>$144</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheel Barrow (1)</td>
<td>$70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wheel Barrow (ADA) (1)</td>
<td>$68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scoop Nose Shovel (2)</td>
<td>$36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flat Nose Shovel (2)</td>
<td>$32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garden Rake (2)</td>
<td>$38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leaf Rake (2)</td>
<td>$20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hoe (2)</td>
<td>$38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10’x 14’ Garden Shed (1)</td>
<td>$1,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pitch fork (2)</td>
<td>$72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Picnic Table/Bench (1)</td>
<td>$350</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,961</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Umpqua Dairy Community Garden Agreement & Rules

This document sets out the rules that govern the Umpqua Dairy Community Garden (the "Garden") and the agreement between Gardeners and the Garden Sponsor. These Rules are intended to help all our Gardeners grow fresh, healthy food in a thriving garden, to help create a sense of community among our gardeners, and to help the Garden to be a good neighbor. South East Roseburg Voices in Community Enhancement (SERVICE) is a nonprofit organization that leases the land for the Garden, sponsors the Garden, and administers these Rules. Every person who has a plot in the Garden (called "Gardeners") must sign this legal agreement with Sponsor and by doing so Gardener agrees to comply with these Rules, as well as the liability waiver.

Please read and initial each section in the box provided for that section. Then sign the agreement. Please note, you must also sign a separate liability waiver, which is incorporated and made part of this agreement.

☐ The primary purpose of the Umpqua Dairy Community Garden is to reduce the barriers and increase access to locally sourced fresh fruits and vegetables by providing the opportunity for members of the community to grow their own food in a supportive community environment.

☐ A. ACCESS TO THE GARDEN

Term:

The term of this agreement is one (1) year, starting on April 1, 2018, and ending on October 31, 2018, however Gardeners can extend this to include the whole year of one is doing a winter garden, in which case the term will end on March 31, 2019* (please see notes about year around gardening below) The agreement will terminate upon the expiration of this term unless earlier terminated. Starting next year, the agreement will begin on the first day of the regular growing season.

Season:

The Garden is open and accessible all year for those doing both a spring/summer garden and those doing a fall/winter garden. Those gardening during just the spring/summer growing season must have their garden plot cleaned out by October 31.

We have two basic growing seasons: spring/summer and fall/winter. Gardeners who wish to grow food year round may do so and will need to check both boxes.

☐ I will be growing a spring/fall garden.

☐ I will be growing a fall/winter garden.
Gateway Garden Proposal

November 7, 2018

Hours:
Gardeners may be in the garden from Monday-Saturday 7 AM to Dusk and 8 AM to Dusk on Sundays.

Keys and Security:
Sponsor will give each Gardener one key to the Garden. The first key is free; if Gardeners lose the first key, they will be charged a $5.00 replacement fee. Gardeners may not make any copies of the key. On leaving the Garden, Gardeners are responsible for locking the gate if there are no other individuals in the Garden. Gardeners will follow any additional security guidelines that may be announced by Sponsor.

Parking:
Gardeners and garden guests must refrain from parking on SE Burke Street. If garden participants want to park on the street, they are to use SE Mill Street only.

B. GARDEN PLOTS
Use of Own Plot:
☐Garden plots are limited to one per household, if warranted by demand. Gardeners may be able to have more than one plot, if there is no one else who wants a plot.

Gardeners may use only the plots assigned to them by the Sponsor. Gardeners will maintain their plants within their plots and will trim any plants that extend into neighboring plots or into common areas. Gardeners may not alter the dimensions of their plot.

Plantings:
☐Gardeners may plant vegetables, fruits, and a limited number of flowers. If Gardeners plan to grow plants over 4 feet in height they must do it at the south side of their plot as to not impede adjacent gardeners' access to sunlight by the nature of their height, material or density.

Supplies:
Gardeners are solely responsible for the planning and management of their own plots, including providing their own seeds, plants, fertilizer, and any tools not provided by Sponsor or Gardeners collectively.

Organic Methods:
Gardeners do not have to garden organically. It is only advised to grow as organic as possible. Gardeners will check with the Sponsor before
applying any fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or rodenticides, even if labeled “organic.” Use of compost, organic mulch, and weeding is always acceptable. (We are moving toward fully sustainable gardening practices, which we will be starting to implement in the 2018 growing season. There may be a time in the near future when Gardeners must use only organic practices in order for us to be able to sustain the community garden)

**Water:**

Each Gardener is responsible for watering his or her own plot using the hose provided by Sponsor or Gardeners collectively. Gardeners will not overwater their plants or leave a hose unattended. Gardeners are reminded that the cost of water is included in the cost of plot rental, so any excessive water usage may cause the cost of plot rental to increase the following year.

**Tools:**

Gardeners may bring their own tools into the Garden to use in their plots, if you choose to store any tools in the Garden the Garden is not responsible for any lost or stolen tools. Gardeners are responsible for any damage caused by tools they bring into the Garden and so should use them with care.

**Plot Maintenance and Trash:**

Gardeners will maintain their plots and adjacent paths in a clean and neat fashion, promptly removing any weeds, overgrowth, or other waste from their plot.

☐ Gardeners will promptly harvest edible plants. If edible produce is not picked within a week, Gardner hereby authorizes the Sponsor to remove any such edible produce and dispose of it as the Sponsor decides. If Gardeners cannot utilize all they harvest, there will be a box to put excess in to share with others in the community. Gardeners are also welcome to sell their excess produce at the weekly Southside Community Farmers Market or donate it for sale at the Garden/Market community table, which goes to help the cost of the garden and the farmers’ market.

☐ Gardeners are responsible for hauling and disposing of their own trash, such as weeds, boxes, trays, bags, packets, and similar items.
However compostable material is to be put the appropriate CG compost bin.

Summer gardening begins in early spring. Plots should be weeded and planted by [May 1]. Winter gardening begins in early fall. Your plot should be replanted with a winter or cover crop, amended with compost or covered by mulch by [November 1].

**Yearly Clean-up:**

- Besides routine maintenance and cleaning or your plots, gardeners will perform an end of the season clean-up on their plots. As specific plants expend their life cycle, gardeners will remove, dead plants and all produce, premature or over mature. Gardeners who are only doing spring/summer season gardening must have their garden plot cleaned out of all plant material by October 31st.

**Compost:**

Gardeners will place any organic waste such as weeds, dead plants, or rotten produce, in the compost pile designated by Sponsor.

**Absence:**

- Gardeners may not abandon their plots. Abandonment means failing to maintain a plot for 2 weeks. If a Gardener expects to be away from the Garden for more than 2 weeks, but less than 45 days, he or she must inform Sponsor by contacting the Garden Manager. The Gardener and the Sponsor will then determine an alternative, such as a temporary substitute, acceptable to both. Gardeners who are away for more than 45 days will lose their plots.

**No Personal Property:**

- Gardeners may not keep any personal property on their plots or in the Garden when they are not in the Garden. If Gardeners leave personal property on their plots after the termination of their participation in the Garden, Sponsor can keep and utilize or dispose of the abandoned property, as Sponsor sees fit.

**C. Common Areas & Responsibilities**

- Sponsor or Gardeners collectively will provide a set of tools in a storage shed in the Garden for use by all Gardeners (the "Common Tools.") Gardeners will return the Common Tools to the storage shed as soon as they are finished using them. If a Common Tool appears dangerous or in disrepair, Gardener will not use the Common Tool and inform Sponsor (Garden Manager) immediately. Tools will...
be scraped, brushes or rinsed off before returning to storage and use for others.

**Common Responsibilities:** Gardeners will keep clean and neat any common areas, such as pathways and storage sheds. Gardeners will promptly report any concerns about the safety of the Garden to the Sponsor. If there is vandalism, storm damage, or other damage to the Garden, all Gardeners are expected to help in cleaning up and restoring the Garden to its prior condition, but the Sponsor will bear the cost of the repairs.

**Garden Work Days:** All Gardeners must participate in 4 Garden Work Days per year, where they participate in cleaning and maintaining the Garden.

**D. COMMUNICATION**

**Garden Management:** The Garden Manager has complete authority to interpret the Rules and make decisions.

**Communication:** ☐ The Sponsor designates the Garden Manager to be their point of contact for any issues or concerns.

**Contact Information:** The Sponsor will provide a bulletin/announcement board in the garden. The Coordinators will post contact numbers on the board in the Garden. Gardeners must tell the Manager or Coordinators of any change in their contact e-mail addresses or phone numbers.

**Garden Leaders:** In the event that Gardeners would like to take on tasks and functions within the garden, the names, duties, and contact information for each leader will be posted on the bulletin board.

**Gardener Input:** Gardeners are encouraged to provide suggestions about Garden operations to the Garden Manager. Gardeners should contact the Garden Manager directly at the number provided, not the Sponsor directly, with any questions relating to day-to-day operational matters.
Gardener Orientation:
New Gardeners must attend a Sponsor-led orientation to become familiar with how the Garden functions and their responsibilities as a Gardener.

Annual Meeting:
Once a year, the Sponsor will invite all Gardeners to an annual meeting to notify Gardeners of any changes made in how the Garden operates, these Rules, in assignments of plots, to discuss any issues or concerns. Sponsor will give written notice of the annual meeting, sent by email or first-class mail, no fewer than 14 days in advance.

Confidentiality:
Sponsor, Garden Manager and other Gardeners will not use any personally identifiable information, including Gardener’s name, email address, telephone number, or street address, for purposes other than the operation of the Garden.

E. CONDUCT

General Conduct:
Gardeners are expected to be civil, honest, and cooperative in dealing with the Landowner, Sponsor, Garden Manager, Garden neighbors, other Gardeners, and guests of other Gardeners.

Guests:
Gardeners may bring guests, including children, into the Garden, provided that the guests comply with the Rules. Gardeners will supervise any child under the age of sixteen. Gardeners will be responsible for the conduct of children and their guests including making sure they do not damage or interfere with activities on other plots or otherwise engage in inappropriate conduct. Guest violations of these Rules are treated as violations by the Gardener.

Pets:
Unless it is labeled a Companion Animal, Gardeners may not bring any pets or animals into the Garden, including for burial.

Respect Others’ Property:
Gardeners may not enter other plots, use another Gardener’s tools or supplies, or harvest another Gardener’s produce, without the explicit permission of the other Gardener. Gardeners may not enter property next to the Garden without the owner’s permission.
No Illegal Plants: Gardeners may not grow any plants considered illegal under state or federal law. For example, Gardeners may not grow Cannabis sativa (marijuana), whether or not the use of marijuana may be lawful for medical purposes or legalized under state law.

Compliance: Gardeners must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

No Firearms: Gardeners may not carry, use, or store firearms in the Garden.

No Smoking: Gardeners may not smoke in the Garden.

No Alcohol/Drug Use: Gardeners may not consume or use alcohol or illegal drugs while on the Garden premises. Gardeners may not bring alcohol or illegal drugs onto the Garden premises. Gardeners may not come into the Garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

No Fires or Cooking: Gardeners may not start or maintain a campfire, burn weeds, use a barbecue grill, or cook in the Garden.
Sponsor and Garden Manager may encourage using a barbecue grill for specifically organized garden-wide events. Such events will be planned in advance and have written permission from Sponsor.

No Loud Music: Gardeners may not play music or the radio loud enough to be a nuisance to other Gardeners or to the Garden’s neighbors.

Sales: The Garden may not be used for commercial use. If gardeners would like to sell produce, all sales must take place off-site.
F. PROBLEMS

Dispute Resolution:

Gardeners will raise with the Garden Manager dispute issues. The Garden Manager will have the power to hear these disputes and will resolve them in the best interest of the Garden.

Rules Violations:

Gardeners may lose their rights to participate in the Garden if they fail to comply with any of these Rules. If a Gardener:

- endangers other Gardeners, Sponsor, neighbors, or other individuals;
- takes or uses another Gardener’s tools, supplies, or produce without permission;
- encroaches on Garden neighbors’ property;
- grows illegal plants;
- carries, uses or stores firearms in the Garden;
- uses alcohol or illegal drugs in the Garden; or

The Sponsor may, at its discretion, terminate immediately the Gardener’s right to participate in the Garden. If that occurs, the Gardener must leave the Garden by the end of Garden hours on the termination day and may not reenter without Sponsor’s permission.

If a Gardener violates any other of these Rules, Sponsor will inform Gardener of the violation by sending an email to Gardener or putting a red flag on Gardener’s plot.

Gardener will have one week to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected within one week, as determined by the Sponsor in its discretion, the Sponsor may, at its discretion, terminate the Gardener’s Agreement. After termination, Gardener will have two weeks to harvest and clean up the plot.

Upon termination for any reason, a Gardener will promptly return to the Sponsor the key to the Garden and any other Sponsor property. Terminated Gardeners are not entitled to any refunds or other payments from the Sponsor.
No Limit on Sponsor Rights: The process described in this Section G does not (i) limit the Sponsor’s ability to enforce its rights under these Rules; (ii) limit or qualify a Gardener’s obligation to comply with applicable law or the Rules; or (iii) limit the Sponsor’s right to notify and/or involve government authorities as it may determine.

No Refund or Other Claims: Gardeners under no circumstances will be entitled, directly or indirectly, to any refunds, any direct, incidental, consequential, punitive, or other damages, any other forms of compensation from the Sponsor or the owner of the Garden’s land, or to obtain an injunction, specific performance, or other equitable remedy, as a consequence of termination from participation in the Garden.

G. OTHER PROVISIONS

Changes in the Rules: Sponsor may amend these Rules in its discretion without advance notice. Sponsor will provide all Gardeners with a copy of the current Rules, will post a copy of the current Rules at the Garden, and will summarize any changes in the next annual meeting. The Gardeners, may propose Rules for the Sponsor’s consideration.

Master Lease: The Gardener’s Agreements with individual Gardeners are subject to the master Lease between the landlord who owns the Garden’s land and Sponsor. As a result, if the landlord terminates the lease, the Garden will close, and the Gardener’s Agreement will terminate. At that time the Gardeners will no longer have access to the Garden.

Garden Agreement Controls: Nothing in these Rules limits, qualifies, or otherwise affects the Garden Agreements between the Sponsor and each Gardener. Should there be any ambiguity or conflict between a Gardener Agreement and these Rules, the Gardener Agreement will control.

Waiver: Any waiver by the Sponsor of these Rules must be in writing and signed by the Sponsor. Failure, neglect, or delay by the Sponsor at any time to enforce the provision of these Rules will not be considered a waiver of the Sponsor’s rights under these Rules. Waiver of any breach or provision of these Rules or failure to enforce any breach or
provision of these Rules will not be considered a waiver of any later breach or the right to enforce any provision of these Rules.

No Discrimination: Sponsor will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran.

Translations Not Binding: Sponsor may provide Gardeners with a translation of these Rules and related summaries or other explanatory materials. Sponsor does so as a convenience. Should there be any ambiguity or conflict between the English and the translated versions of these documents, the English language versions will control. They, not the translations, are the official, legally binding documents.

Other Rules:

Waiting List: Participants who are currently growing in the garden will have precedence on the plots for the next growing season. In the event that the garden is full, a waiting list will be readily available for the public. Please contact the Garden Manager for the necessary steps.

Portable Bathroom: The portable bathroom is to be used by garden participants and garden guests only. The portable bathroom is a privilege for participants. If the portable bathroom is vandalized, destroyed, or abused in anyway, it will be taken away and all rights and access to a bathroom on-site will be diminished.

Plot Assignment: Plot #____________________

Other Plot# ________________ (only available if no demand for plots)

People Using Your Plot: Please list all adults in your household who will be using the garden:
Name:
Gateway Garden Proposal

Name: __________________________

Name: __________________________

November 7, 2018

I have read and understand the agreement and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Umpqua Dairy Community Garden.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________

Gardener

Approved: __________________________ Date: __________

Garden Manager

Garden Manager Contact:
Glenn Stroud
udcgarden@gmail.com
Phone: 541-580-2746
Umpqua Dairy Community Garden

Garden Use, Waiver of Liability, Release and Indemnification Agreement

Gardener Name: 

__________________________________________________________

Address: 

__________________________________________________________

City and State: 

__________________________________________________________

Phone: 

__________________________________________________________

E-mail: 

__________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact: 

__________________________________________________________

Welcome to Umpqua Dairy Community Garden (the “Garden”). [South East Roseburg Voice in Community Enhancement (SERVICE)], called “Sponsor” or “we” in this document, is a nonprofit organization that sponsors and manages the Garden as part of carrying out its mission of promoting community involvement among neighbors, businesses, and city leaders in order to improve our neighborhood’s health, safety, and general livability. We will serve as advocates and liaisons with our city and local organizations to promote a sense of community and improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents. This document is a legal contract between you and the Sponsor.

1. TEMPORARY RIGHT TO GARDEN

1.1 Plot. You have the temporary right to garden in plot (the “Plot”) in the Garden, [as identified in the Garden map attached to this agreement.] (In legal terms, you have a “license” to garden.) Your immediate family members may garden with you as your guests. You may use the Plot from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2019).

1.2 No Refund. You understand that you will not get a refund or reimbursement for your expenses, or any other payment if you decide not to garden or if the Sponsor terminates your right to garden, even if you spend a lot of time and money on the garden. You understand that only you and no one else, including your family, has any rights under this Agreement.
1.3 Fee. When you sign this document, you will pay a fee of $60.00 to use the Plot. Thereafter, you will pay an annual fee, no later than April 1st of the start of each growing season. You understand that we may increase the fee in future years.

1.4 No Transfers. You cannot let anyone other than your immediate family garden here unless we give our agreement in writing.

2. LIABILITY WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2.1 Awareness of Risk. You understand that participating in the Garden has a risk of death or injury to yourself or your guests and damage to your personal property. The risks could be caused by you, other gardeners, the Sponsor, or the owner of the property on which the Garden is located (Douglas Locker and Storage). The risks could also come from the condition of the land where the Garden is located, or the equipment and tools available at the Garden, or the weather or other environmental or local conditions. You also understand that hazardous conditions may exist at the Garden and that other gardeners may be unskilled.

2.2 Assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release of Claims. In exchange for your right to participate in the Garden, you agree to take on the risk of harm even if the potential harm is caused by someone else. (In legal terms, you agree to "assume the risk.") You also agree to give up ("waive") any right you may have to sue or otherwise attempt to collect money from the Landowner, Sponsor, their board members, employees, volunteers, or anyone acting on their behalf (referred to altogether as "Released Parties") for any losses or damages resulting from death, injury, or property damage to you, anyone else, or any property, that occurs while you or your guests are in the Garden. (In legal terms, you "waive and release all claims" against the Released Parties.) You understand that the Sponsor would not permit you to participate in the Garden without your agreeing to these waivers and releases.

2.3 Medical Care Waiver. You give up any right to sue or otherwise attempt to collect money from ("waive and release any claim from") the Released Parties arising out of any first aid, treatment, or medical service, including the lack of such or timing of such, given in connection with your participation in the Garden. You understand that you are not covered by or eligible for any insurance, health care, workers' compensation, or any other benefits maintained by Sponsor.

2.4 Indemnification. You are responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the Sponsor that are caused by your or your guests' actions. (In legal terms, you agree to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless.)

2.5 Publicity. You agree to allow us or the Landowner to use any photographs, interviews, videotapes, film, other visual or auditory recordings, or any other medium, including the internet, of you or your guests that we or others may create in connection with your or your guest's participation in the Garden. You agree that you do not have to inspect or approve the finished project and you are not entitled to any compensation for the finished product.

3. TERMINATION
3.1 Failure to Comply with Agreement or Garden Rules. You confirm that you have read a copy of the Garden Rules attached to this Agreement and you will comply with them. If you fail to obey the Agreement or the Garden Rules, we can terminate your right to garden.

3.2 Termination of Lease. If the Landowner terminates our Lease for the land where the garden is located, your right to garden will end. The Landowner can terminate our Lease at any time. We will notify you if the Landowner terminates the Lease.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS

4.1 Entire Agreement, Severability and Modification. If any part of this Agreement is ineffective, the remaining portions of the Agreement remain in effect. Any changes to this Agreement have to be in writing and signed by you and the Sponsor.

4.2 Third-Party Beneficiaries. You understand that this Agreement gives the Landowner a right to enforce certain parts of this Agreement against you by going to court. (In legal terms, the Landowner is an "express third party beneficiary.") The Landowner can enforce Sections 2 and 3.2 of this Agreement.

GARDENER SPONSOR

By: ________________________________ By: ________________________________

______________________________

(signature) (signature)

Name: ________________________________ Name: ________________________________

______________________________

Title: ________________________________ (Print Name)

Date: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________

______________________________

Plot #: ________________________________

ATTACHMENT: Garden Rules
Lance Colley  
City Manager  
900 SE Douglas  
Roseburg Or. 43470  

November 1, 2018  

Dear Lance,  

SERVICE is very interested in supporting the Blue Zone Organization in bringing more gardening opportunities into the SE Roseburg Neighborhood. We are hopeful that the City of Roseburg will consider allowing The Gateway Garden to be located at the end of the Roseburg Senior Center parking lot. It will help bring healthy produce to the food desert our neighborhood is located in. Please consider allowing this opportunity to create another community asset for the Southeast Roseburg Neighborhood.  

The SERVICE Organization is willing to take on the managing and upkeep of the garden to ensure it is an attractive asset to the city.  

Sincerely,  

Ruth Smith  
SERVICE President  
541-370-3188
Letter of Support

To the Roseburg Department of Public Works, Roseburg Parks and Recreation, and the Parks Commission:

On behalf of the Douglas County Master Gardeners, this letter expresses our support for community gardens within the Roseburg Parks System and other public lands. Roseburg currently has two existing community gardens on private land that experience excellent utilization and as a result are nearing their maximum capacity.

Providing long-term, reliable access to public space for residents to grow food is an important way to foster social connectedness, increase availability of healthy food for households, improve neighborhood quality of life, and encourage physical activity, recreation and economic development opportunities.

Passing local policy that protects and promotes community gardens by allocating public land and defining community gardens as ‘highest and best use’ are a way to ensure community gardens remain an important community asset and source of healthy food for residents.

As the community explores other opportunities for additional gardens, please be assured that the Douglas County Master Gardeners will do its part to help them come about.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Chris Rusch

DCMG
July 20, 2018

To the Roseburg Department of Public Works, Roseburg Parks and Recreation, and the Parks Commission:

On behalf of UC-VEG, I’d like to share a letter of support for community gardens within the Roseburg Parks System and other public lands.

Considering the comprehensively poor state of Douglas County’s health, we are in desperate need of effective intervention. As a local, grassroots, non-profit, UC-VEG has been providing nutrition and lifestyle education throughout Douglas County, free of charge, for over 8 years. Through our work with thousands of people within the community, we’ve seen how health transformations, including the reversal of disease, are possible through simple lifestyle changes.

We believe providing long-term, reliable access to public space for residents to grow food has positive implications beyond the individual’s involved. It fosters social connectedness, increases availability of healthy food for households, improves neighborhood quality of life, and encourages physical activity, recreation and economic development opportunities. Passing local policy that protects and promotes community gardens by allocating public land and defining them as ‘highest and best use’ is a way to ensure community gardens remain an important community asset and source of healthy food for residents.

Through our program, the Kitchen Garden Project (KGP), UC-VEG has been able to see some of these benefits first hand. KGP provides backyard gardens for low-income families through Douglas County. Participants in this program express a feeling of empowerment that comes from growing their own food, financial savings from supplementing their diet with food from their own gardens, and the myriad of health benefits of consuming more produce. Roseburg currently has two existing community gardens on private land that experience excellent utilization and, as a result, are nearing their maximum capacity.

The desire to have access to fresh, healthy food exists in our community. As the City explores opportunities for additional gardens, please be assured that UC-VEG will do our part to help these efforts find success and longevity.

With the work of Blue Zones Project-Umpqua and the support of the City of Roseburg, we hope that this policy will take us one step closer to mitigating some of the gaps in well-being within our community. Furthermore, we believe that this collaboration will inspire further integration amongst health and community-oriented organizations and work to secure something so fundamental to our health – access to local, healthy, nutritious food.
Thank you for the opportunity to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Juliete Palenshus
UC-VEG Executive Director