

TO: Council Worksession
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: February 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Community Garden

1) Recommended Action:

Discussion Item

2) Background:

The need for a community garden has been suggested by many local leaders and residents for several years. This need was addressed in the creation of the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District (TMPD). Funds were allocated to support community/civic groups, churches, or neighborhood associations in the creation of community garden spaces.

The City does not intend to operate or manage a community garden, but will act in a support role and assist with infrastructure and initial organization and planning. Garden location and management is opportunity-based and will be considered as requests are submitted to the City.

3) Policy Support:

The Tumwater United Methodist Church has submitted a Community Garden Plan. City staff are asking council to review this plan and discuss whether this project meets the needs for a Community Garden and is consistent with the intent that these Tumwater Metropolitan Park District (TMPD) funds were allocated to support.

4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

\$200,000 – TMPD funding to support city-wide garden opportunities.

6) Attachments:

Tumwater United Methodist Church Community Garden Plan