

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: June 27, 2023
SUBJECT: Community Garden Update

1) Recommended Action:

Discussion Item

2) Background:

As a part of the Metropolitan Parks District Budget approved by voters in 2018, funds were allocated to support local organizations and non-profits for the creation of community gardens. Beginning in 2022, the City of Tumwater partnered with the Tumwater United Methodist Church for the development of a garden on their site.

City funds have been used to acquire permits, install a water meter, provide irrigation, fencing and soil.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity

- Pursue “quality of life” (e.g., trails, trees, parks, community gardens, events) and aesthetic improvements
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4) Alternatives:

Discussion Item – Deb Williams, Director of Community Gardens for the church, will be presenting information on the garden and potential future developments.

5) Fiscal Notes:

Total TMPD Budget: \$200,000

Methodist Church Garden Support: 2022: \$10,674.57

2023: \$9,342.12

Total: \$20,016.69

6) Attachments:

A. None