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MEMO

Date: 10-25-14

To: Manitowoc City Council

From: Chad Scheinoha

Re: Request to approve Community Garden S 14th street site

I would like to recommend that the City Council approve the request for Grow it Forward to construct and maintain a community Garden on City owned property and parkland at S 14th and Flambeau Streets.

Grow it Forward will work with the City Parks Department throughout all phases of this project. The Parks Department will monitor the project to ensure that all requirements are being met.

The group has shown much enthusiasm and has many supporters for this location. The Park and Recreation Committee discussed this at its October 20th meeting and did not have any objections.

Please see the Letter of Intent from Grow it Forward for project details.

Grow It Forward—Letter of Intent

14th Street Parkland

To whom this may concern:

Over the past seven months a group of residents have come together with desire to develop and support a local, sustainable food system and share our vision with the residents of Manitowoc. This vision includes the development of an educational neighborhood garden. We have developed a strong and diversified coalition of supporters including: Lakeshore CAP, Healthiest Manitowoc, Manitowoc Health Department, Clipper City Co-op, UW Manitowoc, Lakeshore Technical College, Silver Lake College, Lincoln High School, Holy Family Wellness Center, and Two Rivers Community Garden. We also have ongoing support of experienced Community Supported Agriculture groups (CSAs) and Master Gardeners, who have attended most of our meetings.

As you may recall, our initial proposal site request of Union Park was denied—not only by local resident, but also through Council. With assistance from Chad Scheinoha, Dan Koski, Jill Hennessey, and Mike Howe, we looked at other potential locations. With this letter, it is Grow It Forward's intent to secure 14th Street Parkland as the site for an educational neighborhood garden. Additionally, the majority of residents near this location signed a letter of support for our project.

In general, the garden would be a place where community members, some of whom do not have their own gardening space (those living in apartment buildings), or who have too much shade, could grow nutritious, locally sourced produce. Our garden will feature many innovative and unconventional growing techniques including: raised beds, straw bale, permaculture beds. 50% of our produce will be donated to local charitable groups and utilized for educational programming, and the remaining 50% will be reserved for our Work Share program. Beyond healthy food options, the garden will serve as a gathering place facilitating positive social interactions, and could be the epicenter for ecotourism in our city. The neighborhood garden will include the offering of educational workshops, youth gardening programs, and wellness events.

Some technical matters have been discussed with the City Attorney, Kathleen McDaniel, which includes liability insurance, garden rules and regulations, and hold-harmless forms. All costs for the neighborhood garden project would be covered by Grow It Forward and the gardeners.

Grow It Forward is committed to the creation and continued upkeep of an educational neighborhood garden within the city of Manitowoc.

Thank you again for consideration of our proposal. Please feel free to contact either Michael Pearson or Amber Daugs by phone or email to discuss the educational neighborhood garden project in more detail. Our phone numbers and email addresses are included below.

Respectfully,

Michael Pearson & Amber Daugs
Grow It Forward

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Current Residents or Property Owners,

Grow It Forward cordially invites you to a Public Information Session regarding a beautification project proposed at South 14th Street Parkland.

The Public Information Session will be held October 2nd, 2014 at Manitowoc City Hall and will begin at 6:00PM.

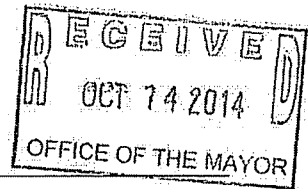
The South 14th Street Parkland area was donated to the city for parkland. It has a mixture of trees with rolling terrain, a small pond in the center, and a southern portion of the property that connects to Monroe Elementary School. Currently, the park is 8.09 undeveloped acres.

With support, input, and direction from city officials, neighbors, schools, community organizations, and experts, Grow It Forward would like to create a Neighborhood Garden at the South 14th Parkland.

Grow It Forward desires to increase awareness, availability, and accessibility to healthy, locally grown food. Garden elements may include row gardening, raised bed, and permaculture design to grow fruit, vegetables, and herbs. The garden would also feature various flowers and landscaping.

To share ideas, questions or concerns, please join us October 2nd, 2014, or you may email us at growitforward.wi@gmail.com

Grow It Forward, a non-profit partnership with
Lakeshore Community Action Program



PETITION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN

Park name: 14th Street Park

Garden Group Member's Name: Michael Pearson, Amber Daugs, Dayna Kennedy

Date: November 5th, 2014

We, the undersigned, are residents living near 14th Street Park. We accept and/or support the above named Neighborhood Garden Group's proposal to garden on said local park land.

	First and Last Name (Please Print)	Signature	Address	Date
1	Macann Kopocky	<i>Macann Kopocky</i>	2409 S. 14 th ST.	9/5/14
2	Steph Mulkin	<i>Steph Mulkin</i>	2315 S. 14 th ST	9-5-14
3	Rosie Kutz	<i>Rosie Kutz</i>	2225 S. 14 th ST	9-5-14
4	Marie Nickels	<i>Marie G. Nickels</i>	2221 S. 14 th ST	9-5-14
5	LARRY PATESKI	<i>Larry Pateski</i>	2203 S. 14 th ST.	9-5-14
6	Martha Hilson	<i>Martha Hilson</i>	2318 S. 14 th ST.	9-6-14
7	Joann Mullins	<i>Joann Mullins</i>	2306 S. 14 th ST	9/6
8	Clinton Ferris	<i>Clinton Ferris</i>	2214 S. 14 th ST	9/6/14
9	Rita Sparks	<i>Rita Sparks</i>	2210 S. 14 th ST	9-6-14
10	SESSIE LOEBBE	<i>Sessie Loebbe</i>	2206 S. 14 th ST	9-6-14
11	KENT PEETERSEN	<i>Kent Petersen</i>	2141 - S. 14 th ST	9-6-14
12	Jim Jodal	<i>Jim Jodal</i>	2119 51st St NW	9-6-14
13	John Newberg	<i>John Newberg</i>	2125 S. 14 th ST	9-6-14
14	Larry Boeckman	<i>Larry Boeckman</i>	2118 S. 14 th ST	9-6-14
15	Heidi Dalberg	<i>Heidi Dalberg</i>	1306 Viebahn St	10-2-14
16	Janet Dalberg	<i>Janet Dalberg</i>	1306 Viebahn St	10-2-14
17	Henry Sturion	<i>Henry Sturion</i>	2219 S. 14 th ST	10-2-14
18	Ruth Van der Heden	<i>Ruth Van der Heden</i>	1316 Jackson St	10-2-14

Deborah Neuser

From: Kathleen McDaniel
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Justin Nickels; Chad Scheinoha; Deborah Neuser
Cc: Dan Koski; Michael Pearson (grateful.mjp@gmail.com); Karen Dorow; Jason Sladky
Subject: RE: Letter of Intent

I would suggest that if Council approve this project, it be with the directive "Approve and place on file and authorize the City Attorney to negotiate an agreement with Grow It Forward to address liability concerns" or something of that nature.

Kathleen M. McDaniel
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-----Original Message-----

From: Justin Nickels
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:46 AM
To: Chad Scheinoha; Deborah Neuser
Cc: Dan Koski; Michael Pearson (grateful.mjp@gmail.com); Karen Dorow; Jason Sladky; Kathleen McDaniel
Subject: RE: Letter of Intent

Please add this attached document to the other documents going to Council.

Thanks.

- Justin

-----Original Message-----

From: Chad Scheinoha
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2014 7:57 AM
To: Deborah Neuser
Cc: Dan Koski; Michael Pearson (grateful.mjp@gmail.com); Karen Dorow; Jason Sladky; Kathleen McDaniel; Justin Nickels
Subject: FW: Letter of Intent

Hi Deb,

Can we please get this added to the council agenda for November. Park and Rec Committee discussed this, and gave it informal approval to move forward. I should also have a map coming from the group with their first phase plan, but wanted to get this to you now to get it on the agenda.

Thanks

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