



## WILDWOOD®

March 11, 2019

The Honorable City Council  
City of Wildwood, Missouri  
16860 Main Street  
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: **Relocated Community Garden Concept and Details (Wards – All)**

Council Members:

On February 25, 2019, the City Council received and filed the Site Development Section Plan for the relocation of the community garden from its original site in Town Center to the City Hall property. The plan had also been presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission earlier in February and its members also approved it for the City Hall property. Key among the design components were the following items:

1. The new relocated garden will not start with just forty-five (45) beds, as it did in 2011, but almost 140 of them, based on membership in 2018.
2. The new relocated garden at the relocated site will have improved access to the plot areas, via a more defined network of aisles.
3. The relocated garden will have larger plots, changing from four (4) foot by eight (8) foot to four (4) foot by twelve (12) foot. This larger size has been used by the Wildwood Family YMCA and is preferred in almost all instances.
4. The relocated community garden, given site characteristics, will require more preparation than its original location, which was extremely pre-graded turf; not trees and tall ground cover.
5. The relocated community garden will replace worn fencing and damaged poles to ensure its integrity is improved, beyond those over the last year or so at the old location.

Several improvements have to be made to it to accommodate the garden and future gardeners to this selected site. These improvements can be summarized as follows: (1.) remove trees and grade area to accommodate access into the site; (2.) install concrete sidewalks on a portion of the site for main corridor and service areas; (3.) Install wood chip paths for gardeners to access plots; (4.) Assist in construction of raised beds for plantings; (5.) Install water service to the site from nearby irrigation main line; and (6.) erect fencing around the perimeter of the garden area for animal control. Besides this work, some purchases are anticipated for fencing, rock, compost, lumber, and a few ancillary items as well.

The anticipated costs of these items is approximately sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) and can be met by the use of existing allocated funds that were set aside for the Community Park – Phase 3 project, which came substantially under bid, by approximately three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00). Therefore, the Department is requesting the City Council's consideration of this re-allocation of funds for this purpose. If authorized, work could begin shortly thereafter to allow the garden to be ready for gardeners during the 2019 growing season.

At the beginning of this letter, the Department noted the plan process had been completed, but the Planning and Parks Committee of City Council has not been consulted about the cost of the garden construction. It is not the intent of the Department to forego this process, but with the growing season deadline rapidly approaching and work needing to be completed soon, ensuring the garden is ready for users, the Department wanted to present this information now to obtain input and direction at this time. Hopefully, the City Council can understand this action by the Department.

If any of the City Council members should have questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this item at the upcoming Work Session. Thank you for your review of this information and input on the same.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF WILDWOOD**



Joe Vujnich, Director

Department of Planning and Parks

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Steve Cross, Co-Interim City Administrator  
John A. Young, City Attorney  
Terri L. Gaston, Senior Planner  
Rick and Lynn Archeski, Garden Management Team Members  
Kelley Woerther, Garden Management Team Member

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MARCH 5, 2019

City of Wildwood  
16860 Main Street  
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This is a bid for constructing the new community garden behind City Hall.

We will :

1. Clear trees — grub out roots and grade property out flat.
2. Construct concrete walkways 4 inches thick and construct concrete drive 6 inches thick.
3. Construct aggregate walkways 4 inches and compacted 8 feet wide.
4. Build garden boxes 4 ft by 12 ft - materials supplied by city.
5. Build ADA boxes all materials supplied by the city.
6. Install fence around garden area using old posts and sleeves and any other materials supplied by city.
7. Mulch in-between boxes with certified playground chips.
8. Still waiting for bid for waterline.

We will provide concrete and rock — all other materials supplied by city.

Price does not include waterline connects.

Subtotal bid \$49582.50.

Added tool shed pad price \$1800.00

Total bid price \$51382.50.

## Terri Gaston

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**To:** Marsha Bleedorn  
**Subject:** RE: Correction: Garden Update

**From:** Marsha Bleedorn <marshableedorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 2:59 PM  
**To:** Terri Gaston <terri@cityofwildwood.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Correction: Garden Update

Terri - Please pass this email on to the appropriate person(s), council meeting, etc.

I have been involved with the Community Garden for 6 years, thru my own gardening love and thru the Garden Buddies program. It is a community of people that are like family, as we clean the garden, do our gardening chores and celebrate at different events. I sure hope the new garden is a go, so our "family" can continue to celebrate nature. I am sure I am not alone, supporting our Wildwood Community Garden. Thank you very much, Marsha Bleedorn

On Wed, Feb 13, 2019 at 9:10 PM Terri Gaston <terri@cityofwildwood.com> wrote:

**CORRECTION:** the 2019 Community Garden Meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 27 at 6:30pm Wildwood Middle School!**

~ Happy Gardening ~

WFCG MGMT c/o

Terri L. Gaston

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**From:** Rick Archeski <rcheski@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:01 PM  
**Cc:** Terri Gaston <terri@cityofwildwood.com>  
**Subject:** Garden Update

The site plan for the relocation of the Community Garden behind City Hall needs to be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their next meeting, February 19 before any construction can begin. It is believed it will be approved. Preliminary costs, materials, and design adjustments are being finalized.

Some changes to the garden include the following:

1. The size of the beds will increase to 12' x 4'
2. There will be an increase in the yearly fee with a discount for seniors
3. Community beds/areas (such as Monarch, herb, potato, etc.)
4. A few beds for easier accessibility will be available
5. Alternate material for pathways

The city will be sending out an email to notify the gardeners of registration and a Community Garden Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 27 at City Hall.

Please notify Terri Gaston at the City of Wildwood if you do not want to keep your bed. There are over 100 still on the waiting list.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Rick