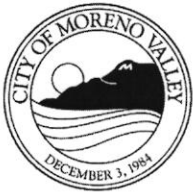


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Report to Parks & Community Services Subcommittee

TO: Parks & Community Services Subcommittee
FROM: Patricia Solano, Parks & Community Services Director
AGENDA DATE: March 3, 2020
TITLE: **CIVIC CENTER DEMONSTRATION GARDEN - UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Parks & Community Services Subcommittee receive and file this program update.

SUMMARY

On April 16, 2019, the City Council approved the Civic Center Demonstration Garden project, which supports the Healthy MoVal initiative to expand health and wellness opportunities for Moreno Valley residents of all ages. The garden will be adjacent to the Conference and Recreation Center and Civic Center Amphitheater and Park, reflecting the spirit of the City's Civic Center design as a hub for citywide activities and programs.

Over the past two months, staff has continued to work with the Civic Center Demonstration Garden architect to prepare the plans for plan check. The final draft plans will be submitted for city plan check this month, followed by bidding in late April, request for City Council to award a contract in May, and construction beginning in June.

The Engineer's Estimate from March 2019 for this project was \$446,541. Following plan check, when the plans are finalized and prior to bidding, the Engineer will provide an updated opinion of probable construction costs. The Parks & Community Services Department will return to the City Council to request approval for full funding, as grant funding for construction was not awarded for this project.

The Civic Center Community Demonstration Garden plans identify elements such as raised garden beds, composting, seedling racks, outdoor classroom, vertical planters, hydroponic vegetable towers, fruit trees, pollinator's perennial garden, fruit trellises and more. These elements will demonstrate sustainable approaches to residential food production with seasonally appropriate vegetables and fruit as well as horticultural "best practices" for home gardens to illustrate the importance of proper soil preparation, trellising, staking, and efficient irrigation practices, and use of plant species well-suited to the Inland Empire.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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