

Sponsored by: Council Member Katkus

Adopted: August 13, 2012

Vote: Holler, Katkus, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Woodruff in favor. Harris absent.

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CREATING A COMMUNITY GARDEN TASK FORCE AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES.

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2012, the City Council approved AM No. 12-17, thereby supporting an opportunity to provide a resource for citizens through a community garden and supporting the creation of an associated task force; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed Resolution Serial No. 12-01 on May 9, 2012; and the Planning Commission passed Resolution Serial No. 12-09 on May 22, 2012, both which support the creation of a Community Garden and an associated task force; and

WHEREAS, citizens can benefit in the creation and ownership of a community project through involvement in the Community Garden Task Force (Task Force); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall be comprised of five members, where four of the members are city residents and one member shall be from the Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Recreational and Cultural Services Director shall serve as a City contact for the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force members shall receive no compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall terminate no later than three years after their first meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall:

- determine if it is best to have one main community garden or several smaller community gardens;
- identify available City property for use by the community garden(s);
- work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to seek support for the identified lands;
- establish rules and hours of operation for the community garden(s);
- determine how sites will be allocated to growers;
- make a recommendation on the best design(s) for the plots; and

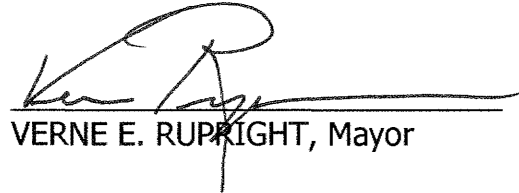
WHEREAS, the City shall provide for the community garden(s):

- land;
- fencing;
- water;
- fee collection services; and

WHEREAS, this Task Force allows our citizens a chance to succeed, to dream, to learn, to educate, to empower and to have a higher quality of life while contributing to our city by being involved and sharing their experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council creates a Community Garden Task Force.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on August 13, 2012.


VERNE E. RUPPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]



Resolution Serial No. 12-21: CREATING A COMMUNITY GARDEN TASK FORCE AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES.

Agenda of: August 13, 2012
Originator: Council Member Katkus

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Date: July 27, 2012

Route to:	Department	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		8/1/12
X	Rec & Cultural Services Director		
X	Finance Director		8/1/12
X	Interim Deputy Administrator		8/2/12
X	City Clerk		8/1/12

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT: _____

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no Funds Available Yes or No

Account name/number:

Attachments:

- AM No. 12-17 (4 pages)
- Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution Serial No. 12-01 (2 pages)
- Planning Commission Resolution Serial No. 12-09 (2 pages)
- Resolution Serial No. 12-21 (2 pages)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: I'm asking for the City Council's support in the creation of a Community Garden Task Force (Task Force). At the April 9, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting we discussed the merits of a community garden. The time has come to create the associated task force. The Task Force shall be advisory only and shall follow the guidelines within WMC 2.44, Boards Generally.

The Task Force shall be comprised of five members. Four of the members shall be city residents and the fifth seat shall be a member from the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission currently consists of city residents

as well as non-residents, my intent is to have one of these members fill the fifth seat but does not designate which of the commissioners it shall be.

I think it is important that the Task Force have a designated City contact person. I've previously spoken with Mr. John Combs, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, and he has agreed to be the staff contact.

I would like for the Task Force to determine a number of items, as listed within Resolution Serial No. 12-21. When creating the rules on the operation of the community garden(s) I would like for the Task Force to consider the idea of a waiting list. In the event that the community garden(s) become full and a waiting list is created, should there be a priority list created for those people on the waiting list? It would be my preference that city residents receive the first available plots.

I'm asking that the City Clerk immediately advertise on the City website that this Task Force has been created and to seek applicants. Due to the expense of advertising in the newspaper, and given the fact that the advertising budget has been reduced, I am not asking that the Task Force vacancies be advertised in a newspaper.

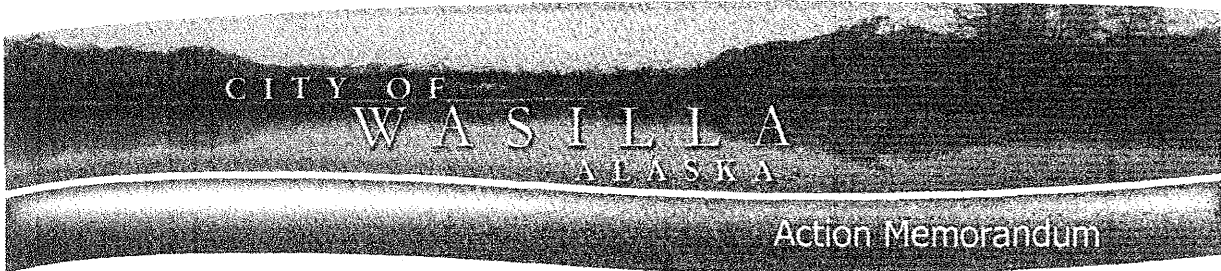
At the time that the City Clerk has a minimum of five applications the City Clerk shall forward them to the Mayor for review, at which time he shall determine if there are appropriate appointments available. If so, the Mayor shall forward an action memorandum forward to the Council for confirmation (in accordance with WMC 2.44, Boards Generally).

It is with great excitement that I bring forward this resolution for the Council's consideration. I believe that the Task Force will be able to meet throughout the winter to fulfill the tasks laid before them within Resolution Serial No. 12-21. It is my hope that by early in the spring of 2013 the Task Force will be able to come back to the City Council with their recommendations. At that time the City Council will need consider their recommendations, part of which will be to choose a site for the community garden(s).

At this time no funds have been identified for the required fencing and water which will need to be available. However, it is my hope that administration will work with the Task Force in identifying the necessary funds. Additionally, I would encourage administration to seek grants which will help with the initial funding of the garden(s) as well as future funding.

With the cooperation of the Task Force, City Council and Administration, I am sure that we will be able to see the community garden(s) come to fruition in 2013.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-21.



AM No. 12-17: SUPPORTING AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A RESOURCE FOR CITIZENS THROUGH A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF AN ASSOCIATED TASK FORCE.

Agenda of: April 9, 2012

Date: March 29, 2012

Originator: Council Member Katkus

Route to:	Department	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		
X	Finance Director		3/30/12
X	Interim Deputy Administrator		4-2-12
X	City Clerk		4/3/12

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT: _____

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no Funds Available Yes or No

Account name/number:

Attachments: 2012 goals and initiatives, page 8 of 9 (1 page)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: On January 9, 2012, the Wasilla City Council adopted AM No. 12-02, confirming the goals and initiatives for FY2012 and FY2014.

- Goal 7 states:
 - Preserve and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents of Wasilla and for visitors to this community.
 - Initiative No. 35 states:
 - Continue to encourage and promote cultural and recreational programs, events, and activities to improve the quality of life of the City's residents and visitors through the use of City facilities (such as parks, museums and library).

- Initiative No. 36 states:
Establish citizen focus groups and continue to conduct community surveys to assist in the development of long-term plans and policies to accommodate future growth.

In order to take action on both of these initiatives, and thereby moving forward to meet one of our goals, I would like to propose the creation of a community garden as well as an associated task force.

A community garden would:

- enhance the quality of life, provide opportunity for public civic involvement build civic pride and civic cooperation
- provide educational opportunities for all ages;
- provide opportunity to improve health and experience outdoor family recreation;
- provide positive sustainable growing practices for food;
- provide resources to the citizens to create a cultural and social atmosphere that would engage the citizens and the city government in a positive meaningful way.
- will add beautification and public relations opportunities for the citizens of Wasilla and visitors; and
- be an effective way to utilize some of our natural resources such as any dredge material from the Lake Lucile project.

I believe a community garden will meet four out of the five objectives of the City's Mission Statement:

"It is the mission of the City of Wasilla to provide optimum service levels to the public as cost effectively as possible to ensure a stable and thriving economy, promote a healthy community, provide a safe environment and a quality lifestyle, and promote maximum citizen participation in government."

During my research I have found that the location and the "how to's" can be decided by a citizen task force so citizens can benefit in the creation and ownership of a community project. Some citizens have suggested a location visible that is near to Nunley Park across from the City hall. The City lot is highly visible and children can play at Nunley Park and this specific lot has excellent public relation opportunity for the city and the public. Plus it goes well with the downtown farmers market and the nice public jewel market put on by Husky Electric.

I believe a task force should be created to address this issue because the process should be decided by the citizens for the purpose of civic pride and ownership. By creating a task force we will be inviting and encouraging the involvement of our citizens. A task force will therefore create an opportunity for those involved to have a sense of ownership and civic pride. If we do not give people something to own, they do not care. This task force allows our citizens to succeed, to dream, to learn and to educate, to empower and to have a higher quality of life while contributing to our city by being involved and sharing their experience. It is my belief that success breeds success, the subject of a community garden has been requested by many and there has

been positive interest to participate. So if we are successful in this community effort, there is a good chance for more successful ventures involving the public; which builds a strong sense of community and public relations for the City and it's citizens.

Therefore, I believe, that establishing a task force will give our citizens an opportunity to create, empower and have a sense of ownership that strengthens the City of Wasilla and our community for many generations.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt AM No. 12-17.

Date:		Approved:		Denied:		Initials:		Comments:	
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Wasilla Budget Goals and Initiatives for FY 2013 – FY 2014

GOAL: Preserve and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents of Wasilla and for visitors to this community

<i>Department(s) Responsible for Supporting Specific Budget Initiative</i>																
	Admin	City Clerk & Records	Finance	MIS	General & Admin	Human Resources	Planning	Police	Dispatch	Code Compliance	Public Works	Parks, Property & Roads	Purchasing	Recreation & Cultural Services	Library	Museum
31	X		X								X	X				
32					X							X				
33					X							X				
34	X		X													
35	X				X						X	X		X	X	X
36	X				X		X				X			X	X	X

31. Allocate funding annually for the preservation and clean-up of lakes and waterways within the City.
32. Enhance Lake Lucille Park and water quality to increase use.
33. Enhance Wasilla Lake Park use to include exploring opportunities to enhance recreational activities.
34. Assign \$50,000 annually for land bank for the purpose of positioning the City to purchase land as necessary to enhance the quality of life for residents of the City of Wasilla.
35. Continue to encourage and promote cultural and recreational programs, events, and activities to improve the quality of life of the City's residents and visitors through the use of City facilities (such as parks, museums and library).
36. Establish citizen focus groups and continue to conduct community surveys to assist in the development of long-term plans and policies to accommodate future growth.

**CITY OF WASILLA
WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND THE
ASSOCIATED TASK FORCE.**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2012, the Wasilla City Council adopted AM No. 12-02, confirming the goals and initiatives for FY2012 and FY2014; and

WHEREAS, Goal 7 states: Preserve and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents of Wasilla and for visitors to this community; and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 35 states: Continue to encourage and promote cultural and recreational programs, events, and activities to improve the quality of life of the City's residents and visitors through the use of City facilities (such as parks, museums and library); and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 36 states: Establish citizen focus groups and continue to conduct community surveys to assist in the development of long-term plans and policies to accommodate future growth; and

WHEREAS, a community garden meets Goal 7, Initiative Nos. 35 and 36; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would enhance the quality of life, providing opportunity for public civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would build civic pride and civic cooperation; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide educational opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide opportunity to improve health and experience outdoor family recreation;

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide positive sustainable growing practices for food;

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide resources to the citizens to create a cultural and social atmosphere that would engage the citizens and the city government in a positive meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, a community garden will add beautification and public relations opportunities for the citizens of Wasilla and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a community garden is an effective way to utilize some of our natural resources such as any dredge material from the Lake Lucile project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Mission statement is: It is the mission of the City of Wasilla to provide optimum service levels to the public as cost effectively as possible to ensure a stable and thriving economy, promote a healthy community, provide a safe environment and a quality lifestyle, and promote maximum citizen participation in government; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would meet four of the five objectives of the City's mission statement; and

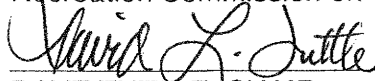
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports the creation of a community garden and the associated task force.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on -, 2012.



DAVE TUTTLE, CHAIR
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:



JOHN COMBS
Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

By: Council Member Taffina Katkus
Public Hearing: 05/22/12
Adopted: 05/22/12

**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE
CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND THE ASSOCIATED TASK FORCE.**

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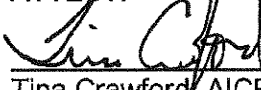
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission supports the creation of a community garden and the associated task force.

ADOPTED by the Planning Commission on May 22, 2012.

ATTEST:



Tina Crawford, AICP, City Planner

APPROVED:



A.C. Buswell, III, Chairman

VOTE: Passed Unanimously

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