



MEMORANDUM

MEETING OF: August 22, 2017
COMMITTEE: Brookhaven City Council
DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation Department

ISSUE/AGENDA ITEM TITLE:
Consideration and Approval of Community Garden Policy

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The City of Brookhaven recognizes community gardens as valuable recreational and educational resource that contribute to community development, environmental awareness, positive social interaction and community education. The City will collaborate with interested groups in assisting with the development of community gardens on City-owned property.

As of today, our city does not have a Community Garden Policy, even though Brookhaven currently has two (2) community gardens in our parks. They are located in Blackburn Park, which is run by the Friends of Blackburn Park and the other is in Briarwood Park and is managed by the Briarwood Park Conservancy. These two (2) community gardens have been in existence prior to City incorporation.

During the July 25th City Council Work Session, staff made a presentation top the council regarding the our proposed Community Garden Policy. The council asked us to go back and revisit three (3) items that were included in the original document. Those items are listed below:

- 1) Involvement of Home Owner Associations
- 2) Insurance Requirement
- 3) Accessory Structures located within the Community Garden

Staff has reviewed the document and made the necessary changes that were requested by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: (Budgeted – over or under)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the Community Garden Policy

ATTACHMENTS:

- CoB Memo Community Garden Policy and User Agreement (DOCX)
- CoB FEMA Lot Guidelines and Restrictions (DOCX)
- Setting Urban Garden Policy (DOCX)