

Attachment C - Community Garden History

Martin Luther King Jr Park

- Early 2007 - Alderman Broun asked that the Board consider using space in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park as open field for youth to enjoy active opportunities. Staff prepared an agenda item that outlined interim uses of the undeveloped property.
- March 13, 2007 - Board approved creating a temporary multi-purpose space in front of the park for unstructured play and a garden where community volunteers would create and maintain the space. The town collaborated with Orange County Partnership for Young Children and Carrboro Community Garden Coalition to manage the garden. The groups decided to separate garden space and manage accordingly based on different philosophy.
- May 15, 2007 - signing of the initial agreement including Public Works marking off the designated area of .78 acre and mowing around the site when possible. RP staff serving as town liaison to answer questions and advertising the gardens using “no cost” options. Both groups appointed a representative and were responsible for preparing and harvesting the gardens, purchasing materials and constructing a fence, supervising volunteers and participants. They were also responsible for advertising, recruiting volunteers and participants, purchasing supplies and equipment, maintaining garden site, complying with the Town’s Integrated Pesticide Management Policy and working together on a water plan. OCPYC provided up to \$5,000 for garden needs from the Healthy Kids Campaign.
- May 22, 2007 - Alderman Coleman asked the Board not to cap the well because CCGC wanted to install a solar pump used in conjunction with to provide water to the garden. No action was taken at that meeting; however the organization was encouraged to use rain barrels to collect water for irrigation.
- June 5, 2007 - a representative from CCGC asked the Board to reconsider using the well. Mayor Chilton requested that the matter be placed on a future agenda.
- June 19, 2007 - the Board discussed the request and directed staff not to seal the well and make it available for CCGC with the security measures outlined. CCGC will be responsible for the cost for installing, security and monitoring equipment and removing of the equipment at the end of the community garden term. The Board also asked that the CCGC become incorporated.
- January 24, 2008 - agreement was updated to include additional land for use .39 acres.
- June 3, 2008 - an update of the community garden was shared with the Board.
- October 6, 2009 - another update was provided to the Board.
- August 29, 2011 - change of CCGC contact, contract amended.

- October 4, 2011 - Board discussed future development of the park. Concern was expressed for the community garden. Maria Hitt, OCPYC Garden Project Manager asked the Board to continue to support the garden within that park and consider including permanently. The Board approved permanent space in the park for the community garden.
- Spring 2012 - OCPYC worked with the Town and OWASA to install a water line and spigot used as an alternative water source for the garden. The gardeners pay the monthly bill until the park is constructed and at that time, the Town will incur monthly water bill. The OWASA water line will remain the alternative source for water.
- February 2014 – Orange County Partnership for Young Children side of the garden asked the Town to consider in the upcoming budget providing a garden manager to manage the garden. CCGC wanted to remain independent. The Baldwin Park gardeners were also interested in someone helping to reduce the responsibility load. The request was not considered in the 2014-2015 budget.
- June 10, 2014 - gardeners provided an update to the Board.
- November 2016 – June 2017 – design period of the park. During this time, the Town held several meetings with the gardeners addressing their needs and concerns as well as garden expansion. Within the design of the park, the gardens will obtain a new shed, adjacent picnic area that can be shared, new fencing around expansion only and improved water system.
- January 29, 2019 – garden agreement updated.

Baldwin Park

- Spring of 2009 - Alderman Gist suggested a community garden in Baldwin Park.
- November 16, 2010 - the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association requested to construct and operate a community garden in Baldwin Park. Also the Carrboro Parks Project, (CPP) requested approval from the Board to fundraise for garden supplies and equipment. The Board approved the request.
- December 28, 2010 – signing of initial agreement modeled after the Dr. MLK Jr garden agreement.
- June 3, 2011 - change in leadership, agreement amended.
- November 22, 2011- Representative of the North Side Community Garden asked if they could join the Baldwin Park garden, move cistern, and shed on park property due to construction being done on school property.
- December 6, 2011 - Board approved request.

- January 17, 2012 - gardeners presented proposal to town staff for garden expansion, placement of cistern, shed, garden signage and installation of rainwater catchment system.
- February 7, 2012 - gardeners request went before the Board for expansion proposal, rain catchment plan and signage request. The expansion was granted and Board voted to tour the garden site and defer remainder of the proposal until February 21, 2012.
- February 21, 2012 - Board authorized Baldwin Park Garden Group to install cistern and rain catchment lines and system. Town will pay for sign and install.
- February 21, 2019 – recent agreement was being considered however placed on hold awaiting outcome of this agenda discussion.