

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: November 16, 2010

TITLE: Requests from the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association to Construct and Operate a Community Garden at Baldwin Park the Carrboro Parks Project to Commence Fundraising for the Project

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| DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks Department | PUBLIC HEARING: NO |
| ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Baldwin Park Community Garden Proposal | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381 |

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider a request from the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association to construct and operate a community garden in Baldwin Park, 400 Broad Street. Rickie White from the association will present the proposal. Also the Carrboro Parks Project, (CPP) is seeking approval from the Board to begin fundraising for this project if approved. Katie Allman will speak on behalf of the CPP.

INFORMATION:

Town staff has been in discussions with members of the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association since late 2009 on the possibility of establishing a community garden at Baldwin Park. Plans have been delayed due to an impending storm water improvement project in Baldwin Park. That project is slated to be completed in early 2011 and the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association is seeking approval to move forward with this project now to begin preparations for the 2011 season and to have the ability to pursue grant opportunities. The Carrboro Parks Project has voted to take on fundraising for the community garden as their next project and also seeks approval from the Board to move forward with this endeavor. The complete proposal for this garden can be viewed in Attachment B.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

Fiscal and staff impact is unknown at this time. Town staff will continue to provide ongoing logistical support for appropriate development of the garden similar to the Martin Luther King Community Garden.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution approving the Baldwin Park Community Garden.