

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUESTS BY THE LLOYD STREET
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A
COMMUNITY GARDEN AT BALDWIN PARK AND THE CARRBORO PARKS
PROJECT TO COMMENCE FUNDRAISING FOR THE PROJECT**

Resolution No. 37/2010-11

WHEREAS, the members of the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association would like to bring together the communities of Lloyd Street/Baldwin Park and Northside in a community service project to build relationships across town lines; and

WHEREAS, the association would like to supply fresh food to participants, neighbors, and folks in need, and encourage all residents of the neighborhood to lead a more healthy, active and aware lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the association presented their proposal to Town staff for review; and

WHEREAS, staff supports the creation of a community garden at this location; and

WHEREAS, members have presented their proposal to the Board of Aldermen detailing plans for a community garden; and

WHEREAS, The Carrboro Parks Project (CPP) has requested permission to begin fundraising for the project, pending Board approval of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen approves/denies the request of the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association to construct and operate a community garden at Baldwin Park and approves/denies a request from the Carrboro Parks Project to commence fundraising for the project.

Section 2. Town staff will work with the association and CPP to develop the agreement and other basic needs using the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Garden model.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Baldwin Park Garden Plan

October 2011

Overview:

The Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association and more than 20 individual neighborhood residents request that the town of Carrboro allow use of a flat grassy area of Baldwin Park for a small community garden to be known as the Baldwin Park Community Garden (see figure 1). The goals of the garden include: 1) bringing together the communities of Lloyd Street/Baldwin Park and Northside in a community service project to build relationships across town lines, 2) supplying fresh food to participants, neighbors, and folks in need, and 3) encouraging all residents of the neighborhood to lead a more healthy, active and aware lifestyle.

Agreement with town of Carrboro

The Baldwin Park Community Garden Committee has worked with town of Carrboro staff to create this introductory garden plan. If the Board of Aldermen chooses to move forward with approval, we will work closely with town of Carrboro staff to create a final “service agreement” that includes every detail of implementation. Once the service agreement is in place, the group will then be permitted to start work on the garden in the designated area.

Expertise and Partnerships:

Representatives from Empowerment, Inc., the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, the Carrboro Parks Project, and the Carrboro Community Garden Coalition have all been involved in initial discussions and will continue to be involved in the development and planning of the Baldwin Park Community Garden. In addition, we hope to involve other partners and potential funders over the next

year as we move from planning to implementation. A Baldwin Park Community Garden Committee has been formed. Currently, the informal Committee consists of individuals from the neighborhood as well as interested individuals from outside the neighborhood and organizational partners/sponsors:

Katie Allman, Carrboro Parks Project representative
Donna Bell, Chapel Hill Northside resident
Linda Carver, President, Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association
Elizabeth Heller, Lloyd Street Neighborhood resident
Susan Stone, Carrboro Parks Project representative
Rickie White, Carrboro Lloyd Street Neighborhood resident
Placeholder, Chapel Hill Northside resident

Baldwin Park Community Garden Committee Membership and Duties:

The committee will initially consist of seven (7) volunteers who will be in charge of the following activities:

- **creating and maintaining garden master plan
- **working with community businesses to procure materials for building garden
- **arranging and managing workdays for building garden in spring 2011
- **arranging and managing workdays for maintaining garden **communicating with the town of Carrboro, gardeners, neighbors, and the Carrboro Parks Project
- **setting rules/guidelines for all those who work in the garden
- **obtaining supplies including tools, inputs, seeds, and transplants.
- **assisting in fundraising as needed in conjunction with the Carrboro Parks Project
- **setting rules and guidelines for upkeep of individual beds and when beds may be “reclaimed” if they do not meet the guidelines

The committee will at all times consist of at least seven (7) members. The Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association, Carrboro Parks Project, and town of Carrboro will all be encouraged to nominate committee members, but the ultimate choice of who serves on the committee will be made by those that attend the annual garden meeting. At least two members of the committee should be residents of the Lloyd Street or Northside neighborhood.

Structure of garden:

The garden's footprint will be 50 feet by 70 feet in an area designated by the Town of Carrboro within Baldwin Park (see diagram on first page). The garden plan will include a back up water supply from a rainwater cistern located next to the picnic shelter. At this point there is no main water supply. Running a water line is cost prohibited. The garden will consist of 20 four by eight foot raised beds within a fenced-in “deerproof” area. In addition to the 20 raised beds, we will also plant fruit/nut trees, shrubs, and vines as well and will maintain a compost pile and a brush pile. Other features may include large paths to accommodate wheelbarrows and wheelchairs as well as a site for a shed and other structures as needed. The garden will be sustained by donated funds and grants. There will be two categories of participants: **general gardeners** and **garden stewards**. **Garden stewards** will be assigned one bed and will be responsible for planting and maintaining that bed for the entire year and may show up at any time to work on their bed. They may collect all the produce they raise in that bed and do with it what they wish (keep it for personal consumption or donate it). In contrast, **general gardeners** can show up during designated workdays set by the committee, work in communal beds that are separate from the beds maintained by the garden stewards, and take home a part of the harvest from the communal beds if they so choose. Some trusted, dedicated general

gardeners will also be allowed to show up at the garden on their own time to help with specific activities once they have been trained. Fresh food will also be set aside from communal plots at the request of neighborhood residents or local charities should particular local families or shelters are in need of particular items.

As noted above, the Baldwin Park Community Garden Committee will be responsible for establishing the garden, establishing and implementing rules and guidelines regarding work schedules, minimum bed maintenance standards, etc.

Each bed will be constructed of untreated lumber or other non-toxic materials to avoid leaching chemicals that might have deleterious effects to the soil or crops. Since the land is owned by the town of Carrboro, only organic farming practices will be allowed within the boundary of the community garden (this is in line with Carrboro's practice of integrated pest management)..

Next steps/Timeline:

Sept 2010	finalize a community garden plan for the garden at Baldwin Park with input from the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association and other residents and partners.
Sept 2010	Submit final community garden plan to town of Carrboro for final approval.
Sept 2010	Carrboro Parks Project and Baldwin Park Community Garden Committee submit applications for funding and request donations of supplies from local businesses.
Nov 2010	Obtain final approval from Town of Carrboro to move forward on plans
Dec 2010	Complete service agreement with town of Carrboro that spells out in detail exactly the responsibilities of the Baldwin Park Garden volunteers and those of the town staff.
Jan 2011	Advertise volunteer opportunities and rental plots with a concentration in the 3 block area around the community garden (including portions of Carrboro and Chapel Hill)
Feb 2011	Break ground on community garden (assuming the timing is in line with construction related to adjacent stream restoration project) High priority construction projects: -Raised bed construction -Fence construction -Cistern installation on side of picnic shelter
March 2011	Plant fruit trees, shrubs, and vines around exterior of garden (using permacultural techniques/theory for best placement)
April 2011	Accept volunteer applications for participation in garden and determine how garden donations will be handled.
Jan 2012	Build small tool shed.

Key items:

- A simple irrigation system with one hose bib or faucet for every four plots will be installed in the future. But at first, hand watering with a hose connected to the cistern will be used. Drip and soaker-hose irrigation can be used in all areas of the garden for transplanted and established plants, but especially for deep-rooted fruit trees and ornamentals long term.
- An 8-foot fence around the perimeter will be erected (50 feet by 70 feet) to keep the large deer herd in the neighborhood out. Two large gates and one small will be constructed for access. We won't count on eliminating all acts of vandalism or theft, but fencing will help to keep these to tolerably low levels.

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- A tool shed or other structure for storing tools, supplies, and materials will be useful but we will wait to construct it in 2012.
- A bench or picnic table where gardeners can sit, relax, and take a break. This bench or picnic table will be constructed in a part of the garden that will have overhanging vines (grapes, kiwis, or some other vine).
- A bilingual sign with the garden's name, sponsors, and a contact person's phone number for more information.
- A shared composting area for the community gardeners.
- A small fruit tree orchard, whose care and harvest can be shared by all the members. The orchard can also create shade for people as well as shade-loving plants.

Ideas for implementation once garden is well established (with space reserved during planning process):

- Perimeter landscaping outside of the fence, which can focus on drought tolerant flowers and shrubs, plants which attract butterflies and hummingbirds, or roses and other flowers suitable for cutting bouquets. Herbs are also well-suited to perimeter landscaping and help to create barriers to unwanted pest insects who do not like the smell of their essential oils.
- A children's area, which can include special small plots for children, a sand box, and play equipment.
- A meeting area, which could range from a semi-circle of hay bales or tree stumps, to a simple amphitheater built of recycled, broken concrete. Building a shade structure above would be beneficial as well.
- A community bulletin board where rules, meeting notices, and other important information can be posted.

Garden Budget/Wish List (some of these items may be contributed as in-kind by local businesses):

32 10 foot locally sourced cedar posts	32 x \$8	\$256
"Crush and run" delivered for post holes		\$200
Chapel Hill gravel for paths		\$200
Rental of post hole digger for one day		\$100
Bamboo		\$0
Twine/string for bamboo	10 x \$2.50	\$ 25
Raised bed material (cedar or other planks)	60 x \$7	\$420
Cardboard and leftover plastic for weed coverage		\$0
Mulch from town of Carrboro		\$0
Large cistern to poach rainwater from shelter		\$400
Hoses and connectors to connect cistern to garden		\$50
Community garden sign		\$150
Composted horse manure (locally sourced)		\$200
10 assorted fruit trees from Edible Landscapes		\$150

Assorted perennial herbs and starter plants/seeds for first year	\$200
40 assorted shrubs and vines from Edible Landscapes	\$400
Approximate Total for Phase I	\$2751
Phase II	
Shed (preferably with roof to harvest water)	\$2500
Benches	\$150
Materials for two arbors/trellises	\$300
More permanent fencing material	\$1000
Approximate Total Phase II	\$3850

Potential funders:

Carrboro Parks Project contacts (It is the hope that the Carrboro Parks Project (via their 501 (c) (3) non-profit status) will be able to manage the receipt and disbursement of grant funds acquired on behalf of the Baldwin Park Community Garden as well as private donations via their website and Donated for Good).

Local businesses (for specific items)
Weaver Street Market fund

Potential donors of items:

Southern States
Weaver Street Market
Niche Gardens
Green Sky Landscaping

Primary contact information for more information about project:

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Appendix A. Garden participant agreement (adapted from Carrboro Community Garden Coalition's participant agreement)

Welcome to the Baldwin Park Community Garden. Before signing the agreement, please read these few simple rules of gardening here at Baldwin Park. Over the coming months, cooperation and coordination will play vital roles in ensuring the smooth functioning, safety, and well being of the garden community. Thank you for your support of all of the following:

1. Respect of Municipal Property

We appreciate the fact that this land has been made available by the Town of Carrboro for use as a community garden, and we will respect the rights of our neighbors and community residents by keeping the garden well maintained and beautiful.

2. Water

I understand that water from the cistern is NOT for drinking but is ONLY for watering garden plants. I will bring drinking water with me to the garden, and I will not drink the cistern water nor let my family or my guests drink the well water or water from the cistern.

3. Organic Principles

I will garden according to organic principles. Hence, I will use no synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. Furthermore, I will endeavor to use materials and products that come from sustainable (and local) sources and to employ basic principles of water conservation.

4. Governance

I understand that the garden is planned, planted, and harvested collectively. I will consult the collective before planting anything or making any changes to the garden.

5. Sale of Grown Goods

I understand that produce grown in this garden is not for commercial use and may not be sold.

6. Responsibility

I understand that neither the Town of Carrboro, the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association, or Empowerment, Inc. are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE TOWN OF CARRBORO, THE LLOYD STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND EMPOWERMENT, INC. FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, INJURY, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN OR CONSUMPTION OF THE CISTERN WATER BY ME, MY FAMILY, OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

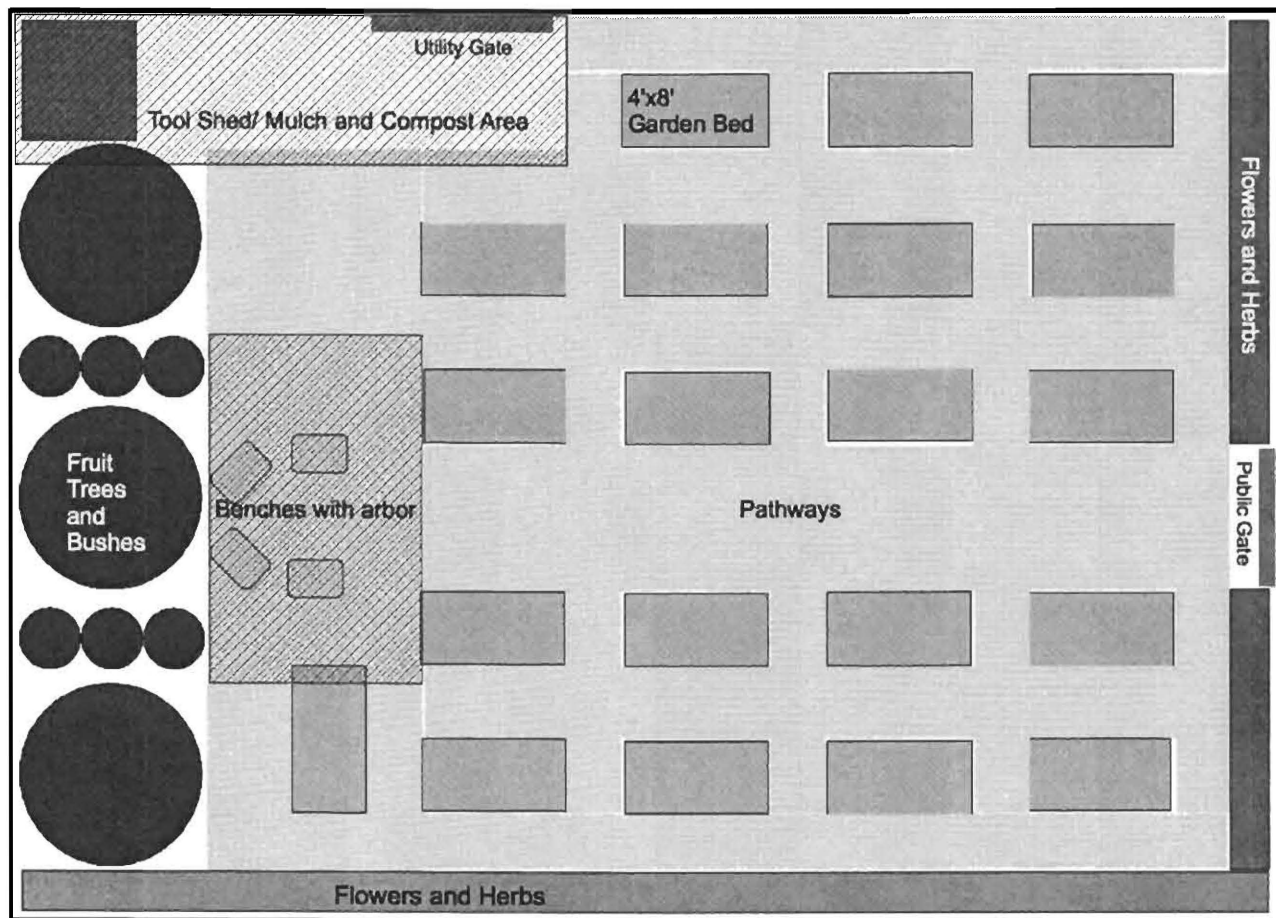
These guidelines can and will change as the gardening collective decides.

If you agree to the above conditions, please print your name and sign below.

Date _____

Appendix B. Draft garden layout and garden location within park.

Baldwin Gardens (Initial Sketch July 2010) Area: 70' x 50' (10' = 1.5")



Location of garden within Baldwin Park (note that site is just north of the basketball court and east of Broad Street.

