

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2012

#### TITLE: Baldwin Park Garden Expansion Proposal

<b>DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Cistern-Shed Expansion Proposal C. Rain Catchment Plan	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b>  Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381 Wendell Rodgers – 918-7371

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is for the Baldwin Park Gardeners to present a garden expansion proposal and rain catchment plan. Matthieu Campbell will present this information.

#### INFORMATION:

The Baldwin Park Gardeners want an opportunity to request additional space for the current garden and creation of a water catchment process to provide water to the garden.

These proposals have not been assessed by Town Staff to determine their impact on the park. In addition, a few points for the Board to consider:

- Along the edge of the proposed expanded garden site is a steep slope and stream buffer that should be considered.
- As a matter of practice the Town has not funded signs for citizen driven projects. In the past, donated funds have paid for the signs for these types of projects.
- The garden items left outside of the fence currently create safety and liability issues. These supplies have been outside of the fence for over a month and Staff requests that smaller items be placed inside the fence as soon as possible.
- OWASA staff has not evaluated the proposal to cross the OWASA easement

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is uncertain at this time. It will vary based on Board input.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Town Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution that accepts the presentation, request the gardeners secure all small loose items (such as bamboo, deer fencing, cinder blocks and wood) within fenced area immediately and allow a Staff to thoroughly review the proposals and make recommendations.

