

# **PROPOSING A** COMMUNITY **GARDEN FOR REDONDO BEACH**

City Council Presentation Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Redondo Beach Community Garden Committee

# **REDONDO BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN & PARTNERS**

### **RBCG COMMITTEE**

- Brianna Egan, Committee Chair
- <u>Committee members</u>: Backgrounds in education, public health, urban farming, nonprofits, social work, engineering.
- <u>Garden advisors</u>: Specialties in permaculture design, California native plants, biodynamic gardening.

### PARTNERS

- Operating under local nonprofit, <u>South Bay Parkland Conservancy</u>.
- Received initial grant funding (\$5,000) from <u>Beach Cities</u> <u>Health District</u>.
- Direct connections with <u>Hermosa</u> <u>Beach Community Garden</u> and <u>Valmonte Farm & Garden</u>.



Redondo Beach Community Gardens

an initiative of the South Bay Parkland Conservancy







### SOUTH BAY CITIES WITH COMMUNITY GARDENS



HERMOSA BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN (SOUTH PARK ON VALLEY DR) TORRANCE COMMUNITY GARDENS (COLUMBIA PARK & LAGO SECO)

# **OUR PROGRESS**

#### AUG + SEPT 2020

Presented at community meetings held by councilmembers Nils Nehrenheim & Todd Loewenstein.

#### **DEC 2020**

Received \$5,000 microgrant from BCHD.

#### JAN 2021

Easy Reader article about the project.

#### **JULY - SEPT 2020**

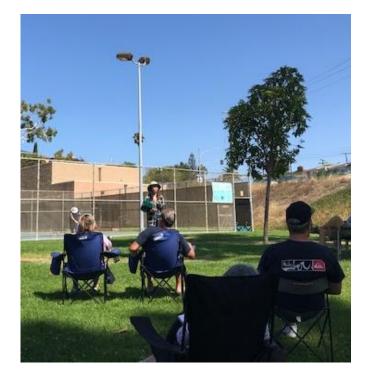
Created online survey for Redondo Beach residents to share ideas and support.

#### OCT 14, 2020

Presented to Rec & Parks Commission; passed unanimous motion to bring to city council.

#### FEB 2021

In 1 week, received 1,000+ signatures on petition for community garden.



## STRONG SUPPORT ACROSS REDONDO

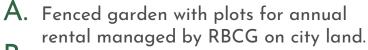
- 1,400+ signatures on online petition
- 40+ written statements of support
- 200+ individuals subscribed to our newsletter

### A COMMUNITY GARDEN WILL...

- Boost public health, mental health, nutrition access
- Improve green space & beautify neighborhoods
- Strengthen sense of community & connections
- Provide numerous environmental benefits

For more, see "Statements of Support" document in packet.

# **FEATURES OF THE RBCG**

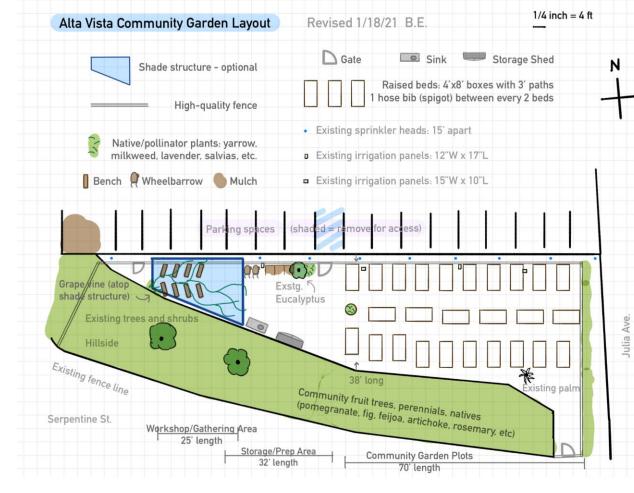


- B. Shaded seating area to host outdoor workshops.
- C. Communal plantings inside & along perimeter: Low-water fruit trees, herbs, & perennials.

- D. Community compost bin (3-bin setup)& mulch bay.
- E. Initial community garden serves as pilot to expand to locations throughout North & South Redondo.

### **PROPOSED LOCATIONS**

- I. Alta Vista Park: S end, grassy strip.
- 2. Dominguez Park: Dirt lot, E of playground OR grass area behind baseball fields, NE section.
- **3.** SCE Right-of-Way: North Redondo easement OR South Redondo (W of PCH)
- **4. Open** to suggestions & evaluations from staff & council.



Startup budget (Alta Vista Site): \$53,483.00. See packet for more.

# **REQUESTS TO CITY COUNCIL**



#### **1. FORMAL APPROVAL**

To move forward with planning & development of community garden in city park space, working with RBCG committee (operating under SBPC).



#### **2. AUTHORIZE STAFF**

Work w/ RBCG committee to:

- A. Identify a location.
- B. Coordinate construction.
- C. Draw up lease & license agreements for land use, irrigation.



#### 3. CONSIDER...

Prioritizing a goal to break ground in May 2021.

Allocating city funds for fencing & irrigation setup.