Union City Community Garden Manual

Steering Committee Meeting Notes: December 11, 2018

**Comments from Boards**

*Fencing*

* Tall wooden fence
  + Picket fence
  + Painted is preferred but it would require maintenance
* Security considerations
* Landscaping along the fence to act as a deterrent

*Beds*

* Prefer granite landscape planters
  + Longevity
  + Raised beds near Etris Center
* ADA accessible beds
  + Highlight gardens that use this bed style
* Solicit for sponsored beds
* What would help the fund the cost of the beds?
* Businesses could provide tools and material through donations
* What are other long-term functions of the beds?
  + Conversion

*Paths*

* Hardscape
* ADA accessible
* Grass walkways would require additional maintenance
* Slate chips are okay
  + Can cause maintenance issues because of fallen leaves

*Gathering spaces*

* May not need gathering space at this time
  + Maybe just benches
* Potential gathering space could have limited access
* Potentially, there could be space for a tent
* Outdoor classroom for the community center

*Gate Access*

* Tall security gate
  + Able to view the garden through the fence
* Only certain people can access

*Orchards and Landscaping*

* *Fire Chief does not want orchards at fire stations*
* *Ronald Bridges is a good location for the orchard project*
  + *Near the creek*

*Accessory Elements*

* Will need a shed but the type and sizes depends on the scale of the garden
  + Will need a larger shed for 60 beds or more

*Shade Structures*

* Wants a gated outdoor classroom
  + Sponsorships for the outdoor classroom
* Short picketed fence
* Research examples of outdoor classrooms

*Signage*

* Signage kiosk
  + With arbor similar to the Peachtree City community garden
  + Describing the project
  + Educational information
  + Signage at the outdoor classroom

*Other plants*

* Aesthetically appealing
* Garden club format
* Contractual agreement
* Demonstration garden
  + Edibles

*Art*

* Would like public art
  + Union City is working on public art regulations
  + Allow local artists to contribute

*Other*

* How can citizens access the garden? Revisit the idea of the tall fence
* Amphitheater on Lower Dixie Rd.?
* What’s the typical acreage for the amphitheater?
  + Research local examples: Suwanee, Riverdale, Old Fourth Ward, and Sugar Hill
* For the garden to be successful, it needs to be maintained by a club
  + Less responsibility for the city
* Locations for community garden: Ronald Bridges and Lower Dixie Road
  + Demonstration plots and berry bushes
* Location for outdoor classroom: New community center

PowerPoint for City Council

* State the two sites for the community garden: Lower Dixie and Ronald Bridges
  + The Lower Dixie Road location could be activated
* State that the outdoor classroom would be at the community center
* Wants to have boards for the meeting
  + Copies of the boards presented at the meeting