



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of June 12, 2012

DATE: 5/8/2012

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Acceptance and Appropriation of 2012 Gro1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Grant from Scotts Miracle-Gro and the United States Conference of Mayors.

CAPTION:

- A. Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents to accept a \$15,000 grant awarded by Scotts Miracle-Gro and the United States Conference of Mayors for the construction of the Lindale Park Community Garden.
- B. Ordinance appropriating a \$15,000 grant awarded by Scotts Miracle-Gro and the United States Conference of Mayors in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grant Fund, for the construction of the Lindale Park Community Garden and declaring an emergency.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Mayor's Fitness Council, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, was awarded one of five grants from Scotts Miracle-Gro and the United States Conference of Mayors to establish a community garden. The MFC will utilize these funds to partner with the Lindale Neighbors, Texas Agriculture Extension Office, to increase access to healthy foods and vegetables by establishing a community garden at Lindale Park located at 3133 Swantner Lane. In addition to the \$15,000 grant, Scotts Miracle Gro will provide \$10,000 in product to the project as well. There are no matching funds required.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not accept grant.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The Parks and Recreation Department has secured a commitment from the Lindale Neighbors via their Adopt-a-Park agreement to serve as administrators of the garden plots.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Appropriation of funds require City Council approval.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal; Accounting; Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Revenue

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		15,000		15,000
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		15,000		15,000
BALANCE		15,000		15,000

Fund(s):

Comments: An additional award of \$10,000 Scotts Miracle Gro products is included in the grant award totaling \$25,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of acceptance of grant award.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Notice of Funding Award; Drawing of Playground