



City of Huntington Beach

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MEETING DATE: 11/2/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Chris Slama, Director of Community Services

Subject:

Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Community Garden (HBCG) to manage a community garden on Southern California Edison (SCE) property located south of Atlanta Avenue and adjacent to the Santa Ana River

Statement of Issue:

A request to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Community Garden (HBCG), which expired on July 1, 2020, for individual gardening plots for use by members.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Community Garden."

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the recommended action and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

On June 21, 2010, City Council approved a five-year MOU with an additional five-year extension between the City and HBCG to create a community garden on Southern California Edison (SCE) property located south of Atlanta Avenue and adjacent to the Santa Ana River. The 2.5-acre parcel provides a location where community garden members can use the available land for individual gardening plots.

Recently, the City renewed the five-year License Agreement between the City and SCE, which will expire on November 30, 2025. The MOU with the HBCG will coincide with SCE agreement terms. Both the SCE and HBCG agreements will be re-evaluated for renewal upon their expiration in 2025.

The Huntington Beach Community Garden is a 501(c)3 corporation. They have bylaws for their organization, and provide rules and regulations for the garden members to follow. Additionally, the HBCG has been provided a copy of the SCE license agreement to ensure compliance with SCE regulations.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain high quality City services

Attachment(s):

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Community Garden