



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Climate, Conservation and Parks

Item: Referral—Garden City Harvest at Northside Park Annex Agreement

Date: May 14, 2024

Sponsor(s): David Selvage, Associate Director - Park Services and Systems

Department or function: Parks & Recreation

Prepared by: David Selvage

Ward(s) Affected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve agreement and authorize the mayor to sign

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve the Garden City Harvest at Northside Park Annex Agreement and authorize the mayor to sign.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	May 22, 2024
Council action (or sets hearing):	June 3, 2024
Public Hearing (if required):	Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Garden City Harvest is a non-profit organization serving the Missoula Community. Garden City Harvest operates over 20 gardens throughout the community including a community garden on approximately 1 acre of the Northside Park Annex. The Northside community garden is Missoula’s oldest and largest. The 2021 approved land use agreement between Resurrection Cemetery Association and the City for public park use of the land provides for continuation of Garden City Harvest and their use of a portion of the parkland (agreement attached). If approved, the agreement will formalize the City’s partnership with Garden City Harvest through 2034 and provide for subsequent 5-year term renewals.

The proposed agreement provides many benefits to the surrounding neighborhood and the community, in particular - growing sustainable food, healthy outdoor activity, and promoting a sense of community. The benefits and partnership align well with numerous City strategic goals for serving and building community.

Financial Implications: No new costs will be incurred. The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to supply irrigation water for garden uses and provide for winter sidewalk maintenance.

Links to external websites: <https://www.gardencityharvest.org>