

## Growing the Greenway Action Committee

February 24, 2016

### Growing the Greenway Developments— site, city RFP (20 minutes)

- The city will be releasing their RFP for community gardens on the Greenway in June or July
  - Likely that we will have free water
  - Galvez site is the site of the historical gardens
  - Soil is already remediated from heavy metal contamination
  - Sojourner Truth is no longer open on weekends, so it presents less of an advantage
- Committee decided to move forward with community garden on Galvez site, and not start at Sojourner Truth

### Design Discussion: See Design Considerations Document for slideshow of options

- Bed type & size
  - Height
    - Kids, seniors
    - Size
  - Variety of dimensions?
    - How many different sizes?
      - Will depend on what the growers want.
    - How many large beds do we need? Of what size(s)?
    - ADA accessible beds—table height so people in wheelchairs can reach over the bed (with their legs under it), rather than having to lean over with difficulty.
  - Style
    - High visibility site
    - Materials options—cinder blocks and wood can both be painted
    - Recycled materials (plastic) lasts longer
  - Cost
  - Layout
    - Between the beds—gravel for weed maintenance
- Fence type & size
  - Height
    - Security
    - Welcoming feel
    - Kids climbing
      - we want a solid fence with a solid top that kids won't get hurt on.
      - McDonough 15's fence is good.
      - To allow for garden growth, we could design to keep the fence up and use it as a trellis, open up a portion of it to expand to the rest of the garden
  - Security
    - Type of gate/lock
    - Durability of material
  - Style
    - High visibility
  - Growing
    - Trellis for vine plants
  - Sponsorship opportunities
- Shed/shade/community structure type & location

- Security
- Size
  - Tool library for all growers to share
  - Should there be space for individual growers to store their personal tools?
  - Bathroom?
- Style
  - High visibility site
  - Sponsorship opportunities
  - Art
- Shade & Water catchment
- Overall site requirements & design recommendations
  - Location of community structure
    - Vehicular entrance for deliveries
    - Access points
  - Visibility
    - From trail
    - From street(s)
    - From Carondelet Walk
    - From Sojourner Truth

Ideas for future discussion:

- What vegetables will we grow? Want to have a variety of plants that people eat, that you can't grow at the store,
- Want to have an area to learn about in-ground planting, in addition to raised beds.

Next Steps:

- Nellie to meet with FLTA about the design elements, determine priorities for the design
- FLTA to continue on outreach to community members; invite interested growers to our next meeting.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-7pm