

Growing the Greenway Committee Notes

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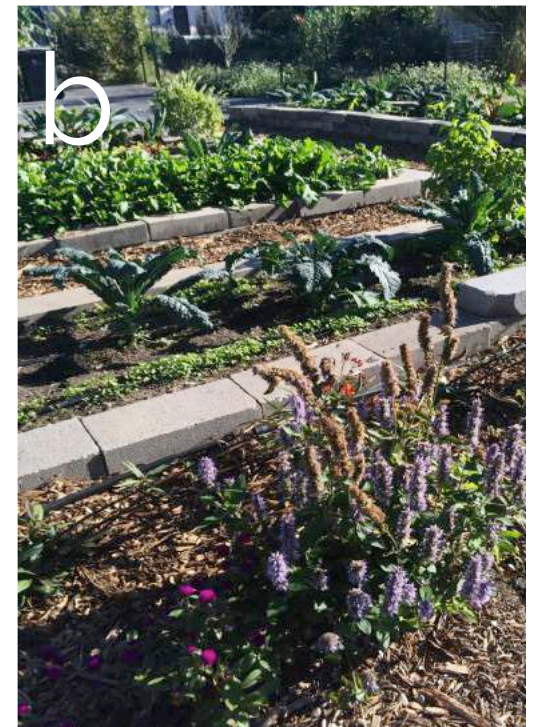
BEDS

Considerations:

- Height: tall height is nice for seniors and limited mobility, but also costs more to fill.
- Variety of heights and sizes is possible (recommended)
- Style
- Cost
- Maintenance and Replacement.

Materials:

Model	Material	Pros	Cons	Votes
A,C,D	Wood		Rots, requires upkeep/replacement	Jacqueline Gibson, Rodney Webster, Diana, Rose, Travis
G	Corrugated Metal		Can get really hot in the summer, people could burn themselves touching it, could be too reflective & bright on sunny days, possible hazard/nuisance for bikers and walkers on trail	Caroline Yarbrough, Leonetta Terrell
B,E	Cinder blocks/Brick	Cheap, inert, paint-able, can add tiles around them to make them look fancy	Not naturally beautiful, concern that kids would pick them up and throw them,	Antonio, Nellie, Em
F	Recycled Plastic	Does not rot, maintains color		Monte Shalett
	Straw Bales (for empty space)			Monte Shalett
	Brick	Could try to get donated from Masonry Products?	Requires more skill to build	Dr. B





Between Beds:

Mulch (Dianne Alfred, Furtis Madine),

Height/ Size Preferences:

	4x4	4x10	Other
Low bed (12-18")			Mr. Fred (20x20), Dr. B (wants same size as Mr. Fred)
Tall bed	Rodney, Antonio, Jackie, Monte, Rose, Travis, Caroline		
No preference	Leonetta		

Other Bed Ideas: Tall keyhole garden beds for ADA gardeners.

COMMUNITY SPACE/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

What needs to happen in this space?	What should that look like?
Shade	Benches under trees, shade trees, patio tables with umbrellas
Presentation	Pergola presentation platform
Tool storage	Well organized, downspout/wide roof to capture water, lighting for safety, accessible to all growers,
Seating/tables, place to eat	Fixed, at least two benches outside classroom

Birthday parties (revenue generation!)	
Ability to leave child during a class, play space for babies	
Movie Nights	
Cleaning food	3 pan sink
Handwashing	1-2 sinks
Cooking classes	
Space to gather	
Permanent fire pit	
	Inviting, open plan

FENCE

Considerations:

- Height- garden should be welcoming but keep out unwanted visitors
- Safety- Kids may climb
- Security- need secure lock, durable materials
- Style
- Growing Space for vines?

Votes:

Model	I like this fence!	Comments
A	Antonio	Maybe only certain sections of fencing that are for public harvesting- during summer it becomes hard to maintain & irrigate
B	Monte (1 st), Rodney, Jackie, Rose, Caroline, Leonetta,	Like the look & sturdiness most (Monte), more sturdy and with vines covering it will be secure (Rodney), tall height to grow vines (Jackie)
C	Monte (2 nd), Dr B	No wood elements. Wood+water+NOLA=bad, Dynamic & easily moved
D	Travis	Climbing wall section?



LAYOUT

Designers will take feedback and create designs for committee input at May meeting.

Considerations:

- Location of community structure- Gardeners will need to carry tools from here, access water, etc.
- Entrances- should be convenient for gardeners to enter. What side do you live on?
- Visibility-
 - From Greenway/Trail
 - From streets
 - From Carondelet walk
 - From Sojourner Truth

Adjacencies:

- Greenhouse-
 - Full sun,
 - water source,
 - electricity
- ADA beds-
 - Entrance
 - Tool shed
 - Classrooms
- Port-o-lets
 - Driveway
- Soil/Mulch storage
 - Low visibility (near shed?)
 - Driveway/delivery point
- Classroom
 - Visually appealing on all sides
- Historic entrance was on Lafitte St.

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS/WANTS

- Info box/board with calendar, contact, brochure for passersby to take with them,
- Artistic/beautiful/colorful sign with garden rules
- Reminder to stow tools before leaving (by exit)
- Sink for hand & veggie washing
- Stage or small platform for community events?
- Shower?
- Wheelbarrow/ cart for carrying tools
- A zen fountain
- Agritourism limited liability signage
- Greenhouse and seed starting space
- Should have 3-4 spigots
- Benches under trees
- Agritourism limited liability signage
- Neighbor artists can beautify beds
- Signage—history of garden
- Make your own sign for your garden—workshop to create- consistent but unique

- Recognition for good attendance—keys to toolshed, certificate
- Permeable concrete?
- Drive-in movie

QUESTIONS

- Who pays for electricity?
- Who pays for water?
 - Can the city subsidize?
 - NOLA has a vibrant water policy council. Can they help?
- Who will write grants?
- Who will be responsible for moneys collected for water?
- Will outside compost be allowed?
- Will other gardeners be invited to have a large bed like Mr. Fred's? How will that be decided?

WHAT WE WANT TO GROW!

- Okra, mustard greens
- Rodney- Mustard greens, turnip greens, collard greens, okra, speckled butter beans, potatoes, hot peppers, melons
- Sophie-arugula, butter beans, okra, tomatoes
- Strawberries, tomatoes spinach, carrots, broccoli, eggplant
- Natives- black cherry, wild grapes, persimmon, wax myrtle, blackberry, dewberry, hackberry, parsley hawthorne
- Green onions, tomatoes, mustard greens, okra
- Amaranth, cucumber, flax, legume
- tomatoes