

Greetings Garden Club Members -

Thanks to all who attended our September meeting. It was great to see your smiling faces, even if it was on Zoom.

Cornelia Reynolds brought us up to speed on progress being made on a community garden for Fort Bragg. For those who missed the meeting, here's Cornelia's report, and a proposed map of the garden.

We hope to see you at our next club meeting on Monday, October 12. Need any help using Zoom? Let me know, and we'll try to help you get connected.

--***Tina***

Update on "Garden Friendly Community"

Garden Planned for CV Starr Center

from Cornelia Reynolds

You may remember Matt Drewno's presentation last year on starting community gardens in Fort Bragg. Last September City Council adopted a resolution of support and identified four possible sites for gardens. Due to Covid and bureaucracy, it took a year to evaluate the options and design a proposal for a garden at the preferred site, CV Starr Center. The garden plan on the south side of the building includes over 45 garden beds of various sizes, including eight ADA beds, a hoop-house, tool shed, composting bin, and four water tanks to be set up to collect rain. All paths will be ADA compliant. The landscape includes fruit trees and pollinator friendly herbs. Plots will be rented on an annual basis on a sliding scale.

The proposal was presented Monday to City Council, which expressed strong support. A resolution will be up for adoption at their next meeting.

The cost of an ADA compliant garden infrastructure is considerable; the total budget is over \$17,700. The committee has \$7,500 in seed money from the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund and is pursuing other foundation support. A Go Fund Me site has raised over \$2,000 to date.

If you are interested in donating go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/let039s-start-a-community-garden-in-fort-bragg>

If you would like to volunteer, rent a bed, or be notified of developments sign up at [gfcgardensfortbragg@gmail.com](mailto:gfcgardensfortbragg@gmail.com)

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