

Memorandum No. M17-137

To: Recreation Committee
From: Dean R. Bostrom, Executive Director
Michael R. Kies, Director of Recreation & Facilities
Dustin Hugen, Director Parks & Facilities Services
RE: Eagle Scout Project – 4 ADA Garden Plots at Chino Park Gardens
Date: December 4, 2017

Background

Back in the fall the Park District was approached by Alexander Blackshear about the possibility of completing his Eagle Scout project at the HE Parks. Between then and now he met with Directors Kies and Hugen to discuss his project ideas. Through that process the parties reviewed some potential ideas. It was decided that constructing four already planned ADA garden plots within Chino Park would be a valuable project to the environment and a great addition to our park district inventory (please refer to his power point presentation). It will also reduce some of the planned costs associated with the materials and supplies to construct this project. Alexander will be in attendance at the December 12, 2017 meeting to present his plan and how he intends to achieve this goal.

Implications

The Chino Garden Plot project is starting to move forward and this added value to our community is very exciting on multiple levels. Having the Eagle Scout project as part of the process only adds to that excitement. As stated above and in his presentation, for part of the project Alexander will be fundraising and looking for donations to support the project. Those fundraising efforts are currently being discussed and worked through. The anticipated cost of the project is between \$400 and \$500 and Alexander is responsible for those and it is part of the project completion requirements. Alexander will discuss these plans and initiatives in more detail during the presentation part of this meeting with the committee.

As a reminder, garden plots will be planted on the south end of walkway, adjacent to the asphalt walking path as ADA plots and field plots as well. Alexander has worked with the HE Parks Parks' Department to select the design to be used and built.

Alexander is responsible for the following:

- Planning
 - Mentoring support from qualified individual(s), Parks Department, etc.
 - Approval from the Eagle Coordinator
- National guidelines for ADA garden plots.
- Materials required and costs associated with this aim.
- Park Maintenance specific job functions.
- Building the 4 ADA garden plots that meet all national, PDRMA and HEPD specifications.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Rec Committee recommend the board approve the Eagle Scout Project to create 4 ADA Garden Plots at Chino Park as outlined in M17-137 and contingent upon Village approval. The project will begin in August and aiming for completion by mid-November.