

Ideas for Mitchell Park Community Garden

The Garden 'Type' committee will be adding more items and looking at more specific details at the next meeting. Please contact Jackie Jaap, Chair of this committee for any suggestions you may wish to add.

Design elements of garden

- Fence and gates (need dimensions)
- Long narrow plots with paths in between; 2 different sizes for individual plots; large group plots; small plots for children's garden
- Raised bed
- One experimental plot
- Decide on paths and materials
- One communal garden for everyone to enjoy with emphasis on desert plants—perennial flowers, herbs, etc.
- Central gathering center with trellises over a seating area
- Places for artwork, tiles, benches
- Storage for tools, gardening supplies, etc.
- Space for compost
- Vandal's garden (if we decide this is a good idea)
- Drought tolerant shrubs and flowers on the perimeter
- Signage, information board
- Shaded areas
- Street appeal
- Future possibilities: hothouse, worm farm

Purposes of garden

- Grow food/distribute food to food banks
- Share information with other gardeners
- Exercise
- Relaxation
- Foster development of community identity and spirit
- Address issues of environmental sustainability

Events

- Grand opening
- Harvest festival (twice a year)
- Monthly gatherings for sharing gardening expertise
- Learning activities for kids
- Earth Day celebration
- Community dinners

Other Considerations

- Organic practices (no herbicides or petrochemicals)

