



Communication to Planning Commission

Community & Economic Development
Office of the Director

To: Planning Commission Members

From: Everett Joyce, Senior Planner

Date: April 5, 2011

CC: Wilf Sommerkorn, Planning Director
Rick Graham, Public Services Director
Emy Maloutas, Open Space Lands Program Manager

Re: Petition PLNPCM2011-00155 Surplus Property – Lease of Fairmont Tennis Court area for community garden at 968 East Sugarmont Drive

Address: 968 East Sugarmont Drive

Parcel Number: 16-20-178-001

Entity: Heidi Spence, Garden Coordinator

Zoning: OS – Open Space

Description of Project:

The Salt Lake City Parks and Public Lands Division, a division of the Public Services Department, has determined that 0.76 acres of tennis court property has been deemed an appropriate site for a future community garden with the understanding that the Division has recommended support for the garden if the community group is able to identify and fund a viable water source. Based on that determination the Department formally recommends that the property be declared surplus to allow the Parks Division to encumber this property with a temporary one year lease for a community garden.

The community group has requested permission to install raised garden beds with drip irrigation. The lease interest will be conveyed to Heidi Spence, who is the group's coordinator.

Salt Lake City Code:

Section 21.A.32.140 does not allow community gardens in the Open Space Zoning District. However, Petition PLNPCM2009-01337 is being processed to modify the Open Space Zoning District to permit community gardens. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Petition PLNPCM2009-01337 and forwarded a favorable recommendation to the City Council supporting the text amendment. The council's public hearing for this petition is on April 5, 2011.

Section 2.90 Open Space Lands Program identifies that community gardens are a suitable use within the open space lands.

Process:

This transaction is being submitted to the Planning Commission for public review pursuant to Section 2.58.040 Surplus Real Property. Although the City will retain ownership of the property, the Real Property regulations require that certain transactions granting interest in City property have a public review process. The Planning Commission is the entity that holds the hearings for declaration of surplus property. Your recommendation will be transmitted to the Mayor for final action.

Recommendation:

The Planning staff recommends the Planning Commission transmit a favorable recommendation to the Mayor to declare the property surplus for the purpose of allowing a lease on the property for a temporary community garden subject to ordinance approval to permit community gardens within the Open Space Zoning District.

Attachments: Vicinity Map
Public Services Department Request Letter

Petition PLNPCM2011-00155
Surplus Land / Community Garden Lease
Fairmont Park Tennis Courts at 968 East Sugarmont Drive



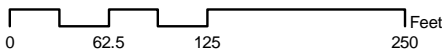
Vicinity Map



Looking east from 900 East Street



Looking west from from Sugarmont Dr
at the Boys and Girls Club



SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTORS OFFICE

April 4, 2011

Wilford Sommerkorn
Salt Lake City Planning Director
City & County Building, Room 406
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

RE: Surplus Land – Fairmont Park Tennis Courts 968 E Sugarfont Dr.

Dear Wilf:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Salt Lake City Parks and Public Lands Division, a division of the Public Services Department, has determined that 0.25 acres of tennis court property in Fairmont Park has been deemed an appropriate site for a future community garden with the understanding that the Division has recommended support for the garden if the community group is able to identify and fund a viable water source. Based on that determination I wish to formally recommend that the property be declared surplus to the Parks and Public Lands Division and ask that you direct your staff to immediately initiate the process that will allow the Division to encumber this property with a temporary lease for a community garden.

The subject property is located at the corner of 900 East and Fairmont Drive. The portion to be encumbered by a temporary lease is the tennis courts, which are unused and falling into disrepair.

The community, through an appropriate public process has requested permission to install raised garden beds with drip irrigation. The lease interest will be conveyed to Heidi Spence, who is the garden coordinator. No consideration will be tendered at this time because of the nature of the community garden and the temporary nature of the structures that will be placed on the property.

I respectfully request that you begin the process that allows for this request to be reviewed and approved by the appropriate departments of the City.

Sincerely,



Rick Graham, Director
Public Services Department

Cc: Cheri Coffey, Everett Joyce, Duran Lucas, Emy Maloutas, Lee Bollwinkel