Ivins City Staff Report
City Council Meeting 9/3/2026

Agenda Item: Discussion regarding a new location for a Community Garden located behind the Main Street Mojave Estates Park

Submitted by: Marc Christensen, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommended City Council Action: Discussion

BACKGROUND: The Ivins City Community Garden has been an ongoing Parks and Recreation program for local residents for a number of years. The existing garden is located on property that has been identified as future right-of-way for Hamblin Parkway. It has been understood that the Community Garden will need to be relocated when the Hamblin Parkway project requires the property for roadway construction. Participation in the garden has ebbed and flowed over the years; however, participation and interest have been strong during the past two growing seasons. Lorraine Sanders has served as the volunteer Community Garden Master and has provided significant assistance in coordinating and overseeing the garden. Lorraine has recently informed the City that she will be moving, and the City is therefore also seeking a new volunteer Garden Master to assist with the continued operation of the program.

The Mojave Estates Park property on Main Street has been identified for improvements following a playground fire that occurred several years ago. A youth community group working on the re-improvement of the park has proposed incorporating a new Community Garden as part of the overall park improvements. The proposed location is on property immediately west of Mojave Estates Park, which is privately owned by Steve Camp. As part of the proposal, the City would work with Steve to establish an agreement allowing the City to utilize a portion of his property for the Community Garden. The Parks Department has developed a preliminary concept plan showing the proposed layout and improvements for the garden and has reviewed the concept with Steve Camp. Steve was receptive to the concept and expressed support for the proposal.

At this time, the relocation remains a proposal and is not yet an approved or finalized arrangement. The City is currently working on two primary components of the proposal; developing a potential agreement with Steve Camp regarding use of the property, and preparing a preliminary cost estimate for the infrastructure needed to establish the new Community Garden.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Concept 2 Mojave Community Garden

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TBD

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