

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, March 17, 2014

Regular Meeting

Item Reports2

Council to review a landscaping plan for the addition of a Children's Learning Garden at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library.

Staff Contact: Abby Yellman & Annie Folck

Agenda Statement

Item No.

For Meeting of: March 17, 2014

AGENDA TITLE: Review a landscaping plan for the addition of a “Children’s Learning Garden” at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION: Library and Library Foundation

PRESENTATION BY: Assistant City Manager, Nathan Johnson

SUMMARY EXPLANATION: The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Foundation has approved \$6500 in designated landscaping funds for the creation of a Children’s Learning Garden. The goal of the Children’s Learning Garden is to promote sensory awareness for all children through plantings that children can “touch”, “feel” or “smell”. Sensory awareness is crucial to all children, but especially young children and children with special needs such as autism. The library’s mission is to educate. This learning garden will expand the education found inside the building to the outdoors while adding an aesthetic piece to the library’s exterior landscaping. The plan has been shared with Annie Folck, City Planner and Amy Seiler, Nebraska Forest Service, as their partnership and expertise has been critical with past landscaping projects. Both have reviewed the project and are supportive. As stated above, funding will come completely from the library foundation through funds designated for landscaping or through grants IF available. Please see the attached plan for more detail.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Although being funded by the Library Foundation, Library Director Abby Yellman would appreciate the Council’s support and approval to move forward.

EXHIBITS

Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Contract ☐ Minutes ☐ Plan/Map ☐

Other (specify) Children’s Learning Garden plan

NOTIFICATION LIST: Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Instructions ☐
Please list names and addresses required for notification.

APPROVAL FOR SUBMITTAL: _____
City Manager

Rev: 11/15/12 City Clerk

SCOTTS BLUFF LIBRARY

"CHILDREN'S GARDEN"

DESIGN BY: ANITA'S GREENSCAPING INC.

1. CHRYSANTHEMUM	6. MONARDA	11. COREOPSIS
2. VIOLA	7. GOMPHRENA	12. LAVENDER
3. ASCELIAS	8. SAGE	13. STACHYS
4. DIANTHUS	9. RUDBECKIA	14. MINT
5. AGASTACHE	10. YARROW	15. FALL ASTER