

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: PARK BOARD

Agenda Item #: VI. E.

From: Ann Kattreh, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

Action

Discussion

Date: February 12, 2013

Information

Subject: Monarch Way Station at Arneson Acres Park

Action Requested:

Staff requests approval of the addition of a Monarch Way Station at Arneson Acres Park

Information / Background:

Garden club 'Late Bloomers' proposes to plan, plant, maintain and fund a Monarch Way Station at Arneson Acres Park. City Horticulturalist Tim Zimmerman selected the site in an open area located east of the Formal Gardens in the middle of the park. The site will be approximately 150 square feet and meets all the requirements of the National Monarch Society. When the garden is approved and registered, the City will receive a sign and be given national recognition. This garden will be a big draw to nature lovers, school kids and families with young children. It is a prairie type garden and the site has access to water, if needed. The garden will be filled with as many native plants as possible. There will be some annuals and non-native species that attract butterflies and birds. It will include a lot of nectar plants.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Monarch Garden location at Arneson Acres Park
- B. January 7th, 2013 Edina Garden Council Meeting Minutes regarding this item



Arneson Acres Park



January 7, 2013 Edina Garden Council Meeting

Late Bloomers Monarch Way Station Proposal to the Edina Garden Council: Presented by Betty Workinger

The site location is located east of the Formal Gardens in the middle of the Park. City Horticulturalist, Tim Zimmerman, propose a site location in an open area. Garden club 'Late Bloomers', wants to plan, plant and maintain and fund a Monarch Way Station in the propose area at Arneson's Acre Park. It will be approximately 150 square feet. And meets all the requirements of the National Monarch Society, and when approved and registered, will have a sign and be given national recognition. It will be a big draw to nature lovers, school kids and families with young children. It is a prairie type garden and the site has access to water if needed. The garden will be filled with as many native plants as possible. There will be some annuals and nonnative species that attract butterflies and birds. Will include a lot of nectar plants.

Motion: The Edina Garden Council made a motion to approve The Monarch way Station site at Arneson's Acres Park, but if not maintained by the Edina Garden Council, then the Parks and Rec. Department can notify and decide what to do with the butterfly garden. The motion was approved.