

Lemos, June

From: George <george@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Lemos, June; Miller, Tabatha; Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Albin-Smith, Tess
Subject: Support for Community Gardens, Garden Corps and a more resilient Fort Bragg.

Hello Fort Bragg City Council and staff,

I write in support of the Community Garden at CV Starr.

1. 1B. [20-844](#)

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George Reinhardt

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From: Annemarie <aweibel@mcn.org>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:42 AM
To: Peters, Lindy; Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Albin-Smith, Tess
Cc: Miller, Tabatha; Lemos, June
Subject: public comment item 1B Update from Garden Friendly Comm. Committee on a Community Garden at the CV Starr Community Center Grounds
Attachments: Community Garden .docx

Dear City Council members,

Please accept my public comments about item 1B Update from Garden Friendly Community Committee on a Community Garden at the CV Starr Community Center Grounds.

Thanks, Annemarie Weibel

P.S.

June, could you read my comments? I understand that the meetings are still virtual meetings. Thanks very much.

City Council meeting 9-14-2020

Public comment about item 1B Receive Update from the Garden Friendly Community Committee of Fort Bragg on a Community Garden at the CV Starr Community Center Grounds.

Dear City Council members,

I attended a Grassroots Institute meeting on 4-29-2019 where I first heard of Matt Drewno's idea of a Garden Friendly Community (GFC). At the 9-9-2019 City Council meeting you passed the Garden Friendly Community Resolution honoring Fort Bragg's long history of self sufficiency and the numerous gardens, organizations and programs which help feed people, provide jobs and promote sustainability. You also recognized the role gardens play in the health, nutrition, sustainability and resilience of our community and committed yourself towards promoting gardening in our community.

I applaud you for passing this Resolution and GFC for coming up with a great 3 year plan to reach the goal that was envisioned when the Resolution was passed. I also applaud you for passing the Bee City USA Resolution making it the first city in California to receive this designation. The CV Starr Center is a great location, GFC's plan seems sound. I witnessed the creation of the Noyo Food Forest and am happy to see their involvement as a fiscal sponsor. Many community gardens across the country are sponsored by cities (have water and insurance provided for). If this is a possibility, it would help the project become more sustainable, affordable, and accessible even for people who are on a tight budget and need it the most.

In Switzerland where I grew up each neighborhood had a community garden. Each window sill had a planter box containing lettuce, herbs and later flowers. People who experienced war times knew how important it is when neighbors connect and grow food together.

One lesson we can learn from Covid and our recent fires is that we can not rely on goods being shipped here and might not be able to afford increased prices that reflect our location and the price of gas. I like that the CV Starr Community Garden project will be an important link in our already close-knit community that is striving to become even more self sufficient and sustainable.

I urge you to support this project wholeheartedly.

Thank you,

Annemarie Weibel

aweibel@mcn.org

9-14-2020

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From: Paul Katzeff <pk@thanksgivingcoffee.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:18 PM
To: Lemos, June
Cc: Miller, Tabatha; Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Albin-Smith, Tess
Subject: Re: Support for Community Gardens, Garden Corps and a more resilient Fort Bragg.

Hello Fort Bragg City Council and staff,

I agree with George Reinhardt's opinion that this is a very cool project. I work Internationally on food security issues in coffee growing countries. We here on the North Coast have become as vulnerable as any mountain village in Uganda or Nicaragua. I have seen what happens when a community runs out of food because there was no plan in place to deal with a catastrophe of any sort.

I have an apple orchard on South Harbor Drive with 47 trees. This year to date I have harvested 2,200 pounds and donated them all to the Food Bank and they need twice as much. Let's get our people fed and feeling secure. In fact, let's make food production our #2 industry.

Paul Katzeff

CEO

Thanksgiving Coffee Company

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George Reinhardt

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From: Barbara Fishelson <gaiaroses@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:50 PM
To: George
Cc: Lemos, June; Miller, Tabatha; Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Albin-Smith, Tess
Subject: Re: Support for Community Gardens, Garden Corps and a more resilient Fort Bragg.

Excellent, thank you George.
Barbara

Barbara Fishelson
PO Box 1623
Mendocino, Ca 95460
707-937-2834



On Sep 13, 2020, at 3:39 PM, George <george@mcn.org> wrote:

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George Reinhardt

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From: lillian cartwright <lilliancartwright@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Lee, Will; Miller, Tabatha
Cc: Lemos, June; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Albin-Smith, Tess
Subject: Re: Support for Community Gardens, Garden Corps and a more resilient Fort Bragg.

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lillian cartwright,ph.d.

Lemos, June

From: Garth Saalfield <garthss@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:36 PM
To: Peters, Lindy; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Lee, Will
Cc: Miller, Tabatha; Lemos, June
Subject: In support of the community gardening project as proposed @ The CV Starr Center

Dear City Council members (& others),

I am writing in support of the Community Gardening project being proposed @ the CV Starr Center to you Monday evening (9/14/20).

I was in attendance when you (The Council) adopted Fort Bragg as a "Garden Friendly Community" and I've been following this program as it has been developed and feel like it's such a wonderful idea for our community.

I hope you'll find in favor of this project in all of its phases and allow our community to thrive from its many beneficial aspects for years to come!

Thank you for your considerations,

Garth Saalfield

Fort Bragg, Ca. 95437

707-961-0482

Sent from my iPad

Lemos, June

From: jef schultz <jefschultz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Peters, Lindy; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Lee, Will; Albin-Smith, Tess
Cc: Miller, Tabatha; Lemos, June
Subject: Community Garden/CV Starr

Hello Folks,

I write in support of Matt Drewno and the efforts he is making on behalf of the Community Garden Project. Please back this excellent effort as it will add a valuable resource to the greater FT. Bragg community.

Thank you,

Jef Schultz
Fortunate Farm
Caspar, CA

Lemos, June

From: agnes@mcn.org
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: Dwerno

Dear City Council,
I support Matt Dwerno's direct action.
Agnes Woolsey

Lemos, June

From: Judy Tarbell <tarbell@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:00 PM
To: Peters, Lindy; Lee, Will; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Albin-Smith, Tess; Norvell, Bernie; Lemos, June; Miller, Tabatha
Cc: Matthew Drewno
Subject: Garden Friendly Community Garden at CV Starr Center

Dear Fort Bragg City Council Members, June Lemos and Tabatha Miller,

This email is to offer my wholehearted encouragement for your support of a community garden at the CV Starr Center under the aegis of the Garden Friendly Community Committee organization. I am familiar with the work Matt Drewno has accomplished in his current work at the Stanford Inn. It is spectacular, both in terms of community engagement and produce raised. I am also familiar with the broad reach of community gardens, having been instrumental in the formation of the Mendocinio Community Garden and the Caspar Community Garden. CV Starr is the perfect place for a Fort Bragg Community Garden, and Matt Drewno is the perfect person to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,
Judy Tarbell

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From: Dr Richard Louis Miller <drrichardmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Peters, Lindy; Norvell, Bernie; Lemos, June; Miller, Tabatha; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; george reinhardt; John Gallo; Linda Jupiter; Paul Katzeff; Carrie Durkee
Subject: Matt Drewno program

Dear Fort Bragg City Council Members:

I am writing in support of Matt Drewno's program.

Thank you.

Stay safe and healthy,

Richard

Richard Louis Miller, M.A., Ph.D.

Clinical Psychology

Wikipedia: Dr Richard Louis Miller

Wikipedia: Wilbur Hot Springs

PsychedelicMedicineBook.com

MindBodyHealthPolitics.org

Psychepedia.org

*What you leave behind is not what assets you accumulated,
but what is woven into the lives of others*

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From: Linda Jupiter <jupiter@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Peters, Lindy; Norvell, Bernie; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Lee, Will; Albin-Smith, Tess
Cc: Miller, Tabatha; Lemos, June
Subject: Community Garden at CV Starr

Greetings, all,
Hope you're safe and healthy.

Just want to heartily support Matt Drewno's program for a community garden at CV Starr. It will enhance the community and CV Starr as well. One thing we have learned during this pandemic is the more sustainable our community, the better off we will be.

Hats off to Matt and his team. They are amazing.

Sincerely,
Linda Jupiter
Fort Bragg

Lemos, June

From: John Gallo <gallo.ja@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Lemos, June
Cc: matt drewno
Subject: Support of Community Gardens at CV Starr Center

Hello June,

Please pass this on to City Council and appropriate staff.

Hello City Council and Staff,

The Community Gardens at CV Starr is an excellent project. It is a great example of building more resilience into our town. It will doubtless have its challenges, some anticipated, some unexpected. Please continue to support it as much as possible and to provide thoughts, advice and suggestions.

Thank you,

John

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John A. Gallo, Ph.D.
Life Scientist, Geographer and Facilitator

Lemos, June

From: Yolanda Fletcher <byfletcher@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: Letter in support of Community Garden at C.V. Starr Center

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in support of creating a community garden at the C.V. Starr Center. Now that Fort Bragg is a Garden Friendly City, it's time to implement our support of community gardening, one of the basic tenets of the initiative. C.V. Starr Center seems like a natural fit for this project because:

- Since the advent of COVID-19, indoor activities at the Center have been radically curtailed. Outdoor gardening will add another facet of healthy physical activity for community members of all ages.
- The proposal aligns and enhances the MCRPD's mission of promoting physical and mental well being, both critically in need during this time. Gardening activities can be performed safely during the pandemic.
- C.V. Starr Center's central location, adequate parking, and outdoor space to develop a garden make it an ideal venue.
- As climate change advances, community gardening is an activity that both mitigates and raises awareness of the threat.
- Enhancing food security, fostering public health, supporting environmental stewardship, and bringing the community together around a positive, nurturing activity are just a few of the benefits that will improve everyday life in our local area.

I strongly support this proposal and urge the City of Fort Bragg to take steps to approve and implement it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yolanda B. Fletcher
32688 Mill Creek Drive
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Lemos, June

From: Jean Crosby <jeancrosby2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Peters, Lindy; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; wll@fortbragg.com
Cc: Miller, Tabatha; Lemos, June
Subject: YES on community garden project at CV Starr Community Center

Urging you to support the proposal by Matt Drewno and others to establish a community garden project at CV Starr. For many reasons this seems to be an excellent project for Fort Bragg.

There is much food insecurity in the City. A project like this could bring many sectors of the community together. Fort Bragg would be a model for many rural communities across the state and the country. The cost/benefit ratio is extremely good.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jean Crosby

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From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: New eComment for City Council - Via Video Conference



New eComment for City Council - Via Video Conference

Jacob Patterson submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council - Via Video Conference

Item: 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR & (3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

eComment: I watched the community garden item and would like to suggest that the City look into either permitting the community garden to install (or to install on their behalf as the property owner) an on-site well to provide irrigation water for the garden plots and to fill the water tanks. The CV Starr site has abundant ground water and wells for non-potable irrigation purposes is allowed by City Code. Why use our stressed City water system and scarce treated potable water if we don't have to?

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christie sittig submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council - Via Video Conference

Item: 1B. 20-844 Receive Update from the Garden Friendly Community Committee of Fort Bragg on a Community Garden at the CV Starr Community Center Grounds

eComment: Community gardens are for growing... Healthy Soil, Healthy Individuals and Healthy Communities.

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To: Lemos, June
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Sakina Bush submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council - Via Video Conference

Item: 1B. 20-844 Receive Update from the Garden Friendly Community Committee of Fort Bragg on a Community Garden at the CV Starr Community Center Grounds

eComment: To F. B. City Council, I support the Community Garden item 1. 1B. 20-844. A community garden has much to offer in addition to more food security for our community. Matt Drewno is a respected member of the coast gardening community, an excellent gardener, teacher, and team leader who can see this project through to success. I look forward to adding my time, talents, and resources to help this project. I hope you will give this project your support!
Sakina Bush Sakina's Garden & Nursery

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