



Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Designating the Grounds of the Guest House Museum as a City Park

The Bee City USA Subcommittee has requested that the Fort Bragg City Council designate the grounds surrounding the Guest House Museum at 343 North Main Street as a City Park to be known as "Guest House Park." Naming the grounds of the Guest House Museum as a City Park may help the Bee City USA Subcommittee seek grant funds to further develop the grounds for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors. The Subcommittee has identified the following possible future enhancements to the grounds as funding becomes available:

1. Installation of a pollinator-friendly demonstration garden to promote Fort Bragg as a Bee City USA Community, educating both residents and visitors on the importance of pollinators to our community and lifestyle;
2. Installation of park bench(s) to enhance the experience while visiting the Park;
3. Increase overall accessibility to the Park with clearly defined paths and signage (both directional and educational).

The Subcommittee is committed to working with others including, but not limited to, the Mendocino Coast Historical Society, the Fort Bragg Garden Club, Bee Bold Mendocino, the Noyo Food Forest and Fort Bragg Rotary to strategically enhance the grounds.

Through the Guest House Park designation and subsequent improvements to the grounds, the Subcommittee is complying with the following Bee City USA Committee suggested activities:

1. Designate pollinator refuges in public spaces;
2. Plant and/or label native, pollinator-friendly plants on City-maintained lands.

Background: On June 14, 2016, the City Council adopted a Resolution seeking certification of Fort Bragg as a Bee City USA Community. On June 19, 2016, Fort Bragg received official notification of its certification as the 23rd Bee City USA Community in the United States and the first in California. One of the requirements of the certification is to have a government sanctioned committee oversee the certification. The Council Resolution names the Community Development Committee as the oversight committee. At its November 22, 2016 meeting, the Community Development Committee officially designated members of the public as well as the two members of the Community Development Committee to a Bee City USA Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is responsible for ensuring Fort Bragg's designation as a Bee City USA Community follows all necessary guidelines and requirements, including annual renewal, and reporting on its activities and initiatives.

Current members of the subcommittee are:

- Michael Cimolino, Community Development Committee member (as of December 2016)
- Ruth Sparks, Fort Bragg Garden Club & Master Gardener (Subcommittee Chair)
- Donna Worster, Fort Bragg Garden Club & Master Gardener
- Cornelia Reynolds, Bee Bold Mendocino & Noyo Food Forest

- Kathy Holmes, Fort Bragg Garden Club
- Peggy Martin, Fort Bragg Garden Club
- Scott Schneider, staff