



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 27, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Santa Barbara County Master Gardeners and Grant Castleberg, ASLA, for the Butterfly Garden at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize the UCCE Santa Barbara County Master Gardeners and Grant Castleberg, ASLA, for the design, installation and maintenance of the Butterfly Garden at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks Division teamed up with the UCCE Santa Barbara County Master Gardeners for the past two years to plant and maintain a small section of the garden (along the Arrellaga Street side) utilizing sustainable gardening practices. This garden plot was full of tired plant material and many weeds. The Master Gardeners have volunteered many hours weeding, mulching, watering, when needed, and replacing dead plants. The section has now been turned into a butterfly garden with over 30 different plant species that attract butterflies.

The concept of a butterfly garden was developed and proposed by the Master Gardeners. Mr. Grant Castleberg, ASLA, who designed Alice Keck Memorial Garden in 1976, volunteered his services to review the design and plant selection, then to assist with installation.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the dedication of Helen Fowler, Donna Grubisic, Lynn Kirby, Bruce Dodds and the rest of the team of Master Gardeners who volunteer their time.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize Grant Castleberg for his assistance in the selection of plants and design of the butterfly garden as well as the technical expertise he provides the Parks Division in the additional improvements to Alice Keck Memorial Garden.

SUBMITTED BY: Santos Escobar, Parks Manager

APPROVED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director