



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

File Number: 2021-491

Agenda Item# G.2.

Agenda Date: 12/21/2021. **Department:** Parks & Recreation
Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

Title: 2021 -491 Resolution Accepting In-kind Gift of a Tree House Structure at Gateway Gardens)

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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Council District: 1

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department has received an in-kind gift/donation of custom “tree house” structure, and associated landscaping, and plant materials at the City’s Gateway Gardens facility. This donation, valued at \$82,512.84, has been received from Greensboro Beautiful, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

Greensboro Beautiful, Inc. has been a long-time partner of the City for over 50 years and has been vital to a number of successful city-wide beautification efforts and programs, as well as development of the City’s four botanical gardens. As part of continued implementation of the Gateway Gardens’ master plan and enhancements to the City’s botanical gardens, Greensboro Beautiful, Inc. constructed and installed a 539 square-foot tree house structure at Gateway Gardens. Design work was concluded in October of 2019 and the project was completed in August of 2021 after passing final inspection. The tree house provides an additional amenity at the facility that can be used by visitors of all ages and abilities. Built with a ramped deck, the tree

house is connected to the event and visitor's center and remainder of the garden facility by an accessible sidewalk, ensuring ADA compliance. In addition to the tree house, Greensboro Beautiful, Inc. contributed funding for plant material and landscaping services to enhance the natural areas immediately surrounding the tree house and sidewalk. Dry river bed landscaping features were installed in October of 2021 by garden staff. Parks and Recreation assumes all costs associated with care and maintenance of this asset, with potential for continued contribution of Greensboro Beautiful, Inc. to assist with ongoing maintenance costs.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Maintenance costs will be covered under the existing M&O budget at Gateway Gardens.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council accept the in-kind gift/donation of the Tree House structure, and associated landscaping and plant materials at Gateway Gardens.