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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION No. 80752 C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO DISCUSS AND DEVELOP AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY SLICKER FARMS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE/ NONTRADITIONAL USE OF CITY PROPERTY AS A COMMUNITY MARKET FARM AT TWO TRIANGLE-SHAPED PLOTS OF CITY-OWNED LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA FORMED BY THE INTERSECTIONS OF HAVEN, FITZGERALD, AND PERALTA STREETS, AT 34TH STREET**

**WHEREAS**, Fitzgerald and Union Parks, located within the area formed by the intersections of Haven, Fitzgerald, and Peralta Streets, at 34th Street do not currently meet community needs for safe, clean, and useful green space; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Oakland neighborhood where Fitzgerald and Union Parks are located is home to more than 40 liquor stores, but not one traditional grocery store so that residents must either travel some distance, or rely on fast food restaurants and highly processed frozen or canned foods to meet their nutritional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, City Slicker Farms ("CSF"), a West Oakland based non-profit organization, seeks to create the Fitzgerald/Union Plaza Community Market Farm to be run as an urban market farm producing organically grown fruits and vegetables for the community surrounding the parks through a weekly farm stand where produce will be made available for a voluntary donation; and

**WHEREAS**, the new urban farm would provide nutritious food for low-income residents and homeless people living near the site; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary design concepts for the project include fenced-in raised planter beds, wheelchair accessible paths, an open gathering space for community events, and green open space for residents which would be of benefit to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, authorizing staff to develop details of an urban farm project at Fitzgerald has no immediate fiscal impact on the City, but will allow CSF to raise and leverage the funds needed to develop the project; and

**WHEREAS**, at its November 8, 2006 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission endorsed the project in concept and moved to authorize issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, an urban farm at Fitzgerald and Union Parks will leverage existing City resources for additional services to the community with no increased costs to the City's budget; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City Council authorizes the Office of Parks and Recreation to discuss and develop an Agreement with City Slicker Farms for the alternative/ nontraditional use

of City property as a community market farm at two triangle-shaped plots of City-owned land located within the area formed by the intersections of Haven, Fitzgerald, and Peralta Streets, at 34th Street; and be it

**FUTHER RESOLVED:** That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JULY 10, 2007 **JUL 17 2007**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

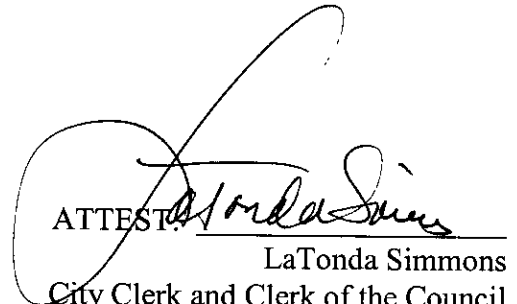
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PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:

  
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California