

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM

**Title: Renewal of Lease with West End Ministries****From:** Michael E. McNair, Director**Meeting Date:** August 5, 2019**Public Hearing:** N/A**Advertising Date** N/A**Advertised By:** N/A**Attachments:** Area Map
Letter from West End Ministries
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Resolution

PURPOSE:

Staff requests approval of a lease agreement with West End Ministries to continue using the property for the Bountiful Harvest Community Garden located at 1000 and 1004 West English and 1003, 1005 and 1007 Campbell Street. West End Ministries has requested an extension of the three year lease.

BACKGROUND:

On July 20, 2015 Council approved a one year lease with West End Ministries for the development of the Bountiful Harvest Community Garden. That lease was renewed for 3 years by Council at its July 18, 2016 meeting. During the prior three years, the use of the land has been consistent with the terms of the lease. West End Ministries along with its community partners has been very successful in implementing the garden and recreational space as planned.

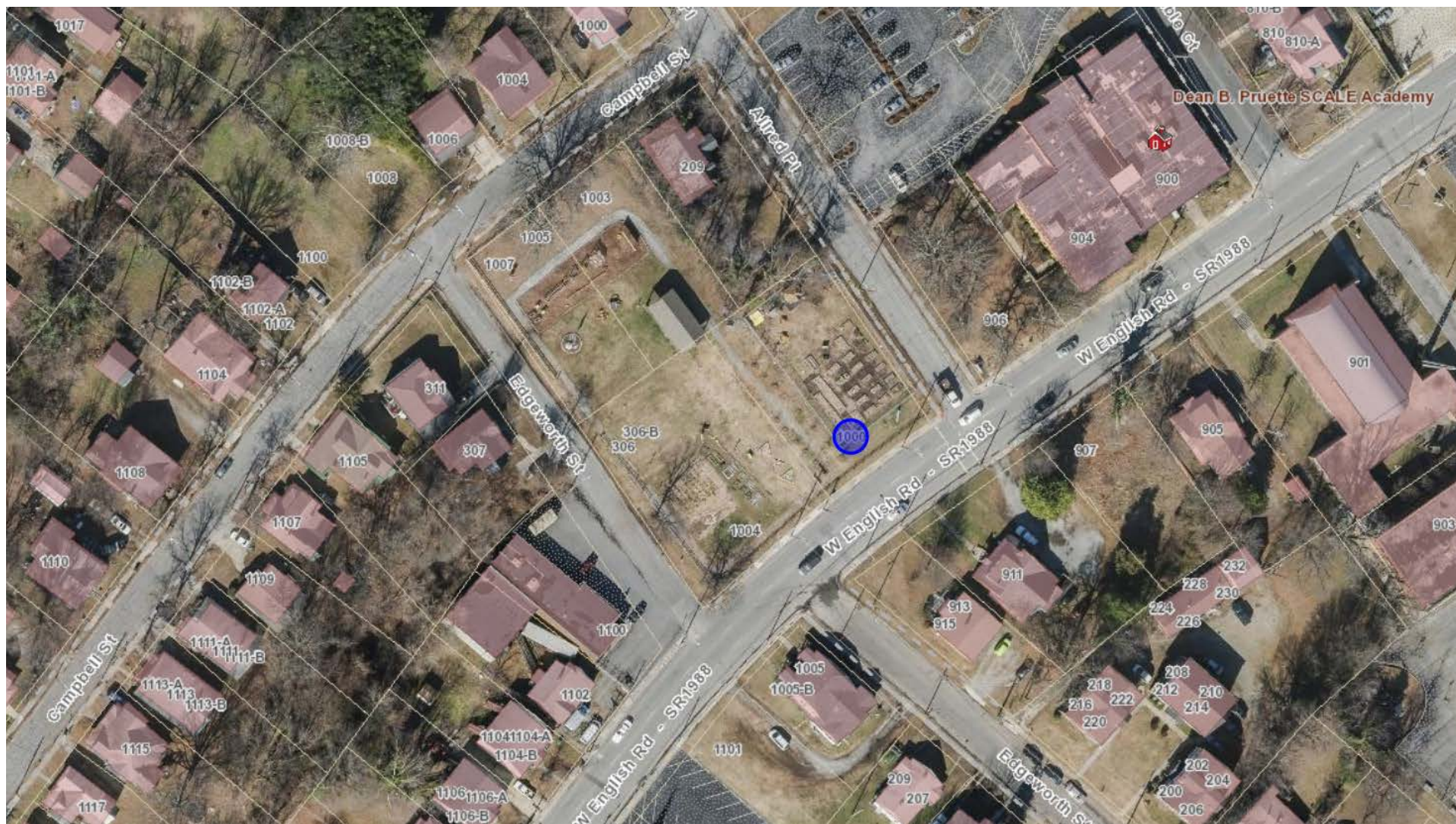
BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Community Development and Housing Department recommends approval of the three year lease and that the appropriate City official and/or employee be authorized to execute all necessary documents.





6/28/2019



City Council, City of High Point

Dear Council Members,

It is with great excitement that West End Ministries brings you an update on Bountiful Harvest Community Garden & Park located at 1000 W. English Rd. and respectfully request a three- year renewal for the lease of the Garden property. The City's investment into West End Ministries Revitalization Initiative to Build a vibrant and all-inclusive Community in the West End Neighborhood has been invaluable. This is a long-term initiative that gives the residents opportunity to grow, prosper and thrive in a livable neighborhood where they feel safe.

We think about the garden holistically. The power of gardens & parks is that they transcend age, ethnicity, race, income, politics and geography. At WEM we believe, and are seeing that Bountiful Harvest has the potential to bring people together and strengthen bonds within the community. Bountiful Harvest has continued to grow since our partnership with the City began. In the Garden there are over 30 raised beds full of produce. This summer 5 community residents have planted their own raised beds. The produce from the garden is shared freely with anyone who has a need. 14 Apple and Pear trees that have been planted and by next year will be producing fruits. There are flowers and butterfly bushes, bird houses & feeders, and benches throughout. The garden is a great place for anyone who is hungry to get fresh produce. However, the garden is also a great place for people to learn about gardening. They can plant a raised bed and learn how to grow their own produce. Kids can learn about healthy eating; they can see bees & butterflies & learn about the eco-system in nature. There is always something to do and something to learn.

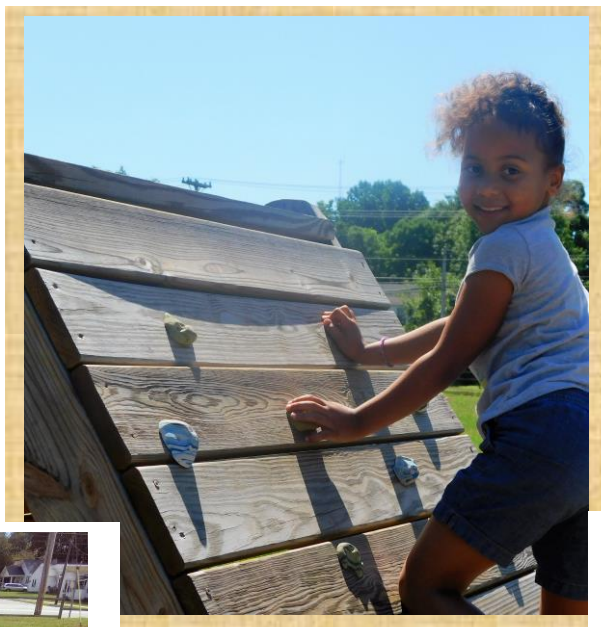
A "ninja warrior" style playground was built for elementary and middle school age children. It has been a huge hit with the kids. The 2019-2020 vision is to add commercial playground equipment for the younger children as well and a handicap swing was just added. For the adults, outdoor commercial exercise equipment is planned as funds become available to meet this need over the next couple of years. The open space of the park provides plenty of room for events. There have been many cook-outs and Fall Festivals. In summer 2018 there was a "Water Day" event with water games and activities, music and watermelon! It has been exciting to see anywhere from 100 -- 250 people come out for events at the Park. Ninety Five percent of everyone who attends is from the community. Most walk to the park from their homes. Building people and building a community takes time. We know, that as with all things, to see long-term change in the overall community health, safety and welfare we need to be consistent, intentional and involved.

At WEM we believe that Bountiful Harvest can provide the following benefits within the community: 1) Strengthen community image and sense of "belonging". 2) Strengthen safety and security. 3) Promote health & wellness. 4) Increase cultural unity. 5) Provides fresh fruits & vegetables to community in need. 6) Provides space to build bonds of trust; fosters positive human develop. 7) Provides recreational experiences and exercise opportunities for adults and kids. In addition, it has been a tremendous asset to the on-site Boys & Girls Club at West End Ministries to have the Garden & Park across the street. The children can be actively involved in all of the learning, growing and playing opportunities available at Bountiful Harvest. When kids play, they develop higher order cognitive skills that complement classroom learning. Kids also need space to interact with caring adults which leads to social and emotional health. Outdoor green spaces create a space where they can spend time with others and learn norms of behavior across the community.

We have worked diligently over the past few years to develop a strategic plan through Bountiful Harvest that can meet the needs of our community on many different levels. We are thankful for the many community partners who have joined us in these efforts and have made a long-term commitment to do so. Partners such as High Point University, BB&T Bank, The Summit Church, and many, many others. We are thankful for our relationship with the City of High Point who share a desire and commitment to see positive change in our city. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request so that we can all move forward together.

Sincerely,

Brad Bowers
West End Ministries
Executive Director



Not been out to the Garden yet? We invite you to come by. We would love to give you a tour and show you how your investment in this community is making a difference!

THANK YOU!



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PROPERTIES**

Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF GUILFORD }

Cherayne Faris, being duly sworn, says:

That she is the billing clerk of the The High Point Enterprise, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in High Point, Guilford County, North Carolina; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on

July 02, 2019

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Cherayne Faris
the billing clerk

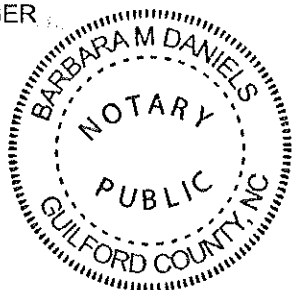
Subscribed to and sworn to me this 2nd day of July 2019.

Barbara M Daniels
Barbara Daniels, Notary, Guilford County, North Carolina

My commission expires: February 01, 2022

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CITY OF HP CITY MANAGER
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The City Council of the City of High Point intends to enter into a leases of the following properties:

- 1000 West English Rd, High Point, NC Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187720;
- 1003 Campbell St., High Point, NC Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187718;
- 1005-1007 Campbell St., High Point, NC, Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187717; and
- 1004 West English Road, High Point, NC Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187721

The City intends to enter into lease agreements for each of the properties to West End Ministries for a term of three-years; West End Ministries will also have the option to renew the lease for additional periods upon mutual written agreement. In consideration of the lease, West End Ministries will use the properties as community garden space and will pay the City an annual rent of \$1.00.

All persons interested in this matter are invited to attend the meeting of the City Council to be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 211 South Hamilton Street, High Point, NC, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019. At that time the Council intends to authorize the leases of the properties described above.

July 2, 2019

**RESOLUTION OF HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF VACANT LAND
TO BE USED AS COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE**

WHEREAS, the City of High Point (“City”) owns certain parcels of vacant land located within the High Point city limits that the Council finds to be currently surplus to the City’s needs; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that those vacant properties may be conducive to growing plants and produce; and

WHEREAS, the City and West End Ministries have agreed upon a lease of the parcels listed below, under which West End Ministries will lease the parcels for a term of three years, beginning August 6, 2019:

- 1000 West English Rd, High Point, NC Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187720;
- 1003 Campbell St., High Point, NC Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187718;
- 1005-1007 Campbell St., High Point, NC, Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187717;
- 1004 West English Road, High Point, NC Guilford County, Tax Parcel #0187721; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of leasing the City’s lot, West End Ministries has agreed to use parcels of vacant land to be used for garden space and pay an annual rent of one dollar; and

WHEREAS, the required notice has been published and the City Council is convened in a regular meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that:

1. The City Council hereby approves the lease of the properties described above to West End Ministries for three years and directs the appropriate city employees to execute any instruments necessary to the lease.

Adopted, this the 5th day of August, 2019.

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa B. Vierling
High Point City Clerk

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