

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Future Sensory Garden at the High Point Public Library

From: Mary Sizemore

Meeting Date: 11/18/19

Public Hearing: N/A

**Advertising Date /
Advertised By:** N/A

Attachments: N/A

PURPOSE:

A sensory garden is a self-contained area that allows visitors to experience a wide range of sensory experiences – smell, touch, sound, etc., through features such as scented plants, wind chimes, water features, and a variety of textured services. These gardens have a range of educational applications and are especially helpful to special needs children, especially those with autism, and also to adults with Alzheimer's or dementia. The gardens are designed to meet all ADA requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The children's division of the library has been researching a possible sensory garden to in the area near the clock tower on the Sunset Avenue side of the building for several years to enhance that section of the library property and to serve the many special-needs customers who visit the library, as well as the community as a whole. In April 2019, the High Point Public Library Foundation submitted an application on the library's behalf to the Rotary Club of High Point for consideration as the Club's major centennial project in the year 2020. In October 2019, the Rotary board voted unanimously to accept this proposal and to commit revenues from major fundraising events to this project.

BUDGET IMPACT: NA

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The library requests Council's endorsement of this project on City property.