

March 13, 2016

To: Dawn Buck & Park Point Community Club Executive Committee
From: Coral McDonnell for the Lafayette Community Edible Garden (LCEG)

Re: Funding Request toward new garden beds and watering system

Amount Requested: \$400

Project Cost Estimated \$2,900 All labor will be done by volunteers.

30 beds (16' x 4') @ est. \$60 ea.	\$1,800
2 loads of soil	900
Soaker watering materials	<u>200</u>
	\$2,900



Estimated Projected Revenue

LCEG savings	\$1,000
Anticipated 2016 rummage sale income	500
Worker gardener donations	600
Community donations	200
PPCC	400
Materials donations	<u>200</u>
	\$2,900

After obtaining permission to utilize the old hockey rink for a community garden from City Parks & Rec and the blessing of the PPCC, the original garden beds were built in 2009 from old hockey boards. Most of those are now rotting. A few additional beds were built the following year from scavenged materials from Playfront Park when it was demolished to make way for a new Playfront Park.

We feel that the LCEG has had a positive effect on our community--socially, educationally, and environmentally. It fits perfectly with the purpose of the club “to work for the betterment of the community and welfare of its residents.” In addition, we expect it will be more attractive to look at and enjoy when rotting beds are replaced with the new metal ones. There are currently 30 active member families of the garden, all of whom work in the garden and enjoy the fruits of the garden. We donate produce to the Damiano Center Soup Kitchen and the CHUM food shelf where it is much appreciated. Gardeners also spend about an hour a week working with the PP kids program on some aspect of gardening and healthy eating as well as having fun building scarecrow caretakers for the garden.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.