

Community Garden in Patterson Park

- Background
 - Four Friends of Patterson Park meetings to discuss (9/16/10, 10/16/10, 2/21/11, and 3/21/11)
 - Formation of Ad Hoc Steering Committee/monthly meetings beginning 11/2/10
 - Sustainable Food Center (SFC) training by Steering Committee members on 11/20/10
 - Meeting with SFC to discuss sponsorship/next steps on 12/13/10
 - 3 meetings with Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) to discuss initial proposal (10/29/10, 1/12/11, and 2/10/11)
 - Survey to neighborhoods to gauge interest and solicit comments (12/10/10; survey results out on 1/17/11)
- Current status
 - PARC has accepted initial concept and given the greenlight to proceed with the application, following the new draft process for community gardens on City property
- Next steps
 - Meet with neighborhood associations (Cherrywood, Wilshire Wood/Delwood 1, Delwood 2) to present proposal. Ask NAs to vote on support/non-support.
 - If neighborhood associations approve, elect steering committee, begin developing bylaws, member contracts, develop budget and fundraising plans, secure sponsorship of SFC
 - Target groundbreaking for January 2012
- Future community garden meetings (part of Friends of Patterson Park meetings, initially)
 - Monthly on 3rd Monday of month at Vortex