



City of Palm Springs

Development Services Department Office of Sustainability

TO: Sustainability Commission

FROM: Patrick Tallarico, Manager

SUBJECT: Demonstration Garden Update

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2021

City staff met with the Demonstration Garden subgroup on April 7. Sustainability and Airport Commission members were present. The group confirmed interest in including a public art piece at the “front” of the garden. The installation would be subject to approval and would have to meet strict parameters so as not to obstruct the view of the airport or the fountains/mountain. The group also discussed the idea of “hidden” art pieces inside the garden as an addition to or in place of the sculpture in front, if the larger sculpture was not feasible. City Staff will follow up on with the Public Arts Commission to assess the feasibility and their interest in providing an installation.

The group also discussed signage. The group favored a hexagonal-shaped sign at the front of the garden to mimic the roofline of the airport, and smaller hexagonal-shaped signs near each bench to describe the plants in each quadrant. QR codes will be used for plant descriptions to maximize flexibility and language options. The Mid-century motifs would be used sparingly. The group also discussed the need to select a durable sign material and one that would not get too hot to the touch.

The group discussed gravel color and preferred a more multi-colored selection rather than the plain gray that was discussed earlier in the process.

The Consultant informed City staff that the irrigation line that runs down the center of the garden also controls the water for the small diamond of plantings where the fountain plaque is located. This area will need to be planted with similar plantings as the demonstration garden to accommodate the new watering patterns. This can be done by the current landscape contractor and does not have to be part of the garden.

The group continues to work on a name and ideas for sponsorships.

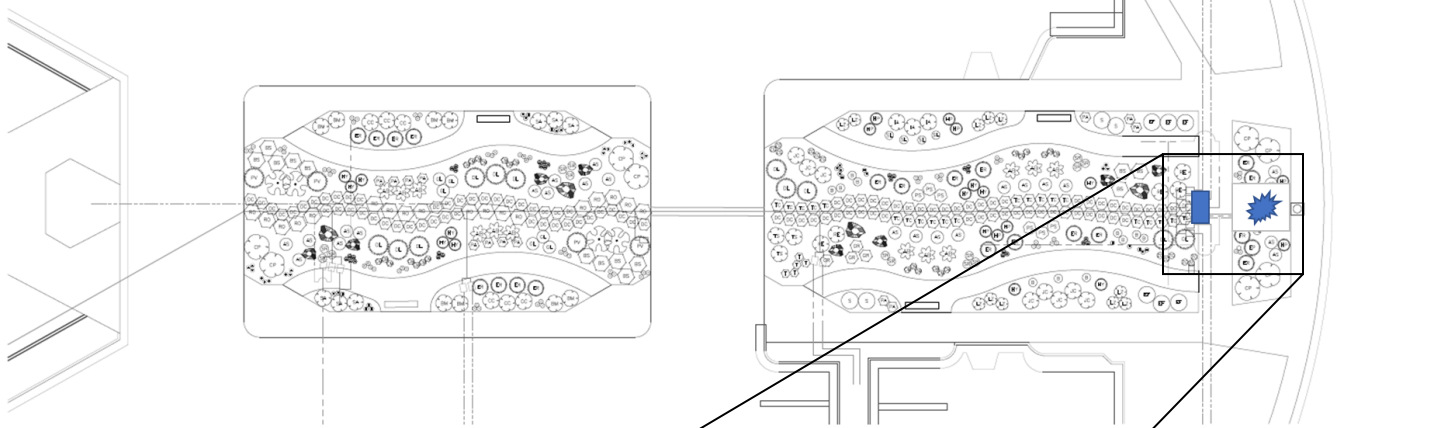
City staff will meet with Maintenance to review the updated design and assess any maintenance concerns.

These elements will be shared with both the Sustainability Commission and the Airport Commission for final approval so that the Consultant can finalize construction documents.

Current Landscape



Demonstration Garden Plan (with irrigation lines and place holders for signage and sculpture)

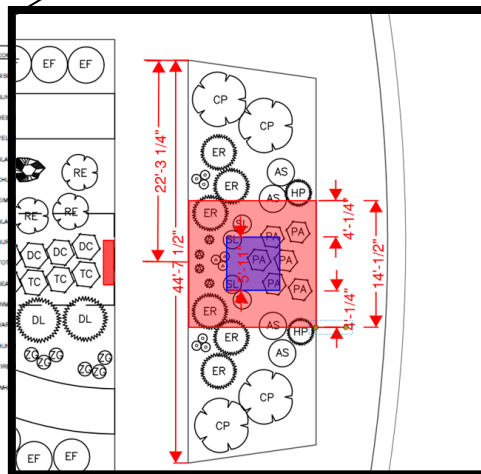


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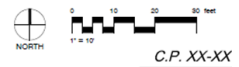
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	WUCOLS	SPACING	QTY
AG	AGAVE VICTORIAE-REGINAE	QUEEN VICTORIA AGAVE	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	32
AF	AGAVE X 'BLUE FLAME'	BLUE FLAME AGAVE	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	12
CH	ANTHEMIS NOBILIS	ROMAN CHAMOMILE	1 GAL.	MOD.	PER PLAN	21
AS	ASCLEPIAS TUBERATA	RUSH MILKWEEED	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	24
BT	BACCHARIS X 'STARBY' TM	STAIN THOMPSON COYOTE BRUSH	5 GAL.	MOD.	PER PLAN	13
MR	BAILEYA MULTIRADIATA	DESERT MARIGOLD	1 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	11
BU	BUDDLEJA MARRUBIFOLIA	WOOLLY BUTTERFLY BUSH	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	8
CB	CAESALPINA PULCHERRIMA	RED BIRD OF PARADISE	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	8
CL	CALLIANDRA CALIFORNICA	RED BALK FARY OUSTER	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	6
CH	CHRYSACTINIA MEXICANA	DAMASKITA	1 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	26
DA	DALEA CAPITATA	DALEA	5 GAL.	MOD.	PER PLAN	65
DS	DASYLIRION LONGISSIMUM	TOOTHLESS DESERT SPOON	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	11
EN	ENCLETHA FARINOSA	BRITTLE BUSH	5 GAL.	VERY LOW	PER PLAN	6
EL	ELYNKHIA RIGIDA	YELLOW SPURGE	1 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	22

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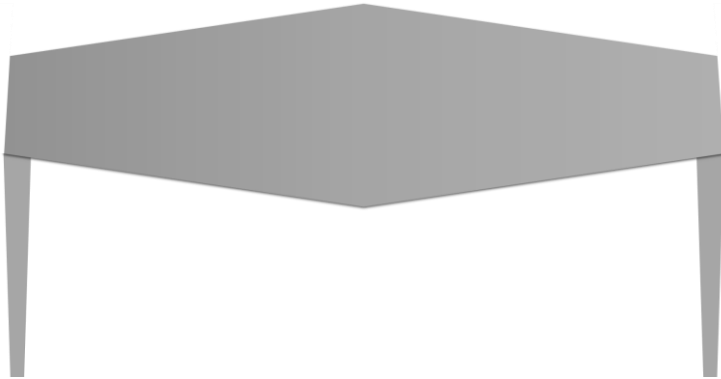
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME
LA	GAURA LINDHEIMERI 'SIBOYU PINK'
GA	GAZANIA RIGIDA 'SUN GOLD'
HE	HEPERALOE PARVIFLORA 'MIRAFERRA' TM
HE	HEPERALOE PARVIFLORA 'YELLOW'
IS	ISOMERIA ABBOSIA
JU	JUSTICIA CALIFORNICA
LE	LEUCOPHYLLUM ZYGOPHYLLUM 'OMARON' TM
ME	MELAMPYRUM LEUCOTHYMUM
OP	OPUNTIA FICUS-INDICA 'BURBANK' SPINELESS'
PR	PACHYCEREUS SCHOTTII MONSTROSIUS
PE	PENSTEMON BACCHARIFOLIUS
PO	PORTULACARIA ALPINA 'MIRMA'
PO	PORTULACARIA ALPINA 'VAREGATA'
RO	ROMARINUS OFFICINALIS 'HEATHINGTON CARPET'
RU	RUSSULA EQUISETIFORMIS
SA	SALVIA AFIANA



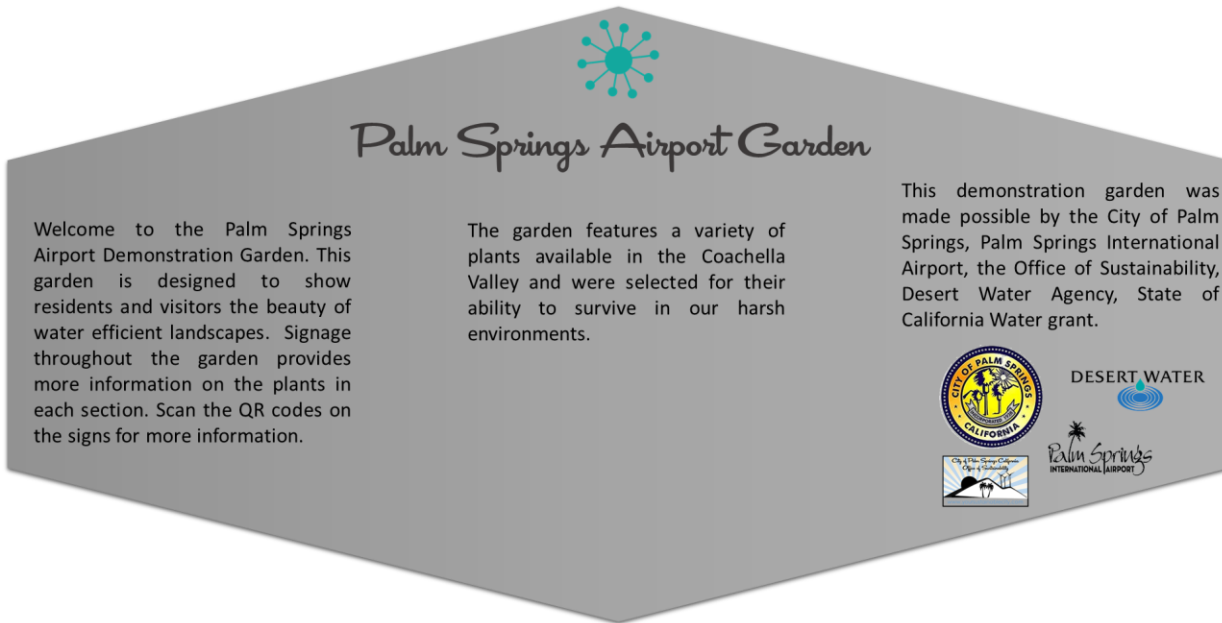
COMMON NAME	SIZE	WUCOLS	SPACING	QTY
RASPBERRY DELIGHT BUSH-SAGE	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	14
SILVER BENA	5 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	8
LOUIS HAMILTON GLOBEMALLOW	5 GAL.	VERY LOW	PER PLAN	8
SERRA APRICOT YELLOWBELLS	5 GAL.	MOD.	PER PLAN	3
ANGELITA DASHY	1 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	50
PRIORITATE GERMANDER	5 GAL.	MOD.	PER PLAN	21
CREeping GERMANDER	5 GAL.	MOD.	PER PLAN	5
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ZINNIA	1 GAL.	LOW	PER PLAN	12



Angled view of the sign



Top view of sign



Example of smaller signs using QR codes for plant information

