

PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of the Central Park Gardens Project And In Appreciation of the Central Park Gardens Volunteers

WHEREAS, in March of 2006, volunteers began renovation efforts on the Central Park Gardens. To date, over 150 volunteers have contributed their time to the project by working on various projects including biweekly garden maintenance, planting new plants and bulbs, building and staining fences, leading educational programs, fundraising, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the gardens feature a broad variety of regionally-appropriate plants selected by Master Gardeners and UC Davis Arboretum staff for their educational and ornamental value. Edible plantings connect the gardens to the bounty of the nearby Farmers Market and Davis Farm to School Connection programs; and

WHEREAS, seven themed garden areas are currently being developed: Rose & Flower Garden, Sensory Garden, Meadow, California Native Borders, Vegetable Garden, Beneficial Insect Habitat Border, and the Waterwise Garden; and

WHEREAS, the gardens serve as a place to show people of all ages the relationship between the produce sold in the Davis Farmers Market and the methods used to grow that food. Gardening has been shown to have great health benefits through providing physical exercise, relieving stress, and producing nutritious food. By promoting gardening we are promoting a healthier community.

WHEREAS, by adding to the attractions of Central Park and making the gardens a more beautiful public place for all to enjoy in the heart of downtown Davis, we are supporting economic and social development in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sue Greenwald, Mayor of Davis, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Davis, do hereby express our appreciation to the many volunteers who contributed their time and energy into making the Central Park Gardens a place of beauty and learning that all citizens can visit and enjoy.

Dated: May 6, 2008

SUE GREENWALD
Mayor