



**STAFF REPORT:** New Tahoe Donner Chartered Club – Gardening Club

**RECOMMENDATION:**

By motion: The Board of Directors authorizes the creation of the Tahoe Donner Gardening Club.

**BACKGROUND:**

Tahoe Donner member Kate Fanter has submitted an application and bylaws to create a new club. Ms. Byus has her Master Gardener certification and has done garden design and landscaping work professionally. She currently has a small club with friends, and wants to expand so members can share knowledge, experience, and each other's gardens.

This staff report is prepared for the board of directors to consider authorizing a new chartered Tahoe Donner club.

**ANALYSIS:**

Staff has worked with Kate Fanter on how the club will operate within the existing Tahoe Donner policies. The proposed Gardening Club aims to foster a sense of community among Tahoe Donner residents through educational and enjoyable gardening activities.

To recruit members, the club plans to advertise through the Tahoe Donner newsletter, Nextdoor, and permitted community postings. The club's primary goal is to help members learn more about gardening and improve their enjoyment of their own and surrounding gardens. Its mission is centered around fun and knowledge, offering a welcoming space for all residents to engage in gardening. Expected outcomes include building camaraderie, sharing gardening knowledge, and encouraging members to support one another in their gardening endeavors.

Club membership will have two classes: full members who are residents of Tahoe Donner and their immediate family members; and associate members which can include non-Tahoe Donner club members, like other Tahoe Donner clubs. The club does not propose a membership cap at this time.

Planned activities include guest speakers, field trips, and possibly a community gardening project designed to enhance members' gardening skills. Meetings will be held monthly throughout the growing season, primarily at the Northwoods Clubhouse, with opportunities for members to host hands-on sessions at their gardens. At this stage, the club will focus on educational activities, with members bringing their gardening tools if necessary

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

Not applicable.

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