

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

Agenda Date: September 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Update from City Council subcommittee working on issues related to future uses of the Gill Tract including but not limited to urban agriculture, gardening, and/or farming

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE THOMSEN AND WILE RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the information generated from the July 26, 2012 meeting of the Subcommittee with representatives from Transition Albany, Albany Farmer's Alliance, Occupy the Farm, UC Berkeley, and UC Village, with additional participation from members of the public.

REPORT

At the May 21, 2012 meeting, Council voted to establish a subcommittee to work on issues related to future uses of the Gill Tract including but not limited to urban agriculture, gardening, and or farming.

The subcommittee met with representatives from Transition Albany, Albany Farmer's Alliance, Occupy the Farm, UC Berkeley, and UC Village on July 26, 2012 for a brainstorming session. The purpose was to identify ideas in these four areas: (1) Urban Agriculture: What is it?; (2) Goals of Urban Agriculture; (3) Participants and their Roles; and (4) Processes for Sustainability. The meeting was open to the public and others in attendance besides the representatives were provided the opportunity add to the comments. Attached is a copy of the ideas generated at the meeting.