

**HISTORY OF HAMILTON STREET/CHARLE STREET SITE
Under City Ownership
(523 Hamilton Street)**

- Property is purchased by the City using monies from the 1974 Open Space Bond Fund
- October 19, 1988 Property appraised at \$386,000 with single-family residential home on site
- November 20, 1989 City Council withdraws Rezone Petition R-89-05 to change zoning from R2 to C2 (General Commercial)
- January 2, 1990 City Council approves retention of the property until the Master Plan of Parks is reviewed
- Single-family home is removed from the site and perimeter fencing is installed
- January, 1993 City Council approves Rezone Petition R-92-07 to rezone the property from R2 to C2
- July, 1994 City Council amended General Plan land use from General Commercial (C2) to Public and Semi-Public
- December 15, 1997 City Council declares the property surplus and authorizes staff to proceed with the sale of the property
- September, 1998 Property appraised at \$220,000
- December 7, 1998 City Council withdrew General Plan Amendment 98-04 to change property from Public and Semi-Public to General Commercial, and directed staff to prepare within 90 days a park site identification and acquisition plan for the west side
- March, 1999 City Council reviews this site and other potential park sites on the west side, determines that this site is not appropriate for a park, and directs staff to proceed with its sale
- March 15, 1999 City Council tentatively approves Purchase Proposal with bidder, contingent upon proper land use/zoning being approved
- June 7, 1999 City Council considers a General Plan Amendment (GP-99-01) to rezone property from Public and Semi-public to General Commercial and continues item for 90 days to allow analysis with the Westside Specific Plan; staff is directed to analyze other potential uses for the site, including residential

September 7, 1999	City Council adopted GP-99-01, changing the land use from Public and Semi-public to General Commercial and directed staff to initiate a rezone petition from C2 (General Business) to C1 (Local Business)
October 25, 1999	Planning Commission recommended to City Council approval of Rezone Petition R-99-02 to C1
November 15, 1999	City Council withdrew the Rezone Petition R-99-02 and approved the site for a skateboard park
December 6, 1999	City Council provides direction on design of skatepark facility
April 3, 2000	Skateboard park design contract approved by City Council
May 31, 2000	Public workshop on skateboard park held at Rea School
June 22, 2000	Public workshop on skateboard park held in Council Chambers
August 23, 2000	Parks and Recreation Commission approves the concept plan and design report for a skateboard park
September 25, 2000	Planning Commission approves Negative Declaration and concept plan for a skateboard park
October 16, 2000	Skateboard Park Negative Declaration and Concept Plan (PA-00-39) is approved by City Council, and direction given to complete final design and advertise for bids
February 5, 2001	Use of the site as a skateboard park is rejected by City Council, and direction is given to investigate other uses of the site, including a community garden
March 19, 2001	City Council directed staff to prepare a proposal for a pocket park and to contact the adjacent owners to determine their interest in acquiring the property
March 31, 2001	Appraisal is received on the property in the amount of \$338,000
September 17, 2001	Staff indicates to City Council that no interest is received from adjacent property owners to purchase the property
October 30, 2001	Updated appraisal of site is completed and value is determined to be \$388,000 for the parcel (19,418 sq. ft. @ \$20.00/sq. ft.)
December 3, 2001	City Council approves community garden and allocates \$10,000 for "start up" costs

February 21, 2002	Public workshop for community garden held in Council Chambers
April 24, 2002	Parks and Recreation Commission approves community garden concept plan
June 17, 2002	City Council approves construction funding for community garden (\$75,000) in FY 2003-04 Capital Improvement Program
June 24, 2002	Planning Commission approves conditional use permit for community garden
November 1, 2002	Contract entered into for design/construction drawings for community garden and landscape setback area
May 5, 2003	City Council rejects bids for construction of community garden and directs staff to study possible uses for the site, including sale of the property
June 2, 2003	City Council approves a rehearing to consider a community garden at the Hamilton Street/Charle Street property
July 7, 2003	City Council approves the Hamilton Street/Charle Street property for development of a community garden
January 5, 2004	City Council awards construction contract for community garden/parkway improvements
April 2004	Construction completed on community garden and parkway improvements
May 22, 2004	Grand opening of community garden

Note: Compiled in May 2003 and April 2007