

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 113-10

**A RESOLUTION**

naming the proposed discovery garden planned for Stephens Lake Park the "Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby confirms the name of the proposed discovery garden planned for Stephens Lake Park as the "Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden."

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Counselor

**Source:**  
**Mike Hood** 

**FISCAL and VISION NOTES:**

Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: City Council**  
**FROM: City Manager and Staff**   
**DATE: May 28, 2010**  
**RE: Naming of the Proposed Stephens Lake Discovery Garden**

<b>City Fiscal Impact</b> Enter all that apply:	
\$0	City's current net FY cost.
\$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
\$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
\$0	Estimated 2 yr net costs: One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
<b>Program Impact:</b>	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
<b>Resources Required:</b>	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
<b>Mandates:</b>	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)
<b>Vision Implementation Impact</b> Enter Below All That Applies: Refer to Website:	
y	Vision Impact? (Y/N or if N, go no further)
12.1	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
	FY10/FY11 Implementation Task#

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** In April of this year, a Citizen's Committee announced plans (see attached brochure) to create a "Discovery Garden" in Stephens Lake Park in honor of the fifteen years of service to the City by Mayor Darwin Hindman. In order to assist with the on-going fund raising efforts, the Committee has now requested that a formal name for the garden be established and that the name recognize both the Mayor and his wife.

Both staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission are recommending the garden be named the "Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden." This resolution, if approved by Council, would officially name the garden as recommended.

**DISCUSSION:** An on-going effort is currently underway to raise approximately \$60,000 to fund the development of a discovery garden in the City's Stephens Lake Park. This fund raising effort is being directed by a citizen's committee committed to building the garden in recognition of the fifteen year's of service to the community by Mayor Darwin Hindman. The committee also has indicated a desire to recognize the contributions of Darwin's wife Axie. The committee has submitted a request to the Park and Recreation Department that the garden be formally named in honor of both the Mayor and his wife.

The request to name the garden was considered by the Park and Recreation Commission at their May 20<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting (see attached Commission report). A motion was unanimously approved to recommend to the Council that the proposed garden be officially named the "Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden." Park Department staff fully supports the Commission's recommendation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The naming of the proposed garden has no fiscal impact. Should the Committee be successful in their fund raising efforts, the funds will be donated to the City and the Park and Recreation Department will be responsible for the construction and future maintenance of the Garden.

**VISION IMPACT:**

The proposal to develop a discovery garden addresses vision goal 12.1 which recommends a variety of attractive, well maintained parks throughout Columbia which provide residents access to a full range of outdoor programs and activities

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Approve the resolution officially naming the proposed garden in Stephens Lake Park the  
“Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden.”

**Source: Parks and Recreation  
Commission**

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**TO: City Council**  
**FROM: City Manager and Staff**  
**DATE: May 25, 2010**  
**RE: Naming of Discovery Garden**

**SUMMARY:**

A citizens committee has been formed to raise funds for the development of a Discovery Garden in Stephens Lake Park, which is being planned to honor Mayor Darwin Hindman. As the committee moves forward with fundraising efforts, they would like establish an official name for the Garden. The City Manager requested that the naming request be initially reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**DISCUSSION:**

At the May 20 Commission meeting, the Commission took action on the request to recommend a name for the proposed Discovery Garden. Mike Hood informed the Commission that the citizens committee would like to name the Garden in honor of both former Mayor Hindman and his wife.

A motion was made by Blevins, seconded by Pauls, to recommend to Council that the proposed garden at Stephens Lake Park be named the "Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden."

**Voting in favor of the motion:** Kloepfel, Blevins, Pauls, Devine, Davis

**Opposed:** None

**Absent:** Donaldson

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of this report.

**VISION IMPACT:**

This report has no vision impact.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

# The Discovery Garden at Stephens Lake Park honoring Darwin Hindman



His boundless enthusiasm for all-things-Columbia is legendary. He is ebullience. His eternal smile and always kind, always supportive words reverberate throughout the community. He is warmth. His embrace of vigorous, intelligent, but always civil, community discourse is instructive. He is respect. His commitment to helping people live healthy, productive lives is inspiring. He is devotion. His vibrant vision for a better tomorrow is insightful, wise and real. He is optimism. His love of nature and beauty is wound inextricably into all he does. He is wonder. And we, the citizens of Columbia, the primary beneficiaries and the literal canvas of his life's work, are grateful.

As former Governor Roger Wilson said recently, "Because Darwin so clearly loved all of us, we loved him in return." And now, we want to make sure he knows how we feel and that we, and future generations, remember this unique soul.

Left: Darwin Hindman delivering purchases from the Farmers' Market

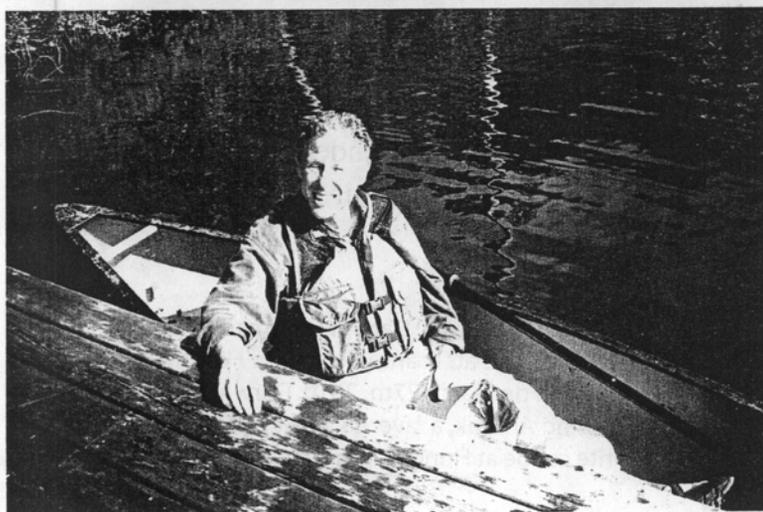


As our community's longest serving Mayor, Darwin has touched our lives in many, many ways. However, we will remember him most for his commitment to parks, trails, recreation and active living. Consequently, it seems appropriate to commemorate Darwin's service by helping to complete the development of Stephens Lake Park, a project near and dear to his heart.

Stephens Lake Park was acquired following voter approval in November, 2000 and has been gradually developed ever since. Its master plan calls for the majority of the park to host a variety of botanical gardens and related amenities, several of which are already in place. The Discovery Garden, created to honor Darwin, will be one of the loveliest in the park.



The Discovery Garden will inform and inspire visitors by demonstrating how the botanical world connects and resonates in both our lives and community. It will feature three theme gardens and a Native American-style council ring, all connected via a crushed granite trail. The three garden themes will explore and display separate ideas and concepts through the use of signage and plants. The Discovery Garden will be located just east of the Riechmann Pavilion and will be connected to the walking trail that rings Stephens Lake Park and the upcoming extension of the Hinkson Trail. We hope that a visit to the Discovery Garden will always serve as a fitting reminder of Darwin and his contributions to our fair city.



Photos top to bottom: Darwin Hindman takes the microphone at 'Thank you, Mayor Hindman' celebration on March 27th, 2010; Darwin and wife Axie riding Amtrak, a favorite way to travel; In his favorite canoe at Hungry Jack Lake Minnesota.

# THE DISCOVERY GARDEN

As currently planned, it will have several educational themes and beautiful garden areas.



**Council Ring**  
Based on designs by turn-of-the-century landscape architect Jens Jensen, the council ring was inspired by Native American council fire rings, and embraces the idea that all people come together as equals. It is a place where groups could gather for discussion or as a place for solitary reflection.

**Grow to Know Your World**  
The Grow to Know Your World garden area will include plant collections that have influenced Missouri from China, Africa, South America and beyond. Its purpose is to illuminate the origins and incredible history of how plants traveled from their native lands and became integrated into our gardening practices.

**What did Daniels See?**  
Francis Potter Daniels, University of Missouri botany professor circa 1907, inventoried native plant communities in Boone County and his work, today, provides a vivid reminder of the impact contemporary society has had on our local landscape. This garden will seek to recreate aspects of Columbia's pre-European native plant community.

**Eye for Improvement**  
This garden exhibit will demonstrate the value and purpose of plant selection and hybridizing. Its focus will be on significant contributions in hybridization that have had a major impact on how humanity grows and develop plants featuring strawberries, lilies, peppermint, London Plane Tree and much more.

Cost estimate for the creation of the Discovery Garden is \$60,000. Fund raising will continue, over time, until necessary funds are secured.

Checks should be made to:  
New Century Fund:  
Discovery Garden Project  
P. O. Box 6015  
Columbia, MO 65205

The New Century Fund was established by and is managed by the City of Columbia. Donors will be perpetually recognized by name within the Discovery Garden site. Contributions are tax deductible. The City will provide each contributor with a gift acknowledgment that can be used for tax purposes.

From top to bottom: Ellen Thomas and her dad at his induction to the Missouri Recreation and Parks Hall of Fame, 2009; Mayor Hindman at 2003 press conference; Welcoming Senator Kit Bond at the MKT Trailhead dedication at Providence & Stewart

