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Attention- Permaculture comes to Clarkdale's new Centennial Park

Clarkdale, AZ

The Clarkdale Town Council explored the design for the new Centennial Park to be located in front of the historic Clark Memorial Clubhouse at their April 10 regular meeting and gave staff direction on the last few decisions prior to project kickoff.

This Sustainable Clarkdale project transforms the area in front of the Clubhouse from a dusty collection of weeds into a beautifully landscaped community space – and the Town's first demonstration permaculture garden using rainwater harvesting and featuring low-water-use native plants. The Park features a 24-foot by 35-foot blue grama grass community gathering space with pathways reminiscent of the layout of the original Town Park. Also, the new Park will be the location of the time capsule to be buried to commemorate the Town of Clarkdale's Centennial.

The design developed by local permaculture expert, Chris Anderson incorporates rainwater harvested from the parking area and Clubhouse roof, and will sustain the native vegetation to be planted in the area over time. This design includes storage tanks, swales, sculpted and terraced planting areas and catchments.

The Town seeks to work with local Clarkdale contractors on the four separate projects: to complete the grading for the catchments and the rainwater storage tanks; install the irrigation system; layer in the hardscape; and then complete the planting plan installing the various trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses. Work has begun on the detailed project planning, and the project is scheduled to be completed by May 31, 2012.

While not funded in the initial project, the Town has plans to place benches throughout Centennial Park. If you would like to purchase a commemorative bench for the project, the Town is seeking donations.

Anyone with questions about the new Park may contact the Community Development Department at (928) 639-2500.

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