

Parkway Garden Will Stay - for now

Many of you followed the story of the city citation for my wildflower parkway garden. If you didn't you can read about it [here](#). To make a long story short, a neighbor called the city to report that our garden was out of compliance with the city parkway landscape improvement ordinance. According to that ordinance plants must be grass or groundcover no higher than twelve inches.

I went to city council to plead my case and was told I could keep it while the city re-considers the ordinance given the severe water restrictions we are facing. I also went to our Natural Resources and Environment Commission to request that they recommend to city council changes to this ordinance that would encourage low-water use landscaping.

So now that the issue is on hold I have decided to clean things up, as I do each year, but this year I will open it up more, remove some larger plants, and create more paths between the street and the sidewalk. This speaks to some of the reasons for the ordinance, but will still allow the native habitat garden to remain.

I want to thank everyone who commented and sent emails of support. The garden is quieter now and a bit ragged looking, but there are lots of birds and insects flitting around, so stop by and enjoy!

seed harvesting in parkway garden

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small caterpillar nourishes itself on juicy seedpod



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lots of globe gilia (*Gilia capitata*) with seeds ready for the picking

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a few bird's eye gilia (*Gilia tricolor*) remain

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