Our project completely changed its focus as we realized motivators for why gardeners joined and their personal perceptions weren’t necessarily rigid. We learned almost off the bat that Portland community gardeners had respect for the other gardeners regardless of whether they were there to grow cultural staple foods and flowers, so long as they respect the garden rules. The relationships they built between each other were a key decider in how they viewed their individual roles in the garden. The conflicts that we encountered manifested from different levels or types of respect for the garden and lack of adequate communication. Rather than subtract from the experience, we found that the differences made the garden stronger.

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