



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2018**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION
QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

ISSUE:

Quarterly activity report for the Urban Forestry / Landscape Division of the Public Works Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and file the quarterly activity report for the Urban Forestry / Landscape Division of the Public Works Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Urban Forestry / Landscape Division of the Public Works Department reports to the Park and Recreation Commission on a quarterly basis due to their connection to City Trees as mentioned in the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 13.25 Tree and Shrub Supervision.

DISCUSSION:

The following report from the Public Works Department Urban Forestry / Landscape Division details accomplishments, claims against the City related to damages caused by City trees such as fallen limbs and root damages to private property, plan checks related to new developments and property upgrades such as new housing tracts, commercial/industrial buildings and expansion of existing properties that are required to plant new street trees within the public right of ways, tree removals, and tree plantings in the third quarter of 2018 and activities planned for the fourth quarter of 2018.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

On Thursday, July 19, 2018, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a beautification project in Ward 3. Volunteers from throughout the community planted 40 flats of yellow Trailing Gazania groundcover in the parkway of a publically maintained landscape on Streefer Avenue at Jerry Louder Drive. The groundcover will grow to beautify this parkway for the public to enjoy as they pass through this area.

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, the Public Works Department working with the Board members and volunteers for Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), are scheduled to plant 500 one gallon Ragged Robin rose bushes in the medians of Victoria Avenue. The plantings will replace missing roses located between Adams Street and Madison Avenue in Wards 4 and 5. Thousands of ‘Ragged Robin’ roses line both sides of the medians along Victoria Avenue. This old-fashioned variety was introduced in 1825 under the name ‘Gloire des Rosomanes’. How it came to be called ‘Ragged Robin’ is unknown, but it is one of the distinctive features of the Avenue. No longer grown commercially, all replacement plants must be grown from cuttings. The Public Works Department contracts with a local nursery to take cuttings and maintain a supply of roses for ongoing plantings on the Avenue.

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 4. The meeting location will be at Villegas Park, 3091 Esperanza Street, 92504. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, City waterway cleanups and a community greening site.

TREE PROJECTS

During the months of September, October, and into the first couple weeks of November, in preparation for the 31st Annual Riverside Festival of Lights on Main Street, trees in the Downtown area between 14th Street and 3rd Street, and between Market Street and Lime Street will be trimmed to enhance the beauty of the Festival of Lights and Downtown area in Ward 1. Work is conducted on Saturdays and Sundays to reduce interference with traffic and pedestrians. The project will take approximately 10 weeks to complete.

TREE MAINTENANCE

The following grids are currently underway:

- Grid 47 – Arlington Heights Neighborhood
- Grid 23 – Magnolia Center Neighborhood
- Grid 38 – Mission Grove Neighborhood

The following grids are scheduled:

- Grid 41 – Hawarden Heights Neighborhood
- Grid 67 – Arlington Neighborhood
- Grid 48 – Arlington South Neighborhood

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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- Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager

Attachments:

1. Tree Removal and Planting List
2. Plan Checks – 3rd Quarter 2018
3. Claims – 3rd Quarter 2018