



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: JULY 11, 2016

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

ISSUE:

Receive the 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.

BACKGROUND:

The following report details accomplishments, claims, plan checks, tree removals, and tree plantings in the second quarter of 2016 and activities planned for the third quarter of 2016.

Public Outreach

1. On Saturday, April 23, 2016, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a volunteer “green-wall” beautification project along a publically maintained right of way in Ward 4. Forty Ficus Repen Vines (Creeping Fig) were planted along the project site located on Orange Terrace Parkway between Deer Creek and Silk Oak Drives. The green-wall technique consists of planting vegetation that will grow to beautify and protect a wall against graffiti.
2. On Saturday, May 14, 2016, the City of Riverside, working with KRCB and Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), celebrated the annual Arbor Day Event on Victoria Avenue between Groveland Street and La Sierra Avenue with the planting of seven Jacaranda mimosifolia (Jacaranda) and fifteen Cassia leptophylla (Gold Medallion) trees. In addition, Arbor Day was also celebrated with an event on La Sierra Avenue between Arizona and Indiana Avenues where ten Cercis Canadensis (Eastern Redbud) trees were planted along the east parkway of La Sierra Avenue. The trees planted on Victoria Avenue were provided by VAF and the trees planted on La Sierra Avenue were donated by Riverside Public Utilities (RPU). This Arbor Day Event meets one of the four requirements for the City to secure its goal of being recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for the twenty-ninth year.
3. On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, the Public Works Department, working with KRCB, will hold a volunteer beautification project in Ward 6. The project site located on Monticello Avenue between Colorado and Pembroke Avenues, will be planted with new vines along the publically maintained right of way.

Tree Projects

1. Jackson Avenue between Magnolia Avenue and Andrew Street – New landscaping with water efficient plant material, drip irrigation and new trees is being installed on the east parkway of Jackson Street adjacent to Sherman Indian High School. The new landscaping will help to beautify this section of Jackson Avenue and will be maintained by Sherman Indian High School once the project is completed.
2. In the month of April 2016, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Municipal Tree Management Services was issued. The RFP solicited proposals from qualified municipal tree management contractors to provide services such as, but not limited to, trimming, removals, relocating, root pruning, plantings, treating for insects and diseases, watering, staking, and fertilizing. At the mandatory preconference meeting, nine prospective companies attended. Upon the due date of the proposals, three companies provided bid packages. In reviewing the three bid responses, it was discovered that the prices would increase to the point that routine services such as grid trimming would be drastically reduced. In order to provide the most cost effective tree services, it was determined it would be in the best interest of the City to extend the contract with the current tree maintenance contractor Trimming Land Company (TLC). TLC has agreed to extend their contract for two years holding their current prices.

Tree Maintenance

1. The following grids were initiated in Fiscal Year 2015/16. Due to budget limitations, work was suspended in March and will resume in Fiscal Year 2016/17.
 - Grid 33 – Canyon Crest Neighborhood
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2. The following grids are scheduled:
 - Grid 51 – La Sierra South Neighborhood
 - Grid 37 – Mission Grove Neighborhood

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: 1. Tree Removal and Planting List
2. Claims and Plan Checks – 1st Quarter 2016