



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2016**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: URBAN FORESTRY/LANDSCAPE DIVISION QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

ISSUE:

Receive the quarterly activity report from the Public Works Department, Urban Forestry and Landscape Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

Public Outreach

1. On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a volunteer beautification project in Ward 6. Volunteers from the Zona Camp Community, planted seventy (70) one-gallon trumpet vines along a publically maintained right of way located on Monticello Avenue between Colorado and Pembroke Avenues. The vines will grow up the existing chain-link fence, helping to beautify the existing landscape.
2. On Saturday, September 24, 2016, the Public Works Department working with KRCB will hold a Santa Ana River and Water Way Cleanup in Ward 1. In addition to the Water Way Cleanup, volunteers will plant one hundred (100) bougainvillea vines along the west and east bound off ramps of the 60 Freeway at Market Street. The vines will grow to help beautify and protect the soil from eroding onto the roadways and into the storm drain systems. The landscaping for the on and off ramps to the 60 Freeway at Market Street are maintained by contractors for the Public Works Department.
3. On Saturday, October 22, 2016, the Public Works Department working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF) will hold a volunteer planting project on Victoria Avenue between Harrison Street and Van Buren Boulevard. Volunteers will plant Ragged Robin Roses along the medians to help replace roses that are missing. Untold thousands of 'Ragged

Robin' roses line both sides of the median 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.

Tree Projects

1. Jackson Avenue between Magnolia Avenue and Andrew Street – New landscaping with water efficient plant material, drip irrigation and new trees has been installed on the easterly parkway of Jackson Street adjacent to Sherman Indian High School in Ward 5. The new landscaping will help to beautify this section of Jackson Avenue and will be maintained by Sherman Indian High School.
2. Tyler Avenue Widening Project between Wells and Hole Avenues– New landscaping with a Calsense water efficient irrigation controller, drip irrigation, one-gallon red and white mini-roses, five-gallon bird of paradise, and twenty-four inch box size Magnolia grandiflora 'St. Mary' trees will be planted within the newly constructed medians in Ward 6. The new landscaping will help to beautify the newly widened road.

Tree Maintenance

1. The following grids were initiated in Fiscal year 15/16. Due to budget limitations, work was suspended in March and will resume in October 2016 when temperatures are expected to be milder.
 - 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. Plan Checks – 3rd Quarter 2016
2. Tree Removals and Plantings – 3rd Quarter 2016