



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 9, 2017**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
URBAN FORESTRY/LANDSCAPE DIVISION

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

BACKGROUND:

The following report details accomplishments, claims, plan checks, tree removals and tree plantings in the fourth quarter of 2016 and activities planned for the first quarter of 2017.

Public Outreach

1. On Saturday, September 24, 2016, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a Santa Ana River and Water Way Cleanup in Ward 1. In addition to the Water Way Cleanup, volunteers planted 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.
2. On Saturday, October 22, 2016, the Public Works Department working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF) held a volunteer planting project on Victoria Avenue between Harrison Street and Van Buren Boulevard. Volunteers planted three-hundred and fifty (350) Ragged Robin Roses along the medians to replace roses that were missing or in-decline. 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.

3. On Saturday, November 5, 2016, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, held a median planting project in Ward 4. Volunteers planted one-hundred and fifty (150) white roses within the three (3) medians on Bountiful Street between Van Buren Boulevard and Trautwein Road. The roses replaced turf that is subject to watering restrictions within City medians that are irrigated by domestic water per the Governors Drought Mandate Executive Order B-29-15.
4. On Saturday, February 4, 2016, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 2. The meeting location will be at Dario Vasquez Park, 2400 14th Street, 92507. The project areas, to be determined, will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal and a planting site.
5. On Saturday, February 25, 2017, the Public Works Department working with VAF, will hold a tree planting project on Victoria Avenue. The meeting site will be at the north east corner of Victoria Avenue at Adams Street. The project planting sites will be within the medians of Victoria Avenue.
6. On Saturday, March 4, 2017, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 7. The meeting location and project sites, to be determined, will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal and a planting site.
7. On March 11, 2017, the Public Works Department working with VAF, in celebration of California Arbor Week, will hold a tree planting project on Victoria Avenue. The meeting site will be at the north east corner of Victoria Avenue at Jane Street. The project planting sites will be within the medians and parkways of Victoria Avenue.

Tree Projects

1. Tyler Avenue Widening Project between Wells and Hole Avenues– On schedule.

Tree Maintenance

1. The following grids have been completed:
 - Grid 33 – Canyon Crest Neighborhood
 - Grid 34 – Canyon Crest Neighborhood
2. The following grid is currently underway:
 - Grid 51 – La Sierra South Neighborhood
3. The following grids are scheduled:
 - Grid 37 – Mission Grove Neighborhood
 - Grid 53 – La Sierra Neighborhood

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Tree Removal and Planting List
2. Plan Checks – 4th Quarter 2016
3. Claims – 4th Quarter 2016