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# Metropolitan Museum Board

**TO: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD** **DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2017**  
**FROM: MUSEUM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**  
**SUBJECT: MAIN MUSEUM EXTERIOR LANDSCAPE UPDATE**

**ISSUE:**

Receive an update on the Main Museum exterior landscape.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive an update on the Main Museum exterior landscape.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the September 13, 2017 Metropolitan Museum Board (Board) Meeting, Board member Chuck Wilson requested an update on the Main Museum exterior landscaping because he had noticed some dead plants in the planters.

**DISCUSSION:**

Board member Wilson's observation of dead plants was after a heat wave in early September. Temperatures reached over 108 degrees for multiple days, which had a negative impact on the plants. Unfortunately, we failed to adjust the watering frequency in anticipation of the weather forecast.

The Museum has increased the watering frequency of the exterior planters and has scheduled for a landscaping contractor to come out October 4, 2017 to perform maintenance on the landscape. The contractor will replace plants as needed at no cost. Staff is also looking into joining the City's broader landscape maintenance program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update. The contractor visit for landscape maintenance is \$600.00 and will be charged to the Museum's Professional Services budget line item.

Approved by: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager/Acting Museum & Cultural Affairs Director