



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

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

DISCUSSION:

The following quarterly activity report for 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 expansions 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 2017 (July – September) and activities planned for the fourth quarter of 2017 (October – December).

Public Outreach

1. On Thursday, July 27, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a volunteer beautification project in Ward 3. Volunteers from throughout the community, planted one-hundred and fifty (150) one-gallon yellow Lantana shrubs and fifteen (15) Little John Bottle Brush shrubs along a publically maintained right of way located on Essex Street between Maybelle Street and Mountain View Avenue. The shrubs will help beautify the existing landscape.
2. On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with KRCB, held a beautification project in Ward 1. The project meeting took place at the Riverside County Flood Control's District Office at 1995 Market Street. The beautification project included litter cleanups, graffiti abatement, city waterway cleanups and community greening projects located at various locations throughout the Santa Ana River.

3. On October 21, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), held a volunteer rose planting project along the medians of Victoria Avenue between Madison Street and Washington Street. The project replaced missing, dead and dying roses and also included litter cleanup.
4. On Saturday, November 4, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 4. The meeting location and project sites are to be determined, and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a planting site.

Tree Projects

1. During the months of September, October, and into the first two weeks of November, trees in the Downtown area between 3rd Street and 14th 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, in preparation for the 30th Annual Riverside Festival of Lights on Main Street. Work will be conducted on Saturdays and Sundays to reduce interference with traffic and pedestrians. The project will take approximately ten weeks to complete.

Tree Maintenance

1. The following grids are currently underway:
 - Grid 37 – Mission Grove Neighborhood
 - Grid 53 – La Sierra Neighborhood
 - Grid 54 – La Sierra Neighborhood
2. The following grids are scheduled:
 - Grid 58 – La Sierra Acres Neighborhood
 - Grid 63 – Ramona Neighborhood
 - Grid 64 – Ramona 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 – 3rd Quarter 2017
3. Claims – 3rd Quarter 2017