



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 29, 2018**

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 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 expansion of existing properties that are required to plant new street trees within the public right of ways, tree removals, and tree plantings in the fourth quarter of 2017, and activities planned for the first quarter of 2018.

Public Outreach

1. On Saturday, November 4, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a beautification planting project in Ward 4. Volunteers from throughout the community, planted one-hundred and twenty (120) red Bougainvillea shrubs and one-hundred and thirty (130) orange Honey Suckle shrubs along a publically maintained right of way located on the east side of Washington Avenue between Francis Street and Ingalls Drive. The new shrubs will replace missing plant material and grow to beautify the existing landscape.
2. On Saturday, January 13, 2018, the Public Works Department, working with the Riverside East Rotary Club, planted fifty-five (55) fifteen-gallon Chinese Fringe trees in celebration of their thirty years of volunteer services to the City of Riverside. The Riverside East Rotary Club is made of men and women of a variety of backgrounds and professions who support

community organizations through funds raised by the club. The club was the 23,000th club within Rotary International and was founded in 1987. Each Chinese Fringe tree that was planted represents a member of the Riverside East Rotary Club that has dedicated their time and services to the community of Riverside. The trees were purchased and planted by members of the club in a publically maintained median on Dewey Avenue between Carlo Drive and Arch Way.

3. On Saturday, January 20, 2018, the Public Works Department working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), held a rose planting project at the Lorraine Small Rose Garden to replace roses that have been stolen and damaged over the past year. Modern roses of many colors have been planted by VAF in the median at Victoria and Myrtle Avenues since 1993. The garden planting makes a strong visual statement at the northern terminus of the divided Avenue. Funded entirely with private donations, the roses are planted by VAF volunteers to honor Lorraine Small who was a local garden writer and longtime advocate for the preservation of Victoria Avenue.
4. On Saturday, February 3, 2018, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 2. The meeting location and project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, City waterway cleanups, and a community greening site.
5. On Saturday, February 23, 2018, the Public Works Department working with VAF, will hold a tree planting project within the median areas of Victoria Avenue from La Sierra to Central Avenues. A total of thirty-two (32) trees will be planted to replace trees that have been damaged or have died due to insects, drought, vandalism, accidents, or thefts. The meeting location will be at the northeast corner of Victoria Avenue and Adams Street beginning at 9:00am.
6. On Saturday, March 3, 2018, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 7. The meeting location and project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, City waterway cleanups, and a community greening site.
7. On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the Public Works Department working with VAF, will hold a tree planting project in celebration of California Arbor Week and Arbor Day. New trees will be planted along the Avenue with grant funds that were secured and received by VAF through a 2016 Social Equity Tree Planting Grant provided by California ReLeaf and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire).
8. On Saturday, April 14, 2018, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 5. The meeting location and project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, City waterway cleanups and a community greening site.

Tree Maintenance

1. The following grids are currently underway:
 - Grid 54 – La Sierra Neighborhood
 - Grid 58 – La Sierra Acres Neighborhood

2. The following grids are scheduled:

- Grid 63 – Ramona Neighborhood
- Grid 64 – Ramona Neighborhood
- Grid 66 – Arlanza 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 2017
3. Claims – 4th Quarter 2017