



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 30, 2019**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION
QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

ISSUE:

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 Urban Forestry / Landscape Division of the Public Works Department reports to the Park and Recreation Commission on a quarterly basis due to their connection to City Trees as mentioned in the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 13.25 Tree and Shrub Supervision.

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 2018 and activities planned for the first quarter of 2019.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

On Saturday, November 03, 2018, the Public Works Department working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a beautification project in Ward 4. Volunteers from throughout the community, planted fifty 5-gallon orange Honeysuckle shrubs on Overlook Parkway from Muirfield Road to Royal Hunt Ridge Drive along a publically maintained and irrigated parkway. The shrubs will grow to help beautify the area.

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, the Public Works Department working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), will hold a rose planting project at the Lorraine Small Rose Garden located in the median nose on Victoria Avenue at Myrtle Avenue. The meeting location will be at Victoria Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. The Lorraine Small Garden is dedicated to Lorraine Small who owned and operated a landscape nursery in Riverside for many years, wrote a gardening column for the local newspaper called “Small Talk”, was active in the community serving eight years on the city’s Park and Recreation Commission, co-founded the Riverside Rose Society in 1957, and served as one of the original board members of Victoria Avenue Forever.

On Saturday, February 02, 2019, 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 Fourteenth Street, 92506. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a community greening site.

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, the Public Works Department working with VAF, will hold a tree planting project on Victoria Avenue. The meeting location will be on Victoria Avenue at Adams Street. The project will replace missing and declining trees located throughout out the Avenue. The trees are funded by VAF through donations collected by the non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that is dedicated to the preservation and beautification of Victoria Avenue.

On Saturday, March 02, 2019, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 7. The meeting location will be at Rutland Park, 7000 Rutland Avenue, 92503. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a community greening site.

On Saturday, March 09, 2019, the Public Works Department working with VAF, will hold a tree planting event in celebration of California Arbor Week. Approximately forty new trees will be planted throughout the Avenue by community volunteers. The trees are funded 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).

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, the Public Works Department working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 5. The meeting location will be at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Avenue, 92504. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a community greening site.

TREE TRIMMING PROGRESS

With the help of an additional \$1,000,000 allocated by City Council through Measure Z funding, since July 1, 2018 to November 26, 2018, at total of 5,354 trees have been trimmed. Below is a break down by categories:

- Measure Z Funding: 4,210
- Festival of Lights: 1,028
- Service Requests: 99
- Resi-Pay: 17

TREE MAINTENANCE

The following grids are currently underway:

Grid 47 – Arlington Heights Neighborhood

Grid 23 – Magnolia Center Neighborhood

Grid 38 – Mission Grove Neighborhood

The following grids are scheduled:

Grid 41 – Hawarden Heights Neighborhood

Grid 67 – Arlington Neighborhood

Grid 48 – Arlington South 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 2018
3. Claims – 4th Quarter 2018