



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JANUARY 29, 2020**

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 2019 and activities planned for the first quarter of 2020.

Public Outreach

On Saturday, November 2, 2019, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a beautification project in Ward 4. Volunteers from throughout the community and surrounding area planted 720 one-gallon Lantana shrubs within the median area of Overlook Parkway between Bodewin Court and Chateau Ridge Lane. The shrubs will grow to replace turf that was once located within the medians.

On Saturday, November 9, 2019, the Public Works Department, working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), held a beautification rose planting project on Victoria Avenue in the medians between Madison and Grace Streets. Volunteers from throughout the community planted 400 one-gallon Ragged Robin roses to replace missing and dying roses.

On Saturday, January 18, 2020 the Public Works Department, working VAF, held a volunteer clean-up and planting project at the Dr. Lewis Garden located at the northwest corner of Victoria Avenue and Jane Street. Volunteers from throughout the community helped prune and clean existing plant material and planted new shrubs to help maintain the beauty of the drought tolerant garden.

On Saturday, February 1, 2020, 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 and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a community greening site.

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, 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 a to be determined cross street and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The project will replace missing and declining trees located throughout 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 7, 2020, 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 and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a community greening site.

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, the Public Works Department, working with VAF, will hold a tree planting event in celebration of California Arbor Week. The meeting location will be on Victoria Avenue at Jane Street and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The planting locations and species are to be determined.

On Saturday, April 4, 2020, 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 and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The project sites are to be determined and will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal, and a community greening site.

On Saturday, May 9, 2020, the Public Works Department, working with KRCB, will hold the Great American Cleanup event from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from throughout the community will be assigned litter cleanups, graffiti abatement, city waterway cleanups, and community greening projects within the City. After the event, volunteers will be provided a lunch with an award ceremony that will be held in the breezeway in front of City Hall.

Tree Trimming Progress

With the help of an additional \$1,000,000 allocated by City Council through Measure Z funding, from September 17, 2019 to December 27, 2019 a total of 3,184 trees have been trimmed.

Tree Maintenance

The following grids are currently underway:

- Grid 3 – Hunter Industrial Park
- Grid 4 – Hunter Industrial Park
- Grid 8 – Victoria Avenue

The following grids are scheduled:

- Grid 22 – Eastside Neighborhood
- Grid 6 – University Neighborhood
- Grid 36 – Sycamore Canyon Springs 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 2019
3. Claims – 4th Quarter 2019