

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: JUNE 14, 2022

PLANTING CONTRACT

I've heard from Margolis Nursery, and they are good to extend the current contract at the same terms and conditions as the current contract. I will prepare a contract amendment, but it will not go forward until after City Council passes the FY2023 budget. This is excellent news; tree prices are on the rise, and this means you'll be getting trees

PLANTING PROJECT UPDATES

1. **Jackson Road Median.** Planting project was completed in May. Invoice has been paid.
2. **Riverside Park.** Planting was completed at the end of May, except for the river birch trees, which will go in this fall, provided the contractor can get some. The invoice will be paid within the next week.

This completes all FY2022 projects.

PARK SIGNAGE UPDATE

I've spoken with Erika Pratt regarding recognition signage in parks and there is no update at this time. They are transitioning to a new Parks Director and this project is on hold for the time being. She said she'd reach out when forward progress on the project has been made.

DDA UPDATE

I've been in contact with Amber Miller, with the DDA. She has reached out regarding some work they wanted to do in the ROW, that included paving over the extension where existing landmark trees are. Matt was able to meet onsite with their engineer, and they are not moving forward with this idea. Traffic Engineering, Stormwater, and I met to discuss alternatives to their proposal and send information back to Amber. We'll see what the next steps are.

ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **Urban and Community Forest Management Plan update.** We held the first Steering Committee meeting in March. It went very well. The committee is engaged and providing great feedback. We will schedule our third focus group either in late April or early May.

2. **Ward Walks.** Ward Walks will run during June and July. These are dedicated routes residents can walk and provide feedback to us on what needs the urban forest has in these areas.