

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

TREE PLANTING CONTRACT & FY22 PLANTING PROJECTS UPDATE

The ITB (Invitation to Bid) (ITB-4688) on the committee’s yearly tree planting projects posted in July. However, we did not receive any bids. We reissued the ITB (ITB-4692) in August. Bid opening is scheduled for 9/16/2021 at 2:00 PM. If we do not receive bids for this ITB, staff will discuss the situation with Finance staff to find a solution to this issue.

Due to the delay in a planting contract, all projects scheduled for Fall 2021 have been pushed back to Spring 2022, other than the Arbor Day tree planting and Leslie Food Forest. The soonest staff could get a resolution and contract to City Council for approval and signature would be December.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

1. **204 W. Jefferson London 24.2 Inch Landmark Planetree.** Guardian Tree looked at the tree on August 20. They agree the tree does look to have been poisoned. Guardian decided to monitor for a bit and looked at the tree again on August 25 and 31. There was no additional progress in recovery. Staff will discuss a few ideas Guardian Tree has regarding the tree and will update the committee at the October meeting.

ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **Urban Forestry Technician.** Staff is actively seeking a new Urban Forestry Technician. Interviews are scheduled for the second and third week of September.