



Department Source: Community Development - BSD

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 4, 2016

Re: Community Tree Task Force

Executive Summary

The Community Tree Task Force was created by Council Bill No. R32-15A on February 16, 2015. The task force was required by the resolution to make a report to City Council of its accomplishments and recommendations by March 21, 2016 after which it would dissolve. As indicated in the attached report, the Task Force has been productive and asks the Council to extend its time for one additional year to see some longer-term tasks through to completion. Approval of the resolution will extend the Task Force for one additional year.

Discussion

The purposes stated in the R32-15A (attached) which created the Community Tree Task Force included providing recommendations to private property owners and neighborhood/homeowner associations on the management and care of trees, develop educational materials for the care of trees, review current tree policies and ordinances, recommend a methodology for decennial city-wide tree inventories, and recommend whether an on-going tree commission should be established.

The attached report details several accomplishments of the Community Tree Task Force including their role in the review of City ordinances, the update of the City Arborist webpage, and several educational partnerships executed by the task force in the past year. The report also recommends that the task force be continued for one additional year in order to provide the necessary oversight on the Urban Forest Master Plan, for which the Public Works Department currently has a Request for Qualifications pending, and the revision to the City's subdivision and zoning regulations which include revamped tree preservation and landscaping ordinances. Continuation of the task force will also allow the group to continue work on the expansion of their educational efforts.

The Urban Forest Master Plan mentioned above will help the task force meet the Council request that the task force provide recommendations on a methodology for decennial city-wide tree inventories, as well as, provide essential guidance to the City in all areas of tree care and management.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None but implementation of the Urban Forest Master Plan may have some impact in the future.



Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environmental Management, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
02/16/2015	Council passes Resolution 32-15A establishing a Community Tree Task Force.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of resolution extending the Community Tree Task Force for one additional year.