



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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**MEETING DATE:** 6/9/2026

**PREPARED BY:** Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA CONTENT:** Update on Partnership with Phillips 66 Regarding Beautification Enhancements at Abigail Arias Park.

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** Regular Agenda

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**BUDGETED AMOUNT:** N/A **FUNDS REQUESTED:** N/A

**FUND:** N/A

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In early 2026, Phillips 66 approached the City regarding opportunities to sponsor a community-based environmental improvement project involving native plantings, pollinator habitat, and educational programming. During those discussions, City staff and Phillips 66 identified Abigail Arias Park as an ideal location for the initiative due to the park's memorial purpose and planned nature-focused amenities. In collaboration with Phillips 66, Tandem Global, and the Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County, a proposal is being developed to create a pollinator-focused community garden and habitat enhancement project at Abigail Arias Park that aligns with the original park master plan.

Since that time, project partners have worked collaboratively to develop a vision that honors Abigail Arias while creating a lasting community asset centered on native plants, butterflies, bees, environmental education, and stewardship. Proposed enhancements include a pollinator garden, educational signage, youth engagement activities, community volunteer opportunities, and a memorial feature recognizing Abigail's love of llamas. Community input will play a significant role in shaping the final design, plant selection, and long-term stewardship of the garden.

As part of the next phase of the project, partners will host a community planning event, *Rooted in Community*, on June 16, 2026, to gather public feedback on plant selection, garden features, signage, and long-term maintenance considerations. The project team is targeting a larger volunteer planting event during Texas Arbor Day weekend in November 2026, bringing together community members, local organizations, and project partners to install the garden and associated enhancements.

The following presentation will provide an overview of the partnership, project development efforts to date, community engagement activities, proposed beautification and memorial enhancements, and anticipated next steps.

### RECOMMENDATION:

N/A