



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 10/27/2025

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

AGENDA CONTENT: Update and discussion on 2025 Governor's Community Achievement Award Project.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA

FUNDS REQUESTED: NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of the award, the City will receive \$180,000 in funding for a major beautification project on TxDOT right-of-way that meets TxDOT safety/maintenance standards. Staff recommends initiating project scoping and prioritization. In addition to the examples already listed (downtown heart enhancements; loop 274 up-lighting replacement; Silver Heart entry treatments), staff captured the following concepts from the September TxDOT discussion for the Board's consideration:

- Public art treatments: artwork/murals/painting where permissible within TxDOT ROW (e.g., traffic elements or structures approved by TxDOT).
- Entry enhancements: landscape/hardscape to enhance existing HEART features and other entrances—mass planting, stone/bed edging, seating, and accent lighting—without creating standalone “gateway signs.”
- Downtown antique light poles continuation

TxDOT/peer examples referenced during the discussion included: Lake Jackson sand-blasting on highway beams and the Lake Jackson monument outside City Hall.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board provide feedback and direction on one or two preferred project concepts to explore further and establish a small working group to begin meeting with TxDOT to develop and present potential site concepts for future Keep Angleton Beautiful review and consideration.