
MEETING DATE: 04/22/2024

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on tree up-lighting on Loop 274

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff would like to bring to the Boards attention the increasing costs and time investment associated with tree up lighting maintenance on Loops 274 near the downtown heart. Over the past fiscal year, our staff has invested nearly 60 man-hours into this endeavor, spending roughly \$500 in bulbs and needs approximately \$3,000 to repair 15 of the 60 fixtures this year. Furthermore, in 2021 alone, the department incurred expenses totaling \$17,000 in repairs to electrical infrastructure, fixtures, and lights.

The significant expenditure of resources, both in terms of time and funding, highlights the challenges we face in maintaining the up-lighting system. As we continue to address ongoing issues, staff find it necessary to engage Keep Angleton Beautiful in the process of determining how to proceed.

The staff is asking the Board to engage in a discussion on history of the uplighting origin and to explore potential solutions to mitigate these challenges including funding for maintenance, exploring collaboration with key stakeholders, or eliminating the uplighting infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Keep Angleton Beautiful Commission consider and discuss options for addressing uplighting maintenance and potential elimination of current lighting infrastructure.