



Items for Beautification and Tree Advisory Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/21/22
From: Josh White
Item: Neighborhood Grants

Title: Neighborhood Grant discussion

Background:

I did some checking on the neighborhood grant program. I sent an email to Andrew and Nick Hernandez in May 2019 about a program I saw in Fort Wayne, IN that had the grant program. That is where the \$5,000 came from. The first year funding would likely have been available was 2020. At the July 2019 meeting, Andrew announced the Commission agreed to fund the program and handed out flyers from Fort Wayne. He said the board would have to figure out how to implement the program. More discussion at the August meeting and was tabled until October 2019. At the October meeting there was more discussion but no final action. At the December meeting, several staff members attended. There was more substantive discussion but again no final action. I wasn't able to find any further discussion on the item. So it appears that the last discussion was December 2019.

My assumption because I really have no further way to track this is that the money was budgeted for 2020, never spent and was likely not put into the 2021 or 2022 budgets. Randy will have to tell us if there is any current funding and what would need to happen to restore funding if there is no current funding. It is also likely too late to add this to the 2023 budget. I also attached the grant program article that Andrew handed out to the board at some point.

Board Options:

Hold discussion