



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Caylie Houchin; Community Events Coordinator

Commission Meeting Date: September 19th, 2022

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider approval regarding an Eagle Scout Project at Founders Memorial Park to renovate and improve the existing cactus gardens.

Agenda Item Requestor: Marshall Wyler

Summary/Background: After the deep freeze Dripping Springs experienced in February of 2021, the native plants at Founders Memorial Park along Founders Park Road within the garden beds, suffered and since have not recovered on their own. The need to improve these cactus garden beds has been prevalent since.

Marshall Wyler has accepted the undertaking of improving the cactus gardens as his Eagle Scout Project. Maintenance Director, Craig Rice, and Community Events Coordinator, Caylie Houchin met with Mr. Wyler on site in April of 2022, to discuss. Mr. Wyler has proposed renovating the cactus gardens by uprooting dead foliage and weeds, in addition to replacing the bedding, soil, and plant identification signage. Mr. Wyler is proposing using the existing beds to create biomes to showcase the differences between the cacti and their environments. Details and specifics of his project are attached as supplemental information to this report.

Once the project proposal is approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission Mr. Wyler will host a fundraiser to raise the money that is needed to improve the cactus gardens. Then he will begin the renovations.

Staff Recommendation: Approve Marshall Wyler's proposal to renovate and improve the cactus garden at Founders Memorial Park.

Attachments:

- Cactus Garden Renovation PowerPoint presentation
- Eagle Proposal Handout
- Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
- Completed Donation Form

Next Steps/Schedule:

Notify the applicant of the Commission's decision to approve the project.