

Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees

NEST

A collaboration of Lake Worth Beach residents advocating for native shade trees for Bryant Park

Over the last 30 years, our founding members have collectively contributed hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars of in-kind donations toward the care and improvement of Bryant Park and the surrounding Lagoon, for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

We are concerned Lake Worth Beach neighbors, nature lovers, and residents who are feeling the effects of climate change in our city. 2023 will likely be documented as the hottest year on record.

Creating shade now is necessary and even more critical for the future. NEST is advocating the Lake Worth Beach Tree and Landscape Board increase the native shade tree canopy coverage in Bryant Park.

FACT: Bryant Park and the surrounding lagoon are habitat for migrating birds with a total of 61 species reported since 2020.

FACT: This natural habitat needs to be protected and enhanced by increasing the native shade tree canopy and by planting smaller trees and shrubs.

NEST is developing a core of volunteers to assist with planting, maintenance, and any other support roles that are deemed important to the success of this project.

The Tree Canopy Restoration Funds are derived from donations, penalties and fines and may only be spent for tree protection, tree preservation, tree education, and purchase and replacement of trees in the city as approved by the city horticulturist. NEST is requesting \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund be used to plant mature native shade trees with-in Bryant Park by the end of 2023.

NEST and its volunteers are committed to assist in increasing the native shade tree canopy in Bryant Park.

Time to GreenUp!

Founding members - NEST

Rosann Malakates. Tracy Rosof-Petersen. Gael Silverblatt. Susan Ona. Susan Guyaux Ben Burle

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MATCHING FUND REQUEST

\$25,000. from the city to match the \$25,000. request from the Lake Worth Beach Tree Canopy Restoration Fund

Top Three Suggested Locations for Native Shade Trees in Bryant Park

- 1)** Along the full length of concrete sidewalk running parallel to the sea wall from the Lake Worth Bridge to the South end of Bryant Park at the Pavilion. Shade trees could be staggered on both sides of the walkway in natural groupings of small, medium and large trees.
- 2)** At the north end, on the west side of the benches at the Band shell to provide shade for the seating area. Shade trees could be staggered on both sides of the walkway in natural groupings of small, medium and large trees.
- 3)** In and around the children's playground at the south end. Shade trees could be staggered on both sides of the walkway in natural groupings of small, medium and large trees.

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\$500,000. FUND REQUEST

Request for Allocation of ARPA Funds to increase the city shade canopy

Suggested Locations for Native Shade Trees across the City (in no particular order)

Numbers below refer to the plotted numbers on the provided city map.

- 1. Medians** on Dixie Hwy. North and South of City Hall to 2nd Ave. South have tall straggly Date Palms. Shade trees planted between the palms would greatly enhance Dixie Hwy. (Districts 3 & 4)
- 2. City Swales** along Dixie Hwy. between 1st Ave. and 2nd Ave. South, on the east side need trees. (District 4)
- 3. City Swales** in College Park between Lakeside and Dixie Hwy. This city property is 7-10 feet wide. (District 3)
- 4.** The north end of **Bryant Park**, west side of the benches at the Band Shell. This area gets very hot in the afternoons. A very large Ficus tree fell over near the corner of Golfview and Lake Ave. and has not been replaced. (District 4)
- 5. Bryant park** needs shade along the length of the concrete walkway parallel to the sea wall. The trees could be staggered in grouping and in height on both sides of the walkway. (District 4)
- 6. Triangle Park** at the east end of the bridge between Lake and Lucerne, needs trees to display a shade canopy when entering and exiting the city. Adjacent to North Golfview, a large Palm Tree was removed and has not replaced. (District 4)
- 7. 12th Ave South** between Dixie Hwy. & B St. previously had 2 small trees per block (270 feet). The small trees need taller, sheltering trees around them to thrive. (District 1)
- 8. The neighborhoods** could be enhanced by creating shady streets. Trees could be planted at each intersection. Residents could be incentivized to plant shade trees in their front yards by obtaining CRA funding. (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 9.** Like Lantana, we could plant trees adjacent to the **railroad tracks** on the west side of Dixie Hwy. (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 10. City parking lots** lack trees, which heat up our city. The parking lot south of 3rd Ave North on N 'M' St has no trees. The city could incentivize the church by offering to plant trees on their lot if they would agree to maintain them. (District 3)
- 11.** When using **ARPA funding** for planting trees, commissioners could request trees for parks within their district. Such as Spillway Park where trees could be planted along the chain link fence on Maryland. (District 3)
- 12. Dixie Hwy.** lost trees in past hurricanes. Trees need to be planted without interfering with business signage. This can be done, as other cities do to manage trees and commercial signage. (Districts 2 & 3)
- 13.** Locations on **commercial properties** where trees have come down and the city has not requested replacement, such as the Dollar Tree on Lake Ave, which has a missing tree on the corner of Lakeside and Lake Ave. (District 4)
- 14.** Our **LWB Golf Course** needs more shade trees. Watching the PGA Golf Tournament from Olympia Fields south of Chicago, it was thrilling to see how many trees are all over and in-between the holes on the course. (District 3 & 4)
- 15.** Shade trees for ALL the **children's' playgrounds** in all our city parks. (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4)

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The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes-Rescheduled from September 14, 2023
September 21, 2023

Call to order: 6:08

Members Present: D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown, B. Jungles

Members Absent: P. Hallowell

Staff Present: David McGrew, City Horticulturist/Board Advisor

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: Reorder new business item e to new business item b. Add beach landscape report as new business item f.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the June 8, 2023, July 13, 2023, and August 10, 2023, were presented for adoption. Motion made by G. Powell to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by D. Brown.

Yays: 4 Nays: 0

Reports: G. Powell informed the board that she inspected the beach landscape on September 20, 2023, and forwarded her report to the City Horticulturalist D. McGrew. The Board then discussed the beach plantings and the maintenance issues. G. Powell and the horticulturist will meet at the beach to review the report. The horticulturist will then send his maintenance recommendations to Public Works for implementation.

New Business:

A. New Board member introductions and orientation

New board member Benjamin Jungles introduced himself to the board and informed the board that his specialties are native plants and habitat restoration of private properties.

B. Bryant Park tree planting-request from Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees (NEST)

Resident Tracy Rosof-Peterson informed the board how the NEST was formed to support Rosann Malakates who has been advocating for more shade trees in Bryant Park for several years. Tracy then presented the letter that was sent to the board and requested \$25,000 dollars from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund be used to plant mature native shade trees within Bryant Park by the end of 2023.

Gail Silverblatt informed the board that the idea to ask the Tree and Landscape Board came from the Director of Community Sustainability, William Waters. Gail asked the Mayor Betty Resch at the second budget meeting if she would ask where the funds could come from; Mayor Resch said that she would ask Mr. Waters who reportedly responded that there are monies in the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund that could be used to plant trees. Three suggested locations for the Bryant Park tree planting are along the sidewalk adjacent to the seawall. The north end of the park on the west side of the seating area, and in and around the playground at the south end of the park. Gail also reported that the city may match the Tree Canopy Restoration fund and that there may be funds available from the ARPA funds. Another request is to use to use \$500,00 in ARPA funds to plant trees city wide such as the Dixie Highway medians, the swales in College Park, and around all playground's city wide.

The advisor D. McGrew reported that there is just over \$30,000 in the Tree canopy Restoration Fund with some further funds expected to come in as projects come to completion and told the board about grants that are available when the application portals open sometime in October or November of 2023. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has a grant program that should open soon which has the following categories tree planting on public lands, tree canopy assessment, urban forest management planning

and information. There is also a federal Urban and Community Forestry- Plantings, Preservation, and Invasive Control (UCF-PPIC) grant which is funded through the Bipartisan Inflation Reduction which has the following categories remove and replace invasive, tree plantings in disadvantaged communities. There was then a discussion on grants.

G. Powell asked the process for recommending the expenditure to the commission. The advisor reported that he did not know what the process was, but he would find out.

The advisor recommended that the city hold off on the Bryant Park planting to maximize the funds by applying for a matching grant which would double the funds available to plant trees.

A motion was made by G. Powell and seconded by D. Brown to prepare a memo to recommend that \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund be allocated to fund the NEST request for trees in Bryant Park and ask the City Commission to match the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund Monies with an additional \$25,000 from other city funds.

Yays: 4 Nays: 0

C. Updated Tree and landscape Board ordinance discussion

The advisor D. McGrew went over the Tree and Landscape Board updated ordinance; specifically, section 2-82 (c). which is to provide recommendations to the city commission on expenditures from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund.

D. Florida tree removal law

The advisor distributed copies of Florida statute 163.045 which is an act relating to private property rights to prune, trim, remove and remove hazardous trees and gave the board an overview of the statute which states that a local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property if the tree(s) have been found to be hazardous by an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist or landscape Architect. The board then discussed the statute, and the advisor informed the board of his experiences with the statute and hazardous tree removals.

E. Grant Opportunities

The board briefly discussed grant opportunities and the advisor informed the board about upcoming grant opportunities.

Old Business:

A. Landscape webpage update

The advisor reported that the city webpage updates are complete and all the changes that the board requested were implemented.

B. Tree Board Community outreach-Brochure update

The board discussed the brochure, and the advisor informed the board the board that a budget amendment is required to use the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund for the design and limited printing of the brochure.

C. Arbor Day Observance-Tree planting

The advisor reported that the Arbor Day Observance is scheduled to be held at 10:00 AM on September 30, 2023, at the City Hall Annex. The then board discussed the tree planting, and the advisor informed the board that the trees were paid for, the trees will be picked up the week of the tree planting and the holes will be pre-dug

on the Friday before the event. The advisor then informed the board that the Tree City USA recertification was in progress and would be completed once the advisor meets with Public Works staff to get the required budget numbers for the application.

- D. Discuss and plan a targeted tree giveaway-tabled to future meeting

Adjourned: 8:10 PM

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:08 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (0:26) Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy, Commissioners Sarah Malega, Kimberly Stokes and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were City Manager Carmen Davis, City Attorney Glen Torcivia and City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne.

INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE: (0:43) was led by Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (4:05) was led by Commissioner Sarah Malega.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING: (4:30)

Presentation C, Quarterly CRA Update by Joan Oliva, CRA Director, was deleted from the agenda and would be heard at a future meeting. The November 21 regular city commission meeting was canceled.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Malega to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: (there is no public comment on Presentation items)

- A. Presentation by Tiffany Cox, Lake Worth Community High School Band Director brought forward by Mayor Resch (5:14)
- B. Municipal Tree Planting Partnerships Presentation by Mark Cassini, Co-Founder/Executive Director and Josh Weiner, Engagement & Communications Director of Community Greening (11:17)
- C. (deleted) Quarterly CRA Update by Joan Oliva, CRA Director
- D. Proclamation declaring November 11-18, 2023 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (23:26)
- E. Proclamation declaring November 13-17, 2023 as American Education Week (25:05)
- F. Proclamation declaring November 17-18, 2023 as The SMART Ride Weekend (26:42)
- G. Proclamation declaring November 20, 2023 as Transgender Day of Remembrance (33:27)

H. Proclamation declaring November 25, 2023 as Small Business Day (36:16)

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS: (38:21)

Action: Consensus to sign on to a brief and submit a paragraph on the impact to Spillway Park to a case by Everglades Law Center against Lake Okeechobee Water Management.

The meeting recessed at 7:26 PM and reconvened at 7:36 PM.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: (1:35:54)

City Manager Davis provided the following report:

- the December 9 Holiday Parade's theme would be Hollywood and Holidays
- stated that staff was aware of the public comment issues on the website and would monitor the issue
- introduced Alyssa Kirk, Electric Utility NERC Compliance Manager, to talk about the Grid Resilience grant

Alyssa Kirk spoke about the Grid Resilience Infrastructure Grant for which the City Commission had voted to apply; the City was awarded \$23,462.167 and the City would be matching the grant with bond funds.

- requested input from residents for the mobility plan survey which was on the website

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: (1:47:43)

City Attorney Torcivia provided the following report:

- stated that commissioners could not give direction individually to staff; asked if the commission would give direction to bring a policy back to a future meeting

Action: Consensus for the City Attorney Torcivia and City Manager to bring back ideas and suggestions for the topics related to the issue at a future meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA: (2:11:08)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (2:29:38)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve the following minutes:

- A. October 3, 2023 - Regular meeting
- B. October 13, 2023 - Pre-agenda work session
- C. October 17, 2023 - Regular meeting

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega,

Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: (public comment allowed during Public Participation of Non-Agendaed items) (2:29:46)

A. Sargassum Grant Agreement

B. Approve the renewal of the City's firewall hardware maintenance and subscription license renewal

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor McVoy and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Ordinance No. 2023-19 – Second Reading - Repeal of Section 20-20 “Required Fair Written Notice of Termination of Monthly Residential Tenancy without Specific Duration” and Section 20-21 “Required Fair Written Notice of Rental Payment Increases for Residential Tenancies” (2:29:57)

City Attorney Torcivia read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 2023-19 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 20 “CIVIL RIGHTS,” ARTICLE IV “LANDLORD TENANT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS,” SECTION 20-20 “REQUIRED FAIR WRITTEN NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL TENANCY WITHOUT SPECIFIC DURATION” AND SECTION 20-21 “REQUIRED FAIR WRITTEN NOTICE OF RENTAL PAYMENT INCREASES FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES” DUE TO PREEMPTION BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Stokes and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve Ordinance No. 2023-19 Repeal of Section 20-20 “Required Fair Written Notice of Termination of Monthly Residential Tenancy without Specific Duration” and Section 20-21 “Required Fair Written Notice of Rental Payment Increases for Residential Tenancies”.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (2:37:31)

A. Discussion regarding the Advisory Board Appointment Process

Action: Consensus for staff to bring back the following changes:

- for boards meeting less than monthly, the percentage of missed meetings would be for a two-year period

- extenuating circumstances related to absences would be on a case-by-case basis
- all meetings including workshops would be considered towards attendance
- the Zoom attendance policy would change to extenuating circumstances with proper notice

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Fireworks Display Contract with Explosive Touch Enterprises LLC for 4th of July fireworks display (3:05:15)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve the Community Fireworks Display Contract with Explosive Touch Enterprises LLC for 4th of July fireworks display.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

B. Purchase Order with Allen Jay Fleet Services for the procurement of fleet replacement vehicles (3:07:16)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve the Purchase Order with Allen Jay Fleet Services for the procurement of fleet replacement vehicles.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

C. Discussion of the Tree & Landscape Board's recommendation regarding the planting of trees in Bryant Park (3:07:37)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve taking \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund into the Tree Fund for the purchase of trees.

Action: Motion amended by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to approve the Tree & Landscape Board's recommendation to allocate \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund and match the request with \$25,000 from other City funds to plant native shade trees in Bryant Park by the end of 2023 or as soon thereafter as possible with the location, sizes and groupings as proposed in the matching fund request from NEST.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve matching the \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to the Tree Fund from ARPA funds.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Commissioner Stokes to extend the meeting until 11:00 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

D. Resolution No. 50-2023 – supporting the extension and continuation of the Palm Beach County one-cent sales surtax (3:42:15)

City Attorney Torcivia did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2023 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2036; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to approve Resolution No. 50-2023 supporting the extension and continuation of the Palm Beach County one-cent sales surtax.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS:

November 17 @ 9 AM - pre-agenda work session

November 28 @ 6 PM - utility meeting

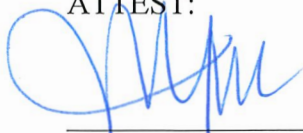
December 5 @ 6 PM - regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT: (3:45:54)



Action: Motion made by Commissioner Malega and seconded by Vice Mayor McVoy to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor McVoy, Commissioners Malega, Stokes and Diaz. NAYS: None.

ATTEST:



Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk


Betty Resch, Mayor


Minutes approved December 5, 2023 (Item time stamps correspond to the recording on YouTube.)

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Resch on the above date at 6:04 PM in the City Commission Chamber located at City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL: (0:31) Present were Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners Christopher McVoy (via Zoom), Mimi May and Reinaldo Diaz. Also present were Interim City Manager Jamie Brown, City Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan and City Clerk Melissa Ann Coyne.

INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE: (1:40) was led by Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (2:54) was led by Vice Mayor Sarah Malega.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING: (3:15)

Consent Agenda D, Proclamation declaring June 7, 2024 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, was reordered as Presentation D. New Business was reordered to follow the Consent Agenda. The June 14 pre-agenda work session was rescheduled to 1 PM.

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner McVoy to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: (there is no public comment on Presentation items) (5:24)

A. Proclamation declaring June 3 - 7, 2024 as Code Compliance Week (8:38)

B. Proclamation declaring June 2024 as PTSD Awareness Month (11:40)

C. Proclamation declaring June 2024 as LGBTQIA+ Month (14:11)

D. (moved from Consent Agenda D) Proclamation declaring June 7, 2024 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day (5:41)

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS: (20:24)

Action: Consensus to support participation in the litigation related to PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

Action: Consensus to spend the \$50,000 set aside for tree planting recommended by Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees (NEST).

The meeting recessed at 6:42 PM and reconvened at 6:48 PM.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: (43:43)

Interim City Manager Brown provided the following report:

- The Landscaping Scope of Services put together by the Tree and Landscape Board would be on the June 18 meeting
- Florida Mango Road was officially open following the force main break
- Historical markers were installed at I.A Banks Cemetery on May 31
- There would be a Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, June 13 for Memorial Park at 6 PM
- The annual Emergency Management meeting for staff would be held on Thursday, June 13
- The FDOT Federal Highway project from 5th Avenue South to 6th Avenue North would start on June 18

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: (47:10)

The City Attorney desires advice from the City Commission concerning pending litigation, specifically regarding settlement negotiations and strategy related to litigation expenditures in the case of *City of Lake Worth Beach v. 1 Jeanne 923, LLC*, 15th Judicial Circuit Court (Case No. 50-2024-CA-001688), and is requesting an attorney-client session to be scheduled for June 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The estimated length of the attorney-client session will be approximately one (1) hour.

The session will be attended by the members of the City Commission: Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Sarah Malega; Commissioner Christopher McVoy, Commissioner Mimi May, and Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz; Interim City Manager Jamie Brown, City Attorney Glen Torcivia, and outside counsel Brian Sherman. A certified court reporter will also be present to ensure that the session is fully transcribed, and the transcript will be made public upon the conclusion of the above-cited, ongoing litigation.

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to move Public Participation to follow Unfinished Business.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioner May. NAYS: Commissioners McVoy and Diaz.

(moved to follow Unfinished Business) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (50:20)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the following minutes:

- A. May 9, 2024 - special meeting
- B. May 10, 2024 - pre-agenda work session
- C. May 15, 2024 - budget work session I
- D. May 21, 2024 - regular meeting

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: (public comment allowed during Public Participation of Non-Agendaed items) 50:27)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 15-2024 – authorizing retroactive amendments to the City of Lake Worth Beach (FPDP) 401(a) Plan
- B. Resolution No. 16-2024 – authorizing an amendment to the City’s (FPDP) 401(a) Plan concerning eligibility criteria
- C. Authorization of a Voluntary Correction Program submission to request IRS approval of a retroactive amendment to the City of Lake Worth Beach (FPDP) 401(a) Plan
- D. (moved to Presentation D) Proclamation declaring June 7, 2024 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- E. Proclamation declaring June 9, 2024 as Race Amity Day
- F. Proclamation declaring June 2024 as Small Cities Month

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: (reordered to follow Consent Agenda) (50:41)

- A. Resolution No. 18-2024 authorizing the issuance of a Capital Improvement Revenue Note, Series 2024 (50:42)

City Attorney Lenihan did not read the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2024, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE SALE OF THE 2024 NOTE UPON COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN PARAMETERS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE FORM OF ATTACHED LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND REGIONS CAPITAL ADVANTAGE, INC., AS PURCHASER OF THE 2024 NOTE; COVENANTING TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE LEGALLY AVAILABLE NON-AD VALOREM REVENUES TO PAY THE 2024 NOTE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner May to approve Resolution No. 18-2024 authorizing the issuance of a Capital Improvement Revenue Note, Series 2024, changing the not to exceed percentage to 4.12% in Section 3 and adding language that any proceeds not needed would be repaid to the loan.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

- B. Contract with Clear Gov Inc. to provide Budget Development Software (1:26:38)

Action: Motion made by Vice Mayor Malega and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the contract with Clear Gov Inc to provide Budget Development Software.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

C. Work Order 1 with The Paving Lady for paving and concrete repair work (1:28:47)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner McVoy and seconded by Vice Mayor Malega to approve Work Order 1 with The Paving Lady for paving and concrete repair work.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners McVoy, May and Diaz. NAYS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (reordered to follow New Business) (1:29:39)

A. Discussion regarding the Head Start Program at the Osborne Community Center brought forward by the Office of the City Manager (1:29:59)

Action: Consensus for a base rate of \$2,000 a month for the lease renewal.

B. Discussion regarding options related to a residency requirement for the City Manager (2:09:24)

Action: Consensus to bring an ordinance adding language that a residency within 20 miles of the northwest and southwest boundaries of the City would be preferred but not required.

Commissioner McVoy left the meeting at 8:21 PM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF NON-AGENDAED ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA:
(2:25:18)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS:

June 14 - pre-agenda work session @ 1 pm

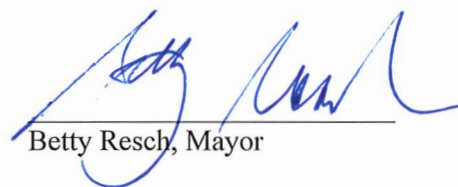
June 18 - attorney-client closed door session @ 5 pm

June 18 - regular meeting @ 6 pm

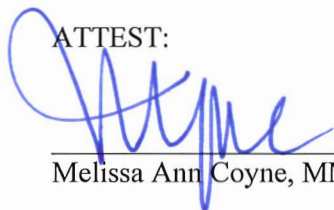
ADJOURNMENT: (2:55:51)

Action: Motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner May to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Mayor Resch, Vice Mayor Malega and Commissioners May and Diaz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner McVoy.


Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved June 16, 2024

Item time stamps correspond to the recording on YouTube.



Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees NEST

A collaboration of neighbors advocating for native shade trees in **Bryant Park**, Lake Worth Beach



Founding Members - NEST

Roseann Malakates . Tracy Rosof-Petersen . Gael Silverblatt . Susan Ona . Susan Guyaux

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What are Tiny Forests:

Tiny Forests are small scale, densely planted, native urban forests consisting of trees and shrubs. The method emphasizes the use of dense plantings, diverse locally adapted forest species, and multilayered design to mimic the complexity of a native forest.

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- Provide needed shady green spaces for people to enjoy, offering mental health benefits
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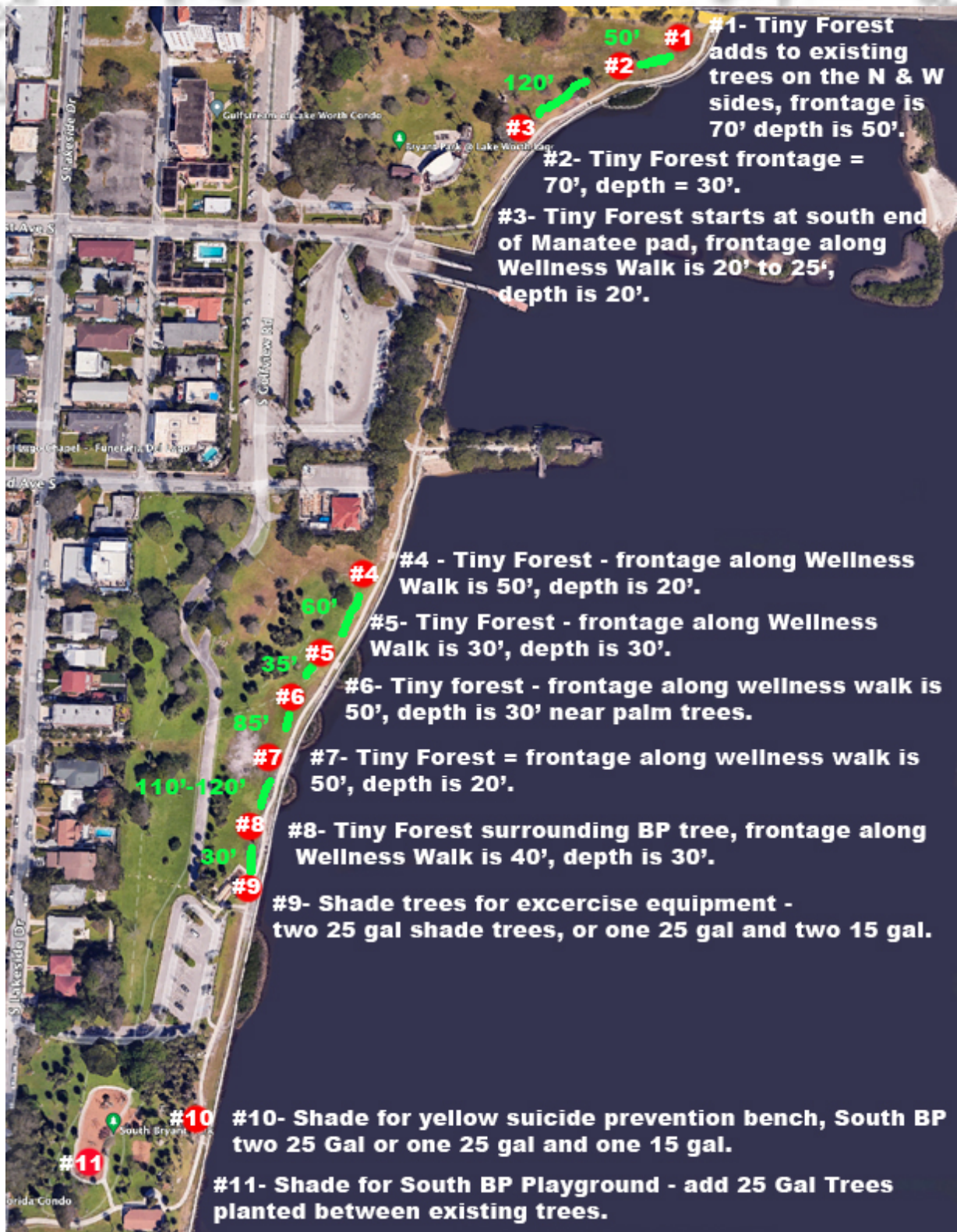
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Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees

Lake Worth Beach residents advocating for native shade trees for Bryant Park
September 2024 Update

August 2023 **NEST** was formed by LWB neighbors with a vision to increase the shade in Bryant Park and around the city. Mayor Resch encouraged **NEST** to move forward on advocating for shade. **NEST** received support from the Tree and Landscape Board, the City Horticulturist David McGrew, the City Commission, and many neighbors and residents.

Sept 21st 2023, **NEST** appeared before the Tree and Landscape Board to request they use \$25,000. from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to plant shade trees in Bryant Park. **NEST** also requested the tree board ask the city to match that amount with another \$25,000. They too shared **NEST's** enthusiasm and vision, and voted to approve.

Nov 7th 2023, the City Commission unanimously approved the allocation of \$25,000. from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund and to match their request with \$25,000. from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act 2021) funds to plant native shade trees in Bryant Park, as soon as possible.

NEST and the Tree and Landscape Board collaborated on a proposal to create 8 Tiny Forests, plus shade trees over the yellow suicide prevention bench, the exercise area, and shade trees to surround the playground in Bryant Park. Tiny Forests, sometimes known as mini or micro forests, are small urban areas packed with a concentration of native vegetation and trees to create a complex ecosystem.

Bryant Park's Tiny Forests will be planted along the west side of the Wellness Walk adjacent to the seawall, from the north to the south end of the park, adding Wellness to the Wellness Walk. Each Tiny Forest will have a variety of small, medium and large native trees and shrubs (see list below) with no two forests being identical. There will be 50 to 120 feet between each Tiny Forest. *Smarty Plants*, our local nursery, will supply plants and guidance.

In November the first Tiny Forest will be planted, surrounding the Bryant Park Neighborhood Association's Green Buttonwood Tree planted Jan. 2023. BPNA will adopt this Tiny Forest by volunteering to help with planting and daily watering until the forest is established. As more Tiny Forests are planted other neighborhood associations can volunteer to adopt a forest to help with planting and watering.

The City Commission, **NEST** and the T&L Board are excited to begin this project of adding shade to Bryant Park, encouraging residents to increase shade on their property. The City Commission has discussed designating annual funds to help cool the city and add beauty to our neighborhoods and city streets.

Native Trees and Shrubs

Bahama Cassia	Jamaica Caper	Silver Buttonwood
Bay Cedar	Lancewood	Simpson Stopper
Beautyberry	Live oak	Spanish Stopper
Black Ironwood	Mahogany	Spicewood
Crabwood	Marlberry	Wax Myrtle
Dahoon Holly	Necklace Pod	White Indigo Berry
Firebush	Paradise Tree	White Stopper
Florida Boxwood	Pigeon Plum	Wild Coffee
Green Buttonwood	Short-leaf Fig	

NEST Founding Members

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I am a concerned neighbor and nature lover who is feeling the effects of climate change in our city and believes creating shade now is necessary and critical for our future.

I am committed to assist with planting, maintenance, and other support roles that are deemed important to the success of creating more shade in Bryant Park.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TEAM _____

Full Name	Street Address	Email	Phone
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Founding Members - NEST

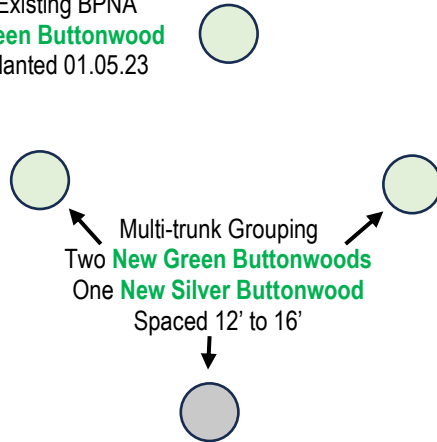
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Oct 24, 2024 T+LB Meeting - rescheduled from Sept 12, 2024
Scott R.

→ 25 Gallon	Flooding	Spray	Notes
Green Buttonwood	Frequent	High	Wind?
Dahoon Holly	Not Tolerant	Low/No	
Crabwood	Not Tolerant	Some	Not direct spray
Pigeon Plum	Not Tolerant	Some	Not direct spray
Mahogany	Not Tolerant	Low/No	
Live Oak	Tolerant	Moderate	?
Silver Buttonwood	Frequent	High	
Short-leaf Fig	Not Tolerant	Not Tolerant	
→ Suggested 15 Gallon Trees:			
Black ironwood	Tolerant	Moderate	storm surges
Jamaica Caper	Tolerant	Moderate	?
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Bay Cedar	Tolerant	High	?
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Simpson Stoppers	Not Tolerant	Some	
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→ Suggested 1-3 Gallon Shrubs:			
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White Indigoberry	Not Tolerant	Moderate	
Marlberry	Not Tolerant	Moderate	
Bahama Cassia	Not Tolerant	Moderate	
Wild Coffee	Not Tolerant	Some	
Spicewood	Not Tolerant	Moderate	
Necklace Pod	Tolerant	High	?
Mimosa	Not Tolerant	Low/No	
Beautyberry	Not Tolerant	Some	

Suitable or Not???

Existing BPNA
Green Buttonwood
Planted 01.05.23



Multi-trunk Grouping
Three New Green Buttonwoods
Spaced 6' to 8'

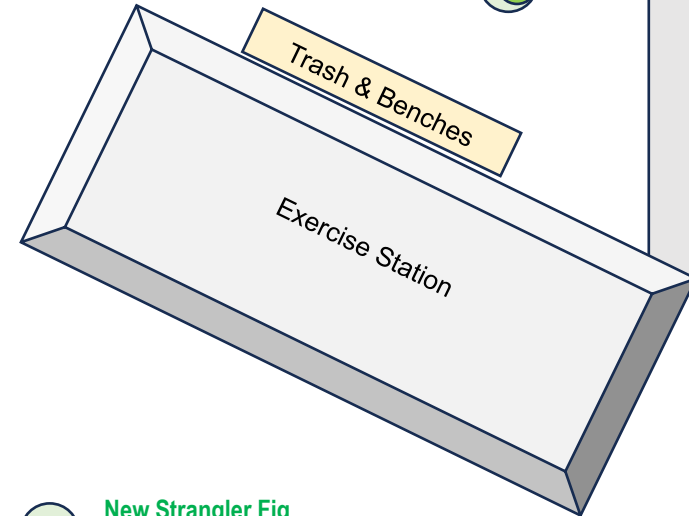


Two Existing Sabal Palm Trees
Replace weak SP with
New Strangler Fig



Trash & Benches

Exercise Station



New Strangler Fig
to shade the exercise
equipment in the afternoon.



Existing Sabal Palm Tree Grouping

11.12.2024 – Suggested SHADE PLAN for Bryant Park

Paul from Amelia's Smarty Plants will supervise, supply, and plant:

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- Groupings of multi-trunked trees to foster natural growth and low maintenance
- Mulch around each tree
- Install and monitor wood pencil stakes with straps, tight triangle
- Available to start 2 weeks after final approvals

LWB will:

- Say Yes! Go! Start! Yay for Shade!
- Use City Commission approved Funds (Nov. 7th 2023) = \$25,000. Tree Canopy Restoration Fund and \$25,000. ARPA Funds
- Replace and Repair, if needed, existing irrigation lines
- Irrigate as suggested by Paul
- Coordinate water truck usage and availability with NEST volunteers

Suggested Watering Schedule in addition to regular irrigation schedule:

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- BPNA has volunteered to sponsor this SHADE Grouping with daily and weekly watering tasks.

Thank you, NEST Founders – Gael, Roseann, Susan G., Susan O., Tracy

From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net

Subject: Update: Bryant Park Shade Trees & Irrigation

Date: December 20, 2024 at 4:17 PM

To: Betty Resch Mayorresch@gmail.com, Sarah Malega smalega@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Christopher W. McVoy cmcvoy@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Reinaldo Diaz RDiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, mmay@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

Cc: Mina Tawadros mtawadros@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Rodriguez smrodriguez@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Annie Greening agreening@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Jamie Brown jbrown@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Ropp sropp@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

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CC: Tree and Landscape Board Members and Tracy Rosof Petersen

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We're hoping to have a second planting of shade trees mid-February. More TBA

Again we sincerely thank all who have made this project happen.

Tracy Rosof Petersen and Gael Silverblatt





Intracoastal

Seawall

Grassy Area

Wellness Walk

Bryant Park SHADE PLAN

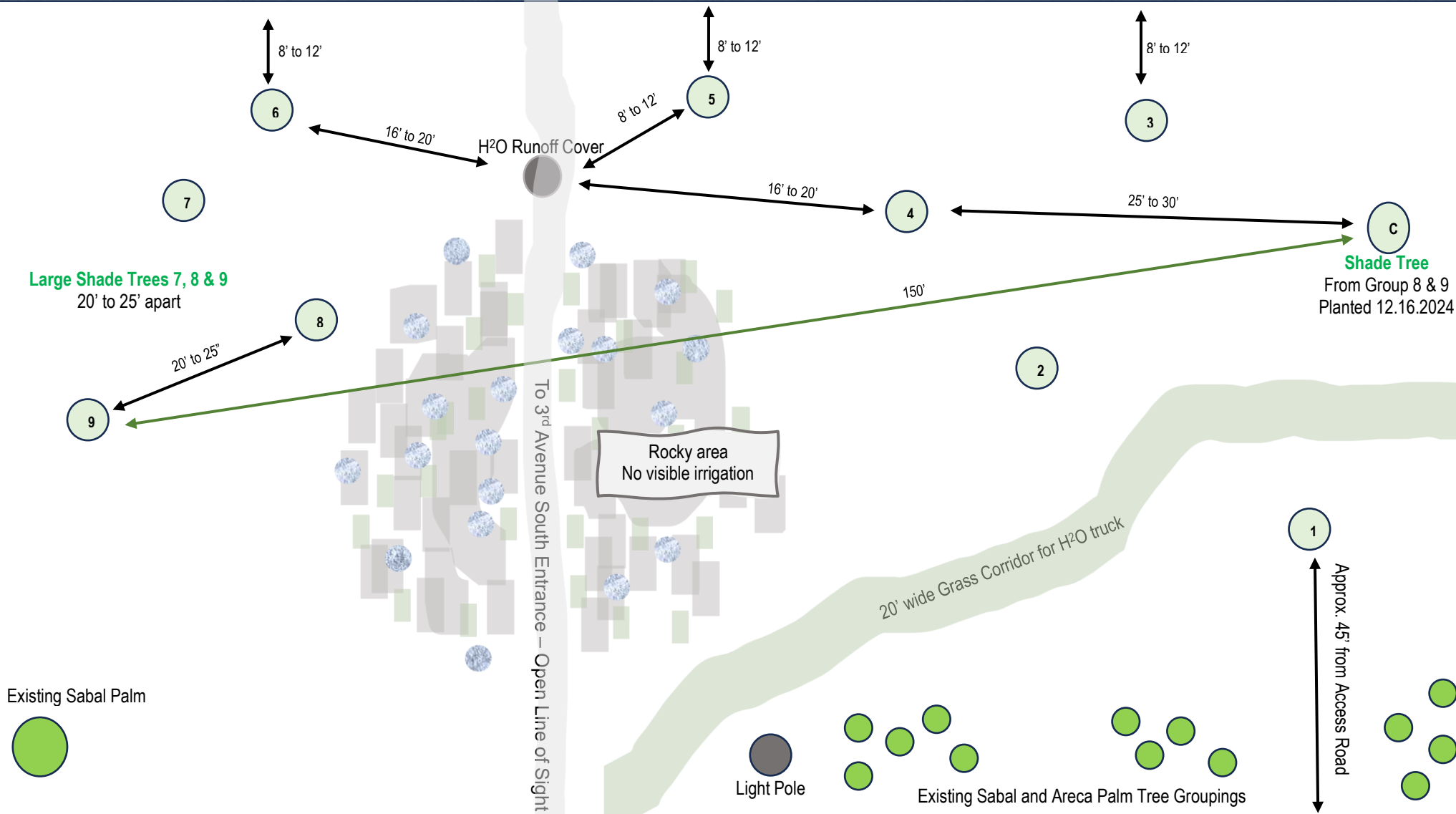
Shade Trees - Groups 6 & 7

Feb.10, 2025 Planting

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Lake Worth Beach, Florida



Existing Sabal Palm

Access Road

Smarty Plants instructions for New Shade Trees in Groups 6 & 7:

1. Maintain Irrigation lines and flag sprinkler heads on or before Feb 6.
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SHADE PLAN Continued instructions:

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Updated 12.15.2024 – Suggested SHADE PLAN for Bryant Park

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Thank you, NEST Founders – Gael, Roseann, Susan G., Susan O., Tracy

From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net
Subject: Feb 10th - Second Shade Tree Planting in Bryant Park

Date: January 16, 2025 at 1:27 PM

To: Betty Resch Mayorresch@gmail.com, Sarah Malega smalega@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Christopher W. McVoy cmcvoy@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Reinaldo Diaz RDiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Mimi May mmay@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Mina Tawadros mtawadros@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Rodriguez smrodriguez@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Annie Greening agreening@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Jamie Brown jbrown@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Ropp sropp@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

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Good Afternoon Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Staff, TLB members and NEST members: This is an update to the Bryant Park Planting. I've included an email you all received on Dec 20th. saying what a great success this first planting was and that the next planting will be mid-Feb.

Monday Feb 10th is the date of the second planting of 9 shade trees in Bryant Park. After the Feb 10th planting the next and final planting till fall will be mid March, probably Monday March 10th.

I have attached the site plan for the Feb 10th planting Tracy drew showing the approximate locations for the trees. The locations depend on where the sprinkler heads are located so as to have the best watering for the trees as possible. I have also attached a new simplified map of the park showing the areas where the groups of trees are being planted. The first planting Dec 16th was Group 8 & 9, the second planting Feb 10th will be Group 6 & 7, and the third planting in March will be Group 4 & 5. In the fall we can start by planting Group 1 just south of the bridge.

Scott Rodriguez has scheduled a meeting with staff, NEST, TLB members and Paul Harding for Tuesday Jan 21st at 9am on site to assess the irrigation system and finalize the locations for the trees.

It has been a month since the first planting and the trees look great and are healthy. We are fortunate to have Paul Harding from Amelia's SmartyPlants supplying and installing the trees. He has over 20 years of expertise planting in our coastal region and knows which trees to plant here. As we know this area is harsh with salt spray, heavy winds and dry conditions. It is not just about getting trees in the ground but getting #1 Florida Fancy healthy trees in the ground, planted correctly that will survive and grow into large shade trees for our visitors and residents to enjoy for many years to come.

It is so exciting to see this Shade Tree Plan progressing.
Thanks to everyone who has been involved and who has been supportive.
Gael Silverblatt
Tracy Rosof Petersen



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Tracy Rosof Petersen and Gael Silverblatt

From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net

Subject: UPDATE Shade Tree Plantings in Bryant Park

Date: February 7, 2025 at 6:18 PM

To: Betty Resch Mayorresch@gmail.com, Betty Resch bresch@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Sarah Malega smalega@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Christopher W. McVoy cmcvoy@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Reinaldo Diaz RDiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Mimi May mmay@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Jamie Brown jbrown@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

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Dear Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Sarah Malega, and Commissioners Christopher McVoy, Reinaldo Diaz and Mimi May:

This is an update for the Bryant Park Shade Tree Plantings.
The next planting will be Monday Feb 10th.

I have attached the update for the Tree and Landscape Board meeting Feb 13th. The site plan showing the planting for Monday Feb 10th and Monday Feb 17th and the aerial map showing the locations of the Groups of Tree Locations in the park (formerly called Tiny Forests).

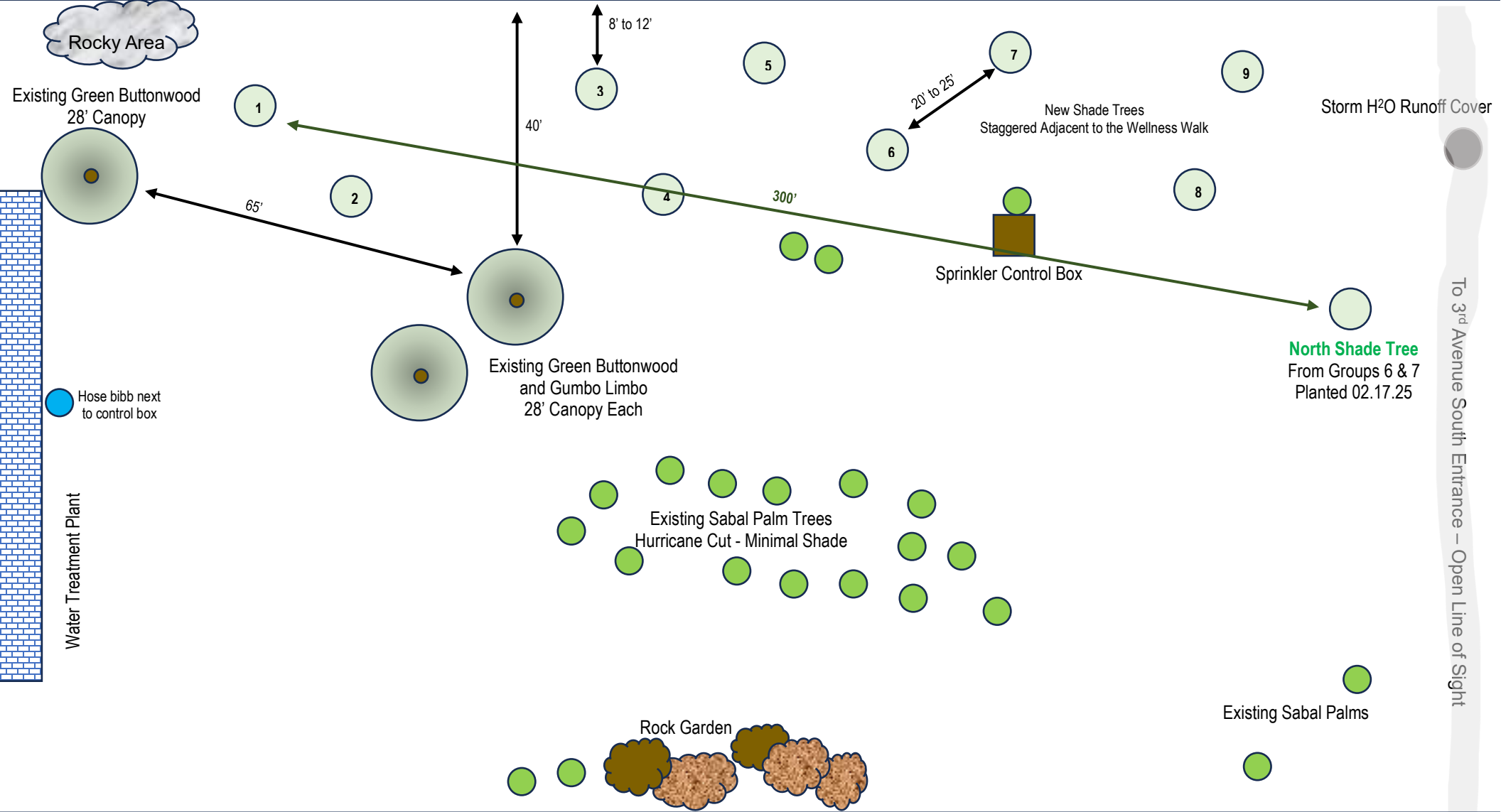
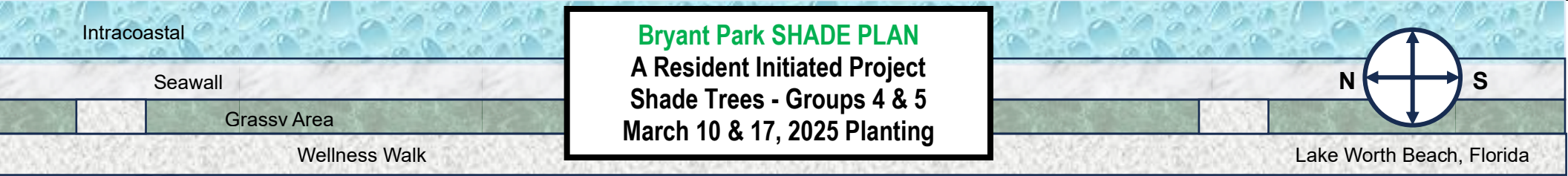
Thank you for your support for this project and future tree plantings across the city to cook and beautify our city.
Gael Silverblatt

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Feb. 13th Tree and Landscape Board Update of the Shade Tree Plantings in Bryant Park:



Smarty Plants instructions for New Shade Trees in Groups 4 & 5:

1. **Maintain Irrigation** lines and flag sprinkler heads before March 10
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3. **H₂O Truck Irrigation** – Daily for 2 weeks after planting.

SHADE PLAN Continued care and instructions for previous and future plantings:

1. **Groups 6 through 9** - Continue sprinkler Irrigation 2 to 3 times a week through Mid-April followed by 1 to 2 times a week through June and possibly all summer.

Updated notes for the Shade Tree Planting in Bryant Park, Lake Worth Beach, 1.15.2025

Paul from Amelia's Smarty Plants will supervise, supply, and plant:

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Success! The first planting was successful on 12.16.2024

- Planted - 9 trees - Four 25gal & three 65gal Green Buttonwoods, two 25gal Calophyllum
- Paul & two employees planted, mulched, watered, fertilized and staked 9 trees in four to five hours
- Stakes may stay in the ground supporting the trees for up to two years
- One month out, the Florida #1 Fancy Trees are doing very well in the dark rich soil by the Wellness Walk
- Neighbors came out to support the planting and welcomed learning about the trees and planting process
- NEST is receiving very positive feedback about the project from many residents who walk the park daily

Thank you, NEST Founders – Gael, Roseann, Susan G., Susan O., Tracy

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Feb. 13th Tree and Landscape Board Update of the Shade Tree Plantings in Bryant Park:

See Site Map SHADEPLAN - 02.07.25 showing the Shade Tree Groups (formerly Tiny Forests)

- Shade Trees in Groups 8 & 9 were planted Dec 16th. Four 25g & three 65g Green Buttonwoods, two 25g Calophyllum.
- Shade Trees in Groups 6 & 7 will be planted starting on Feb 10th with two 25g Greenbutton Woods, two 25g Calophyllum.
- On Feb 17th three Greenbutton Woods, two 25g Calophyllum will be planted.
- Shade Trees in Groups 5 & 4 (just south of the Water Treatment Plant) will be planted March 10th. and March 17th.
- The March Shade Tree plantings will be the last plantings till fall when the temperatures are cooler.
- Group 1 (just south of the bridge) will be the first Shade Tree planting In the fall.

It has been two months since the first planting and the trees look great and are healthy. We are fortunate to have Paul Harding from Amelia's SmartyPlants supplying and installing the trees. He has over 20 years of expertise planting in our coastal region and knows which trees to plant here. As we know this area is harsh with salt spray, heavy winds and dry conditions.

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From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net

Subject: UPDATE - Tree and Landscape Meeting Agenda Item - Old Business A.

Date: February 7, 2025 at 4:46 PM

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BCC: NEST Members.

Good Afternoon Tree Board Members, Community Sustainability Directors and Nest Members.

This is an update for the Tree and Landscape Board meeting Agenda Item - Old Business A.

I have attached the Bryant Park Shade Tree Plan for the Feb 10th and 17th plantings (ShadePlan - 02.07.25) and the aerial map (Shade Tree Plan - 1-15-2025) showing the Group locations for the planting.
Each Shade Tree planting covers two Groups shown on the map.

If you have any questions please contact me - 561-346-5376 or Tracy Rosof Petersen - 561 585-1411

Thank you,
Gael Silverblatt

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ShadePlan - 02.07.25.pdf
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Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees

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A collaboration of Lake Worth Beach residents advocating for native shade trees for Bryant Park

From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net
Subject: UPDATE - Bryant Park Shade Tree Planting Project
Date: February 19, 2025 at 3:58 PM



To: Betty Resch bresch@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Betty Resch Mayorresch@gmail.com, Sarah Malega smalega@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Christopher W. McVoy cmcvoy@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Reinaldo Diaz RDiaz@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Mimi May mmay@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Jamie Brown jbrown@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Mina Tawadros mtawadros@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Annie Greening agreening@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Rodriguez smrodriguez@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Ropp sropp@lakeworthbeachfl.gov

Bcc Tree and Landscape Board members, NEST members.

Dear Mayor Betty Resch, Vice Mayor Sarah Malega, Commissioners Christopher McVoy, Reinaldo Diaz, Mimi May, City Staff - City Manager Jamie Brown, Assistant Public Works Director Mina Tawadros, Planning Directors Annie Greening and Scott Rodriguez, Supervisor Grounds Maintenance Scott Ropp:

A short note to let you know the Shade Tree Planting Project is going very well. As of today 18 Shade Trees have been chosen, delivered, and planted by Paul Harding and his employees from Amelia's SmartyPlants, our local nursery. The trees are 65 gallon and 25 gallon #1 Florida Fancy Green Buttonwoods and Calophyllum trees chosen for their suitability to survive in this location.

The next 9 shade trees will be planted on March 10th and March 17th.

This March planting in Bryant Park will be the last until fall when the temperatures are cooler.

We are fortunate to have Paul Harding from Amelia's SmartyPlants supplying and installing the trees. He has over 20 years of expertise planting in our coastal region and knows which trees to plant here. As we know this area is harsh with salt spray, heavy winds and dry conditions.

It is not just about getting trees in the ground but getting #1 Florida Fancy healthy trees in the ground, and planted correctly that will survive and grow into large shade trees for our visitors and residents to enjoy for many years to come.

It is so exciting to see this Shade Tree Plan progressing.
Thanks to everyone who has been involved and supportive.

Neighbors Encouraging Shade Tree Founding Members:
Gael Silverblatt, Tracy Rosof-Petersen, Susan Ona, Susan Guyaux, Roseann Malakates



From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net
Subject: UPDATE Bryant Park Shade Tree Plantings March 17th, 2025
Date: March 17, 2025 at 1:23 PM
To: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net, earthartists earthartists@bellsouth.net



BCC: NEST members, Tree and Landscape Board, Mayor and City Commission, City Manager, City Staff.

Dear All!

The last of the spring Shade Tree Plantings Project took place this morning with the addition of four more shade trees planted just south of the Water Treatment Plant.

The 27 Shade Trees planted along the Wellness Walk from the exercise equipment area to the Water Treatment Plant are doing well and look great!
They are healthy and showing some new growth.

We look forward to continuing the Shade Tree Planting Project at the end of summer with more trees being planted.

Thank you all for supporting this project.

Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees founding members,
Gael Silverblatt and Tracy Rosof-Petersen

From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net
Subject: Bryant Park Tree Plantings update for Fall 2025
Date: August 12, 2025 at 5:41 PM
To: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net, EarthArtists earthartists@bellsouth.net

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BCC: Tree Board Members, Nest Members, Planning Staff, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Assistant Director Public Works, Director Leisure Services.

Dear Tree Board Members, Annie Greening, Scott Rodriguez, Scot Ropp, Mina Tawadros, and Teanna McKay:
Hope everyone is well.

Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees, NEST, has been busy planning the Fall 2025 Bryant Park Tree Planting and are excited to send you our proposal for the plantings in the North End of Bryant Park in October.

Tracy and Gael met with Paul Harding from SmartyPlants Garden Center this afternoon, discussing where the 25 gallon #1 Florida Fancy Silver and Green Buttonwood trees should be planted to provide shade for the Wellness Walkway and to create a Joyful Trees Circle providing a shady circle event space for public performances and community events.
The proposal is attached..

NEST will be at the Tree and Landscape Board Meeting Thursday August 14th at 6pm with a site plan hand-out showing the locations of the trees to be planted.

We look forward to discussion our proposal at the meeting.
Gael Silverblatt and Tracy Rosof-Petersen

**2025 NEST August Update
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From: Gael Silverblatt gaelsilverblatt@earthlink.net
Subject: Bryant Park Tree Planting Phase 2 Fall 2025
Date: August 14, 2025 at 9:01 PM

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To: Teanna McKay tmckay@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Mina Tawadros mtawadros@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Jamie Brown jbrown@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Annie Greening agreening@LakeWorthBeachfl.gov, Scott Rodriguez smrodriguez@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Scott Ropp sropp@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, Betty Resch bresch@lakeworthbeachfl.gov, EarthArtists earthartists@bellsouth.net

Dear Teanna, Mina, Jamie, Annie, Scott, Scot and Betty:
Tracy Rosof-Petersen and I as founding NEST (Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees) members presented the Phase 2 Tree Planting Proposal to the Tree and Landscape Board members. Jamie and Mina attended the meeting along with Annie and Scott. I've attached the presentation and site map for you to see.

The Joyful Trees Circle of 15 Silver Buttonwood trees will have a diameter of 60 feet with trees planted every 12 feet. As you can see from the attached site map it will be in the north east corner of Bryant Park.

It will be a living venue for activities such as dance, drum circles, music gatherings, poetry reading, yoga and quiet contemplation. This event space "in the round" has entrances and exits from all sides, no front, no back, no formal entrance. This "in the round" event space will be less formal and maybe more creative than events using the stage.

People could sit within the circle of trees or sit in the shade around the circle observing the performances. We can imagine night time activities in the Joyful Trees Circle with modern dance troupes carrying small LED lights flickering through the trees as they dance.

The 15 Silver Buttonwood trees in a 60 foot diameter circle will create an appearance of a halo of silvery leaves. The equal spacing between the Silver Buttonwood trunks of the circle will be entrances and exits creating arches that mirror the facade of the Gulfstream Hotel.

Just before the Tree and Landscape Board meeting Tracy found a site on the internet called Earth Art Studio Tree Circles. <https://www.earth-art-studio.com/tree-circles.html>
These Tree Circles around the world are photographed from space and are an attraction for many tourists.

Lake Worth Beach could have a living venue for creative events and a tourist attraction called the Joyful Trees Circle.

The Tree and Landscape Board voted in favor of Phase 2 Fall 2025 unanimously. Jamie, Mina, Annie and Scott approved the idea but want to hear from Teanna as Director of Leisure Services and Event Coordinator.

I hope you are as excited about the Joyful Trees Circle as we are. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can let Paul Harding from SmartyPlants know and he can start thinking about gathering the trees and crew together.

Sincerely,
Gael Silverblatt
Tracy Rosof-Petersen.



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Phase 1 Completed Plantings - Groups 4 through 9

► Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Central Area

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Phase 2 Upcoming Plantings - Groups 1, 2, 3

- Fall 2025 North End
 - Monday, October 6th, to be planted - fifteen 25-gallon Silver Buttonwood Trees
 - Monday, October 20th, to be planted – nine 25-gallon Green Buttonwood Trees
- **Joyful Trees Circle**
 - A shady Circle of Trees with open event space for creative public performances and community events
 - A living venue for activities such as dance, drum circles, music gatherings, poetry readings, yoga, quiet contemplation etc.
 - 15 multi-trunk **Silver Buttonwood Trees** to be planted with clear trunk to 5 or 6 feet
 - 60-foot diameter wide circle of trees
 - trees openly spaced for city maintenance, mowing, and visibility of the waterfront
- **Green Buttonwood Trees**
 - 9 trees to be planted, shading the North End and Wellness Walk



Phase 3 Plantings - Groups 10,11

- Winter 2026 South End
 - 27 trees to be planted
 - surrounding the playground and adjacent areas
 - shading areas for picnicking, socializing, and parents watching children at play

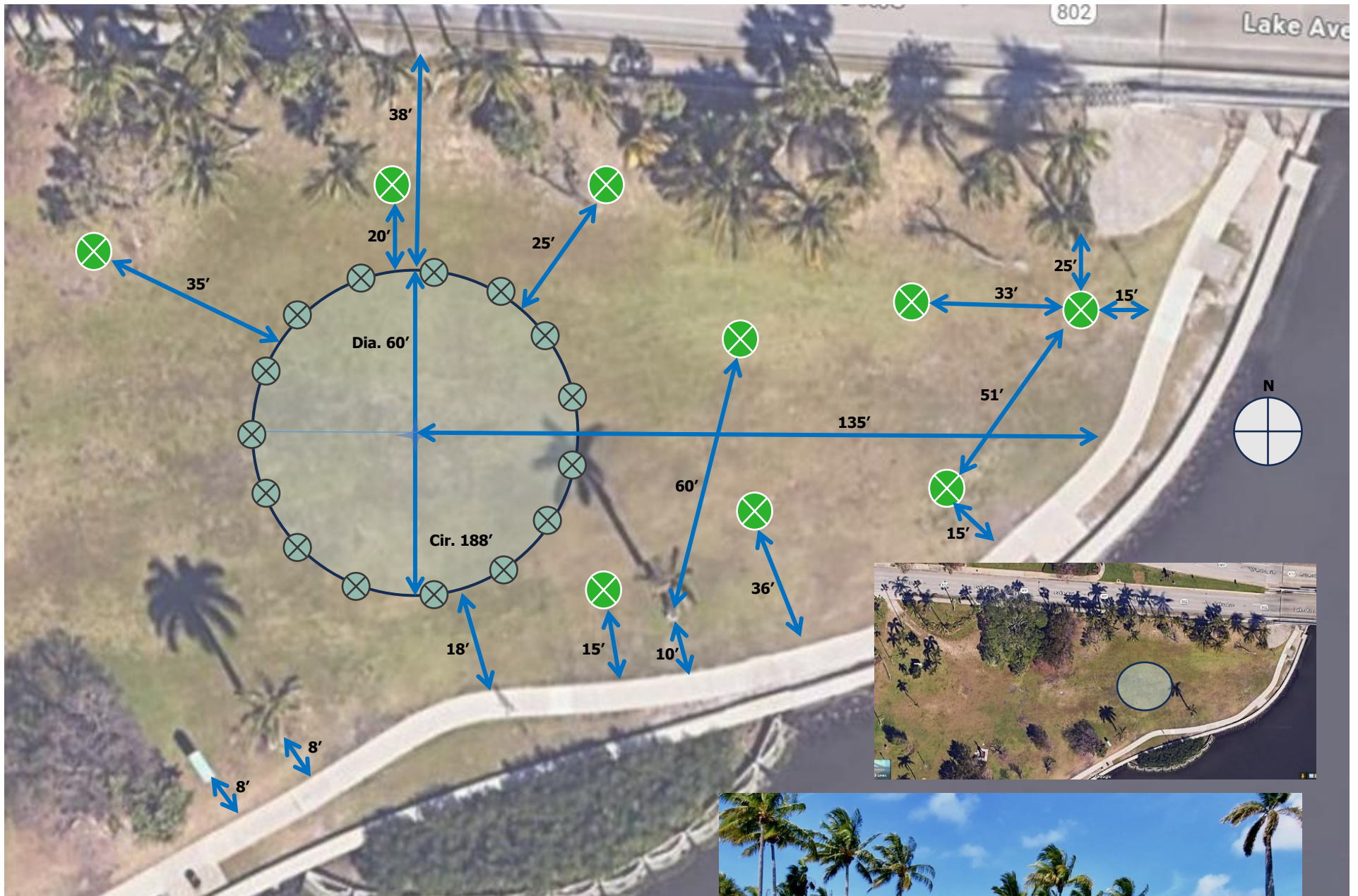


Phase 4 Plantings

- Fall 2026
 - number of trees to be planted TBD

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NEST Bryant Park Shade Plan: Phase 2 - Fall 2025

- ⊗ Joyful Trees Circle - 15 Silver Buttonwood Trees
- ⊗ Shade for Northeast Corner - 9 Green Buttonwood Trees



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September 16, 2025 Update • LWB City Commission Meeting, Public Participation of Non-Agendaed Items

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Phase 2 Northeast Corner – Upcoming Planting Twenty-Four 25-gallon trees

- Monday October 27th and the following two to three Mondays
- **Joyful Trees Circle – Fifteen Silver Buttonwood Trees**
 - 15 **Silver Buttonwood Trees** with 5' to 6' of clear trunk in a 60-foot diameter circle
 - Trees openly spaced for city maintenance, mowing, and visibility of the waterfront
 - A shady venue with open event space for creative public performances, community events and collaborative activities such as dance, drum circles, music gatherings, poetry readings, yoga and quiet contemplation
 - Joyful Trees Circle will offer a pause as visitors stroll on the shaded Wellness Walk
- **Nine Green Buttonwood Trees**
 - Trees will shade the Northeast corner and Wellness Walk providing a space to enjoy the Lake Worth Lagoon and interact with nature



Phase 3 Plantings

- January/February 2026 South End
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Phase 4 Plantings

- Fall 2026
 - number of trees and locations to be determined

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Update Tree & Landscape Board October 9th, BRYANT PARK TREE PLANTING PHASE 2 FALL 2025

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The Bryant Park ShadeTree Planting Phase 2 received unanimous approval

Aug 14th - NEST met with the Tree & Landscape Board

Sept 16th - NEST updated the City Commission

Aug 28th and Oct 1st - NEST met with Leisure Services Director, Assistant Leisure Services Director, Parks Supervisor, Events Supervisor and Recreation Supervisor

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Bryant Park Shade Plan - Phase Two Northeast Corner Progress Report

November 1, 2025

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- **Phase One Accomplished** - Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, Central Bryant Park, 27 trees planted shading the Wellness Walkway South of the Water Treatment Plant

Phase Two Northeast Corner Progress Report

August:

- Tree & Landscape Board Meeting - NEST presented Bryant Park Shade Plan Phase Two August update and site plan. In attendance: T&LB members, Jamie Brown, Mina Tawadros, Annie Greening, Scott Rodriguez
- Phase Two Presentation forwarded by email, Teanna McKay, Jamie Brown, Mina Tawadros, Annie Greening, Scot Rodriguez, Scot Ropp, and Mayor Betty Resch
- Phase Two Joyful Trees Circle site visit with marked tree locations, Teanna McKay, 2 staff members and Chris Hana

September:

- Teanna McKay requested NEST contact Sunshine811 for utility locates before digging and give a brief presentation at the upcoming the City Commission meeting
- **NEST** presented the September update and site plan to the City Commission meeting Sept 16th

October:

- Phase Two Joyful Trees Circle site visit with marked tree locations, Stuart Sword and Chris Hana
- October update email with back-up material for agenda item and confirmation of Monday, October 27th planting, T&LB members, Stuart Sword, Chris Hana, Scot Ropp and Scott Rodriguez
- **NEST** submitted a ticket to Sunshine811 for utility locates with 24 marked tree locations in the Northeast Corner
- **NEST** coordinated the Sunshine811 utility locates meetings and forwarded all clear confirmation to Stuart Sword, Chris Hana and Amelia's SmartyPlants
- Phase Two planting commences Oct. 27th – 60' diameter Joyful Trees Circle, fifteen 25-gallon, 8'-9' tall Silver Buttonwood trees, planted 12 feet apart

November:

- Phase Two Planting continues: nine 25-gallon Green Buttonwood trees shading the Northeast corner and Wellness Walk
- Maintain Phase One Plantings: Fertilize and Trim

Florida Native Silver and Green Buttonwood Tree Characteristics:

- Ideal for seaside planting, highly tolerant of full sun, sandy soils, windy and salty conditions
- Silver Buttonwood trees annual growth rate is typically 1-3 feet in height; mature height of 15 to 20 feet
- Green Buttonwood trees annual growth rate is typically 1-3 feet in height; mature height of 30 to 45 feet

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Shade Tree Plan Background and Benchmarks

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Background

November 7th 2023, City Commission Unanimously Approved the Tree & Landscape Board's recommendation to allocate \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund and match the request with \$25,000 from other city funds to plant native shade trees in Bryant Park by the end of 2023 or as soon thereafter as possible with the location, sizes and groupings as proposed in the **Matching Fund Request*** from NEST.

November 7th 2023, City Commission Unanimously Approved matching the \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to the Tree Fund from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act 2021) funds.

* Matching Fund Request

Top Three Suggested Locations for Native Shade Trees in Bryant Park

1. Along the full length of concrete sidewalk running parallel to the seawall from the Lake Worth Bridge to the South end of Bryant Park at the Pavilion. Shade Trees could be staggered on both sides of the walkway in natural grouping of small, medium and large trees.

- **Phase One Accomplished** - Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, Central Bryant Park, 27 trees planted shading the Wellness Walkway South of the Water Treatment Plant
- **Phase Two Partially Accomplished** – Fall 2025 Joyous Trees Circle, Bryant Park Northeast Corner, 15 Multi-trunk Silver Buttonwood Trees; **Paused**: 9 Green Buttonwood Trees Shading Bryant Park Northeast Corner and Wellness Walk

2. At the North end, on the West side of the benches at the Band Shell to provide shade for the seating area. Shade trees could be staggered on both sides of the walkway.

3. In and around the children's playground at the south end. Shade trees could be staggered on both sides of the walkway in natural groups of small, medium and large trees.

Bryant Park Trees Planted, Projection, Characteristics:

Total Trees Planted, Forty-two – Thirty-nine 25-gal and Three 65-gal Native and Suitable coastal Trees

Total Trees Projected to be Planted by the end of 2026 – One Hundred and Five Trees

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Benchmarks

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2024

October 2 → City Horticulturist and Tree & Landscape board liaison David McGrew retires

October 24 T&LB & staff meeting → including Asst. Public Works Director, Paul from Amelia's SmartyPlants GC

- pause tree plantings because of staff shortage
- registered vendor Amelia's SmartyPlants accepted for in-kind professional services, and supplier of Florida Fancy #1 trees, tree delivery, tree planting, mulch, on-going maintenance and fertilizing
- revise NEST tree & shrub list to include Green Buttonwood and Suitable coastal trees in compliance with city ordinance Section 23.6-1 Native and Suitable trees tolerant of sun, sandy soils, windy and salty conditions

November 7 T&LB & staff meeting → including Asst. Public works director, Paul from Amelia's SmartyPlants

- at PBSO request revise Shade Plan to eliminate Tiny Forests with underbrush, plant only Shade Trees
- all trees must be 25-gallon or larger
- trees to be planted on the west side and at least 8' from sidewalks, and spaced 12' apart

December 16 Phase One Planting → Nine Trees: Six 25-gal & Three 65-gal Native & Suitable Coastal Trees

2025

February 10 & 17 Phase One Planting→ Nine 25-gal trees Native and Suitable Coastal Trees

March 10 & 17 Phase One Planting→ Nine 25-gal trees Native and Suitable Coastal Trees

May 14 TL&B tree recommendation→ appropriate native and non-native plants

August 14 T&LB & staff meeting→ including City Manager and Asst. Public Works Director

- approved Phase Two site plan with tree locations, including Joyous Trees Circle Grouping

September 16 LWB CC meeting→ NEST comments and distributes September update and Phase Two site plan with tree locations

October 27 Phase Two Planting→ Fifteen 25-gal Multi-trunk Silver Buttonwood Trees in a 60-foot diameter Circular Grouping

November 4 LWB CC meeting→ Pause future tree installs until commission discussion on Nov 18th

November 18 LWB CC meeting→

Future Plantings

Phase Three➤ January/February 2026 South End, 27 trees surrounding the playground and adjacent areas

Phase Four➤ Fall 2026 number of trees and locations to be determined

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