

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: December 2, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Commission/Leisure Services

TITLE:

Discussion regarding Commission approval of landscaping changes in public parks brought forward by Commissioner Segrich

SUMMARY:

The Commission requested to bring forward a discussion regarding Commission approval of landscaping changes in public parks.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

At its Regular Commission Meeting on November 4, 2025 the Commission asked to bring forward a discussion regarding Commission approval of landscaping changes in Public Parks. In the meantime, a pause was placed on any new planting of trees by the City.

The discussion was initially scheduled for the November 18 Commission Meeting agenda; however, during the November 14 Pre-Agenda Workshop, the item was removed to allow additional time for the requested backup materials to be provided. Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees (NEST) has since submitted the backup for the Bryant Park tree-planting project, including a full timeline and process dating back to 2023. The backup materials and minutes from that meeting, as well as from the June 18, 2024 meeting, are also included.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove unpausing the NEST tree plantings that follow the procedures for landscape changes in public parks and provide direction for landscaping changes in the future.

ATTACHMENT(S):

NEST Project Backup
Photos & description of silver buttonwood trees