

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: November 7, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Discussion of the Tree & Landscape Board's recommendation regarding the planting of trees in Bryant Park

SUMMARY:

The Tree & Landscape Board has recommended the allocation of \$25,000 from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund and is requesting an additional \$25,000 from other City Funds for shade tree planting in Bryant Park.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Per Section 2-82, the Tree & Landscape Board may provide recommendations to the City Commission on expenditures from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund. At their September 21, 2023 meeting, the Tree & Landscape Board voted to recommend that the City Commission spend \$25,000 of the present \$30,548.61 in the Tree Canopy Fund on a tree planting request from Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees (NEST), a local community group, to be used to plant mature native shade trees within Bryant Park by the end of 2023.

The discussion will also include efforts by staff pertaining to the Tree Canopy Program. As part of the anticipated Open Space Recreation Master Plan project, an undated tree canopy survey is anticipated. In addition, the City's Beautification Program including seeking grant funding and a possible partnership with Community Greening will be discussed.

MOTION:

Direction is sought regarding the planting of trees in Bryant Park.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Board recommendation