

Ashley Wayman

From: Amber Lewis
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 6:44 PM
To: Ashley Wayman
Subject: Fwd: City Hall Landscaping Question

Many thanks,
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From: Sara Hutson <shutson@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:36 PM
To: Amber Lewis <alewis@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Subject: Re: City Hall Landscaping Question

At what meeting was the first document presented (in your second paragraph after "This is their plan) ?

From: Amber Lewis <alewis@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Sara Hutson <shutson@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Cc: Ashley Wayman <awayman@rollingwoodtx.gov>; Michael Dyson <mdyson@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Subject: RE: City Hall Landscaping Question

Hi Sara,

When Roxanne was Mayor, she assigned oversight of the water-wise garden to the Park Commission. This project and the list of plants were approved several times by PC, RCDC, and City Council.

The Park Commission initiated and planned this park improvements project over several months. This is their plan. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-ac36a681b5cf408db54f9188103db4b7/ITEM-Attachment-001-2aae5d4f57204cd4a5bd7d39dc334661.pdf> All of the plants positioned for planting that you saw over the weekend are on the list of plants for the water wise garden. Not all of them are here yet as they were not available from the nursery.

- 7/15/2020 – Presented as exceptional item, number 100-55-3 in the City’s budget from the Park Commission. https://www.rollingwoodtx.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/5071/100-55-3_park_improvements.pdf
- 8/26/2020 – Council approves this project as an exceptional item. 5-0. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-ebb9bdcde4734370a9635364fff7c33b/ITEM-Attachment-001-c88110d134c9472dbb2c4dff81de32a.pdf>
- 9/01/2020 – Based on feedback from the budget discussion amongst Council, PC moves forward to make a request to RCDC to fund the project. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-74e779a61aa64b0d9ad50a4366c4a11e/ITEM-Attachment-001-d808b7ff58dd4a749f768374e9b20c43.pdf>
- 9/16/2020 – Budget unanimously approved with this item in the budget. 5-0. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-c49da906bbe24a36b4c2d06db341b632/ITEM-Attachment-001-a11e7cf4be8942b8afc2a8ca3d8e1e60.pdf>
- 10/08/2020 – RCDC holds public hearing and acts to approve the project. 4-0. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-9e3d53530a814872bdcd284c543f0aeb/ITEM-Attachment-001-dd1508d799994ef69d9b03959e0329ec.pdf>
- 10/21/2020 – Council approves first reading of a resolution to authorize the project. 4-0. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-873c9a509e0440f3b90c1dd5f1c9b0f6/ITEM-Attachment-001-62194dc8d80444ce88e72a8628414b1b.pdf>
- 11/18/2020 – Council approves second reading of a resolution to authorize the project. 4-0. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-c1547ee3c0c3438ea4786de51fffb032/ITEM-Attachment-001-a431db608ac848088ffeab622751a43f.pdf>
- 12/10/2020- RCDC holds public hearing and acts to approve the resolution authorizing the project.4-0. <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/rollwctx-meet-ff1cd7a2400c476f9ccb9d6a9769de2/ITEM-Attachment-001-1d0a55550fc742608ecd26288cdcab4a.pdf>
- 1/14/2021 – RCDC amends their budget to fund the project. <https://meetings.municode.com/adaHtmlDocument/index?cc=ROLLWCTX&me=ff1cd7a2400c476f9ccb9d6a9769de2&ip=True>

Two members of PC perform walk-through visits once per month and Vicky and David accompany them on a quarterly basis. PC provides feedback through discussion and work orders that they send in to City Hall.

According to Scott Ogden in his interview in the Central Texas Gardener TV show, not all plants in the water-wise garden are native, “lots of them are adaptive”. He describes the integrity of the garden as “catholic and open-minded” when it comes to varieties of plants. I have been told that we have several species of plants that exclusively live in this garden. <https://www.rollingwoodtx.gov/community/page/rollingwood-water-wise-garden>

Under the guidance and direction of PC, Vicky is executing the plan. She's got 3 years of experience in landscaping planning and management and crew supervision. She worked for Extreme Clean Outdoor Services and worked directly with the homeowners on plant selection and location.

Many thanks,

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I passed by city hall this weekend and saw lots of new plants waiting for installation. Do we have someone who is overseeing the city hall landscaping these days and who is maintaining the integrity of the water-wise garden that we spent tens of thousands of dollars installing? I'm not sure the plants awaiting install are native or water-wise friendly choices. Please let me know how the current oversight of this area is being handled. - Sara