
**CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 12/04/2014
Agenda Item: 5A8**

ACTION: Approve the Super Bowl XLIX Forestry grant award in order for the Public Works Department to accept and spend grant funds for the planting of trees at Goodwin Park, located at 1835 East Caroline Lane.

FISCAL IMPACT: The amount of the grant award is \$2,700 for the purchase of the trees. Sufficient budget appropriations for expenditure of this grant are authorized in the Governmental Grants and Donations Fund (Fund 46, cost center 2593) as part of the fiscal year 2014-15 adopted budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the grant award.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Goodwin Park, located at 1835 E Caroline Lane, will receive 24 trees through this grant as a continuation of neighborhood and volunteer efforts to reforest the public park with at least 100 trees. Phase 1 tree planting was completed on March 1, 2014 through a City grant and partnership of city and volunteers from the Alta Mira neighborhood association. Phase 2 of the tree planting includes 27 trees purchased with this grant. These trees were planted on November 15, 2014. An additional 22 trees purchased through neighborhood contributions will be planted in 2015. City staff will install the necessary irrigation system for each tree, pre-dig the holes and drop the boxed trees in the holes. An estimated 40 volunteers will assist with the tree planting.

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Award correspondence dated October 27, 2014.

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