



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 4, 2016
Item Number: D-9
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Community Services
Subject: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SENNA TREE COMPANY TO BOX, STORE, MAINTAIN AND REPLANT SPECIMEN CACTI AS PART OF THE CACTUS GARDEN RENOVATION; AND

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$109,972 FOR THESE SERVICES

Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and Senna Tree Company to box, store, maintain and replant multiple specimen cacti, and authorize the City Manager to approve a purchase order for the not-to-exceed amount of \$109,972 for these services.

INTRODUCTION

The next phase of the Beverly Gardens Park renovation will involve revitalizing the western blocks of the park, including the Cactus Garden which is located between Camden Dr. and Bedford Dr. It is expected that construction on these blocks will start in early 2017 to coincide with the Santa Monica Blvd. reconstruction project. To successfully renovate this block of the park, many of the cacti need to be boxed and moved so that they are not damaged by the various construction activities.

DISCUSSION

The Cactus Garden of Beverly Gardens Park is home to many beautiful and rare specimens of cacti. As much of the underlying groundwork of this block needs to be reconstructed, and the Santa Monica revitalization will be taking place, it is best practice to box and store the cacti while the construction is taking place. The challenge with

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starting the construction of the Cactus Garden in early 2017 is that it is healthiest for the plants to box or transplant cacti when the weather is warm and dry. As a result, staff proposes to execute an agreement with Senna Tree Company to box and store the cacti while the weather is still warm. These cacti would be maintained by Senna Tree Company, and once the renovation of the groundwork is complete, these cacti would be replanted.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this project have already been appropriated in capital improvement project #0485. The Resnik Family Foundation donated \$750,000 toward the restoration of the Cactus Garden, and the City Council has provided matching funds for this project.



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