

POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE: Executive/Budget & Finance

TITLE: Appreciation Certificates/Letters

PURPOSE: Provide Appreciation Certificates/Letters to City Representatives/ Employees Instrumental in the MVCC Community Improvement Project (CIP) for Removal of Tree Stumps

BACKGROUND:

On April 20, 2022, the MVCC approved a funding motion for a CIP of \$3,500 to remove tree stumps that required completion by June 30, 2022, due to the fiscal year funding.

During times of drought, trees die and pose a danger of falling; therefore need to be cut down. However, removing tree stumps is a different process which is more labor, time, and cost intensive.

As the Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division (BSSUFD) became "so underfunded" that timely tree stump removal was not possible, a Waiting List was created and continued to increase; thereby warranting a CIP for tree stump removal.

Completing a CIP was new to the current MVCC Board and documentation with steps for completing this type of CIP does not exist. Even the BSSUFD and City Clerk's Neighborhood Council Funding Division (CCNCFD) were unsure of exactly what to do.

While April 20 might seem like a long time before June 30, in terms of completing a CIP, it is a very short time. However, with the help of several individuals from different agencies, the CIP was completed on June 30. Their efforts ensured the use of CIP funds (without loss) and reduced the Mar Vista Community's Tree Stump Removal Waiting List by 20%.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves sending Appreciation Certificates/Letters to City Representatives/ Employees (i.e., Ingram, Duprey, Najjar, Canas, Dungo, Bailey) who worked tirelessly to ensure that the MVCC Community Improvement Project (CIP) for tree stump removal was completed before expiration.

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

On July 14, 2022, this motion was approved without objection by the Executive/Budget & Finance Committee.