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Subject:

Ten Thousand Trees in Ten Years Pilot Program Update (M. Cory)

BACKGROUND:

At the Committee's June 5, 2024 meeting, Chair Connelly advised the Committee of a generous donation of 100 trees by a local Marco Island couple for placement around Mackle Park Lake. A plan for planting the donated trees during the rainy season was confirmed.

Chair Connelly also announced that new Beautification Advisory Committee Member Michael Cory volunteered to lead the ongoing Ten Thousand Trees in Ten Years pilot program going forward.

Next Steps:

With the participation of Affordable Landscaping, the City's landscaping contractor, former Committee Chair David Leaser, and Brian Galligan, Vice President of Horticulture with the Naples Botanical Garden, a site plan will be developed for the planting of the 100 donated trees that will take into consideration open space opportunities, tree growth characteristics, color display, tree canopy coverage, and maintenance expectations for review with the leadership of the City of Marco Island Growth Management Department. It is anticipated that the completion of the site plan review and the planting of the trees will be completed during the Island's current rainy season.

Committee Members McDonald and Winter recommended that the Island's local media publications (i.e. Coastal Breeze, Marco Eagle, Marco Island Living, and M.I.C.A Wave) and the City Council be advised of the planting to raise awareness with full-time and seasonal residents during the off-season summer months. Committee Member Cory agreed to spearhead the publicity effort on behalf of the Committee.

Member Cory will bring a brief update on his initial engagement, observations, and direction to advance the Ten Thousand Trees in Ten Years pilot program to the Committee's July 3, 2024 meeting.

FUNDING SOURCE / FISCAL IMPACT: TBD

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Member Cory's update.

POTENTIAL MOTION: None expected.