



THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 9, 2016 - 6:00 PM

Rancho Cucamonga Civic Center
Rains Room
10500 Civic Center Drive
Rancho Cucamonga, California

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Ray Wimberly___ Lou Munoz ___ Richard Fletcher (Alternate) ___

Victoria Jones___ Otis Greer___

Dianna Lee (Alternate) ___

Carol Douglass (Equestrian)___ Tom Tisler (Bicycle)___

Mike Smith___(Staff Coordinator)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time and place for the general public to address the committee. Items to be discussed here are those that do not already appear on this agenda.

III. REVIEW ITEMS

- A. PRESENTATION BY WOMEN VETERANS UNITY GROUP AND THE INCREDIBLE EDIBLE COMMUNITY GARDEN OF THE PROPOSED FIRST (IN CALIFORNIA) TREE PLANTING EVENT IN HONOR OF WOMEN VETERANS. THE LOCATION OF THE LIVING TREE MEMORIAL WILL BE ALONG THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC TRAIL NEAR CENTRAL PARK.



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IV. ADJOURNMENT

I, Lois J. Schrader, Planning Commission Secretary of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, or my designee, hereby certify that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on March 3, 2016 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting per Government Code Section 54964.2 at 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga.

STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Date: March 9, 2016
To: Trails Advisory Committee
From: Bill Wittkopf, Public Works Services Director

Subject: PRESENTATION BY WOMEN VETERANS UNITY GROUP AND THE INCREDIBLE EDIBLE COMMUNITY GARDEN OF THE PROPOSED FIRST (IN CALIFORNIA) TREE PLANTING EVENT IN HONOR OF WOMEN VETERANS. THE LOCATION OF THE LIVING TREE MEMORIAL PROJECT WILL BE ALONG THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC TRAIL NEAR CENTRAL PARK.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Trails Advisory Committee approve Women Veterans Unity Group and The Incredible Edible Community Garden in the planting of 25 trees along both sides of the Pacific Electric Trail near Central Park.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In celebration of Women's Military History Week, The Women Veterans Unity Group would like to partner with The Incredible Edible Community Garden and the City of Rancho Cucamonga to host a tree planting event in honor of women veterans on March 16, 2016. The Living Tree Memorial will be the first dedication to women veterans in California.

The event will consist of planting 25 shade trees along both sides of the Pacific Electric Trail northeast of Central Park (map attached). The location was recommended by the Public Works Services Department due to the City's need for shade trees along the P.E. Trail and for the high visibility of the memorial. All trees have been preapproved by Public Works Services Director. The planting will include preparation, irrigation installation, and finished landscape with weed mat and mulch. The memorial will also include a plaque honoring women veterans and possibly other information about the military history of women veterans.

The Incredible Edible Community Garden (IECG) will provide care and maintenance of the trees for up to three years if needed by the City. In addition to maintenance, they will also be monitoring tree health, calculating stored carbon, and replacing any trees that do not survive within the first 5 years.

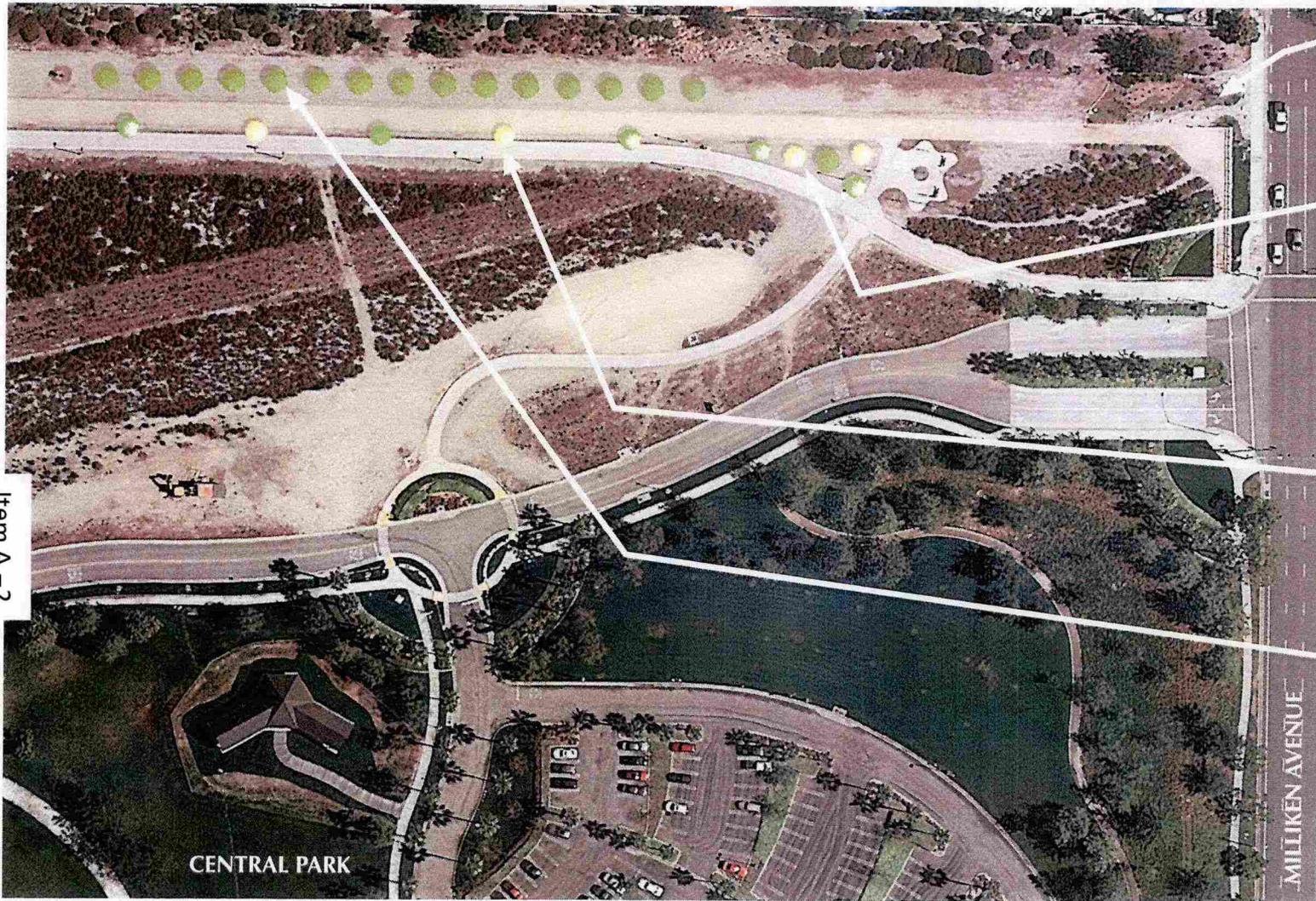
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Wittkopf".

William Wittkopf
Public Works Services Director

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Attachment: Map, Event Flyer, and Overview of Event



SIGN INDICATING ENTRY TO THE "INLAND EMPIRE MILITARY VETERANS WOMEN'S UNITY MEMORIAL"

FIVE TREES AT THE WOMEN'S VETERANS UNITY PATH - ONE RED OAK IN THE CENTER, FLANKED BY TWO CHINESE PISTACHE AND TWO CHINESE FLAME TREES. EACH TREE TO HAVE A PLAQUE DEDICATED TO A BRANCH OF THE MILITARY WITH GPS LOCATION OF THE TREE.

FIVE TREES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TRAIL. ONE CHINESE ELM IN THE CENTER WITH A CHINESE PISTACHE AND CHINESE FLAME TREE ON EACH SIDE.

FIFTEEN TREES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TRAIL. ALL OAKS, VARIETIES TO INCLUDE RED, EASTERN WHITE, SHUMARD, AND VALLEY.



Inland Empire Military Women's Unity Memorial Conceptual Plan

February 25, 2016

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Come be a part of History as The Women Veterans Unity Group and Incredible Edible Community Garden dedicate the 1st California "Inland Empire Military Women Unity Memorial" tree planting at Central Park



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IN CELEBRATION OF

WOMEN'S MILITARY HISTORY WEEK



Please join us as the Women Veterans Unity Group in partnership with the Inland Empire Women Veterans Collaborative host our IE 3rd Annual "Thank A Sheros" event in honor of Women's Military History Week

Event Theme:

ADDRESSING WOMEN GENDER-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

My HealtheVets, Ebenefits, Vet Center, VA Resources, Health & Wellness Resources, Community Resources, Employment Resources, Families Resources, & More

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MARCH 16, 2016

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Central Park

Goldy S. Lewis Community Center in the Rancho Cucamonga Hall

11200 Base Line Road

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701

Breakfast & Lunch Will Be Provided

Register @ <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ie-3rd-annual-thank-a-sheros-event-tickets-18541997614>

REGISTRATION AND EVENT IS FOR MILITARY WOMEN VETERANS

San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs Veterans ID Program and Ebenefits will be here, please bring your Picture ID; DD214 or VA Healthcare ID

Any Questions contact Ann Duson, Founder/President (323) 517-1145

VetWomeUnity@hotmail.com Register by 3/15/16.

All contributions will go to The Women Veterans Unity Group a 501(c)(3), dedicated to meeting the needs of Military Women Veterans.

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WOMEN VETERANS LIVING TREE MEMORIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION 2/16/2016

TO: William Wittkopf, Public Works Services Director City of Rancho Cucamonga

PROJECT GOAL:

There are no memorials to women veterans in our state listed on the California Registry of Veterans Memorials other than a plaque on a sequoia tree “somewhere” in the state, according to Linda Umberg, CalVet, SBC Department of Veterans Affairs. What better way to honor women veterans than with a living tree memorial during the Third Annual “Thank a SHERO” Event to be held at Central Park on March 16, 2016. Ann Duson, the founder and president of the Inland Empire Women Veterans Equity Group (IEWVEG) is excited to partner with Incredible Edible Community Garden (IECG) to make this happen. Please see attached overview of my non-profit organization and Ann’s women veterans group non-profit.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE:

The Living Tree Memorial honoring women veterans consists of planting 25 shade trees that are acceptable to the city of Rancho Cucamonga. This planting includes site preparation, installation of water-wise irrigation, and finishing the planting site with weed mat and mulch. A plaque honoring women veterans, and possibly other information about women veterans military history, will be installed at the tree planting site. These plaques may not be ready on planting day, March 16th, and may have to get installed later.

Bill Wittkopf, Public Works Services Director, showed us three potential locations at Central Park for the tree memorial. The location along the Pacific Electric Trail in the northeast part of the Park was jointly selected by us and Bill because of the city’s need for shade trees along the walking trail and also the high visibility for this memorial. The planting areas would be along both sides of the trail starting at the area to the east where there are existing benches and moving west to the recent planting of young trees. Also, there is an outcropping on the south side of the trail adjacent to the area with the benches that will accommodate about 3 to 5 trees. This may be a site for a plaque among a grouping of trees.

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TIMELINE:

Now through March 2nd: Obtain departmental and city council approval.

Saturday March 12th at 9 a.m : Commence site preparation. Site prep includes installation of the irrigation service lines with separate valve and times; digging the holes; and either loosely placing the dirt back into the holes or covering the holes with wood and caution tape. (NOTE: If rain is forecasted, we may request another day for access.)

Wednesday March 16th from 2 to 4 p.m (rain or shine) : Planting the trees with the women veterans and city/county personnel in attendance; staking each of the trees with 2 or 3 lodge poles; and finishing the site either that day or before the end of March. Site finishing includes installing drip ring irrigation at each tree location; and if there is sufficient time, we will finish the site with weed mat and mulch that day or within two weeks.

End of March: Complete finishing touches at the site i.e. weed mat and mulch

SITE ACCESS: We need truck access to the trail site on Saturday March 12th by 8:00 a.m. (unless an alternate day is needed due to rain) and on Wednesday March 16th by 8:00 a.m. On March 12th we expect to bring a Kabota tractor with auger to dig the holes. We may bring a trailer load of mulch along with our irrigation supplies and tools. On March 16th we will be delivering the trees, and additional mulch.

TREES: Bill Wittkopf provided the list of acceptable trees from those that are available in our tree nursery. Most of the trees are 15 gallon container size. The trees have been approved by CalFire. Our nursery trees can be found on our website: www.iecgarden.org Click on Guardian Trees.

SUPPLIES: IECG provides all labor, trees, materials and supplies. There is no cost to the city. This is being funded by IECG's Neighborhood Grows - Communities Grants Program funded by CalFire with funds from state of California cap and trade auction proceeds. In addition the plaques are being funded by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

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OTHER SERVICES AND INFORMATION:

1. IECG can provide care and maintenance of the trees for up to three years if needed by the city and parks department of Rancho Cucamonga.
2. We will also be monitoring tree health, calculating stored carbon (which is a requirement of our grant), and replacing any trees at our cost that do not survive for 5 years.
3. IECG will handle its own press releases, radio announcement on KCAA, and social media content about this memorial project.
4. If our partner Joel Greene, creator, host and producer of PBS Curiosity Quest would like to film this project, we will contact the city for any additional approvals that are needed.

For additional information, please contact:

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The Incredible Edible Community Garden
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