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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Barbara Stinchfield, Director, Community & Cultural Services Department

Subject: Update on Open Space Improvements to Reed Park along Wilshire Boulevard and 7th Street

Introduction

This report provides an update on improvements to Reed Park adjacent to the existing tennis courts along Wilshire Boulevard and wrapping around the corner at 7th Street.

Discussion

On [September 28, 2008](#), Council approved the design concept for open space improvements to Reed Park including plans for sustainable plantings, including vines along the fence at the tennis courts and a bioswale along Wilshire Boulevard and a portion of 7th Street. As illustrated in the rendering below that was included in the staff presentation and approved by City Council, this design calls for the removal of the existing Junipers along the fence line. Since presenting the concept design to Council, staff has determined that the existing chain-link fencing cannot support the density of vines shown in the rendering. Therefore, this planting element will be planted with



more frequent spacing between the vines. A new windscreen court scrim will be installed by the contractor for this area as part of the improvements.

The proposed design for the park improvements was based upon input received during two community meetings, responses to a community survey and Recreation and Parks Commission recommendations. The approved concept for the Wilshire Boulevard frontage as shown above, calls for the removal of the existing turf and Junipers, and addresses concerns expressed regarding safety, inadequate lighting and a desire for a native and sustainable plant palette.



Pursuant to the approved concept design, the contractor working on the project will be proceeding with the removal of the row of Junipers adjacent to the tennis courts along Wilshire and 7th Street.

A notice at the site will be posted for removal of the Junipers and public notices will be sent to a notification list and added to the [Urban Forest Web Page](#). In addition, a link to this Information Item will be transmitted to the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force.

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