

City of Gresham Community Enhancement Grant Discussion

UFS Work Session

02/21/2022

Summary Take away – Grant funded project timeline not to begin until Fall 2022

Powell Valley Neighborhood Association to facilitate first work session over a two-day period.

Timelines:

Funds are not available until after 06/01/2022

Funds must be used by July 2023

Ivy/ most invasives are easier to remove in the winter and fall; planting should occur in the spring.

Work Session Goals:

Assess existing resources

Identify timeline - actuals

Who are our partners?

Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Group

Powell Valley Neighborhood Association – Coordinate with volunteer groups for Boy Scout group volunteers, Walmart employees;

City of Gresham, Environmental Services

Identify Scope – 7.31 acres. What is a reasonable number of volunteers for removal per acre?

Locate an arborist able to perform the pre-removal and post-removal inspection and canopy health assessments

Discussion points:

Cost that are already covered: What funds are remaining in the grant and what those resources can be used for? Snacks can be brought by partner groups or sponsors. Tools may be provided by the city upon request.

Post removal planting mitigation- Treatment of plant stubs?

Removal of pulled vegetation by the City.

Communication to neighbors to prevent ivy from being dumped over the fence?

Volunteer safety, many trees may be hazardous and should be identified prior to any work commencing.

Action Items:

Selecting an arborist- participants on this call could provide some arborist names for recommendation to Tina tina.osterink@greshamoregon.gov – All

Locate a small pamphlet for the education on plants that are native, so they are not removed. – Jay Adams

Ask Mike Wallace when he might come out and suggest targeted invasive removal for a Neighborhood Association work party. – Stella will ask

UFS to identify what funds are not needed for this project and ensure that funds may be used for replanting and arborist retainer report. – Britt will contact neighborhood association and City for potential resources.

Schedule another planning call after arborist list is compiled, please send your suggestions by March 18-19th- Britt

Identify dangerous trees and flag – Thom and partner

EMCSWD- Steve and Jim to contact for native planting / trees. Resources for identifying hazardous trees on site.

Tree adoption services for volunteers to plant this fall – Jim will coordinate tree adoption.

Identify any other projects that may be occurring in East Gresham Park – Parks Concept Plan Report? – Britt

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