

Date: April 14, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Rick Benson, Interim General Manager

Subject: Approval of Neilson Park Improvement Project

## **Recommendation:**

1) Approve the project by the Kensington Improvement Committee (KIC) to improve the landscaping at Neilson Park located at the intersection of Coventry Road and Arlington Avenue and; 2) Authorize work to commence contingent upon meeting indemnification and insurance requirements approved by District Counsel.

## **Rationale for Recommendation:**

Members of the Kensington Improvement Committee have developed a proposal to make aesthetic improvements to the lot. They have enlisted the services of a professional landscape designer. It is their desire to add plants and trees and make improvements to the wooden steps. All of the work will be done professionally with funds raised by the KIC. In coordination with the KIC project, a handrail will be installed at District expense. Subsequently, the District will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and water.

In order to proceed, it is necessary for your Board to give the project final approval and authorize work to begin subject to the contractor meeting indemnification and insurance requirements. Detailed drawings are attached for your Board's review.

Members of the committee are present and will be able to further explain the project and answer any of your questions.

### **Background:**

At your January 13, 2022 Board meeting KIC members introduced the project and received approval, in concept. Since that time the committee has been raising funds and finalizing plans.

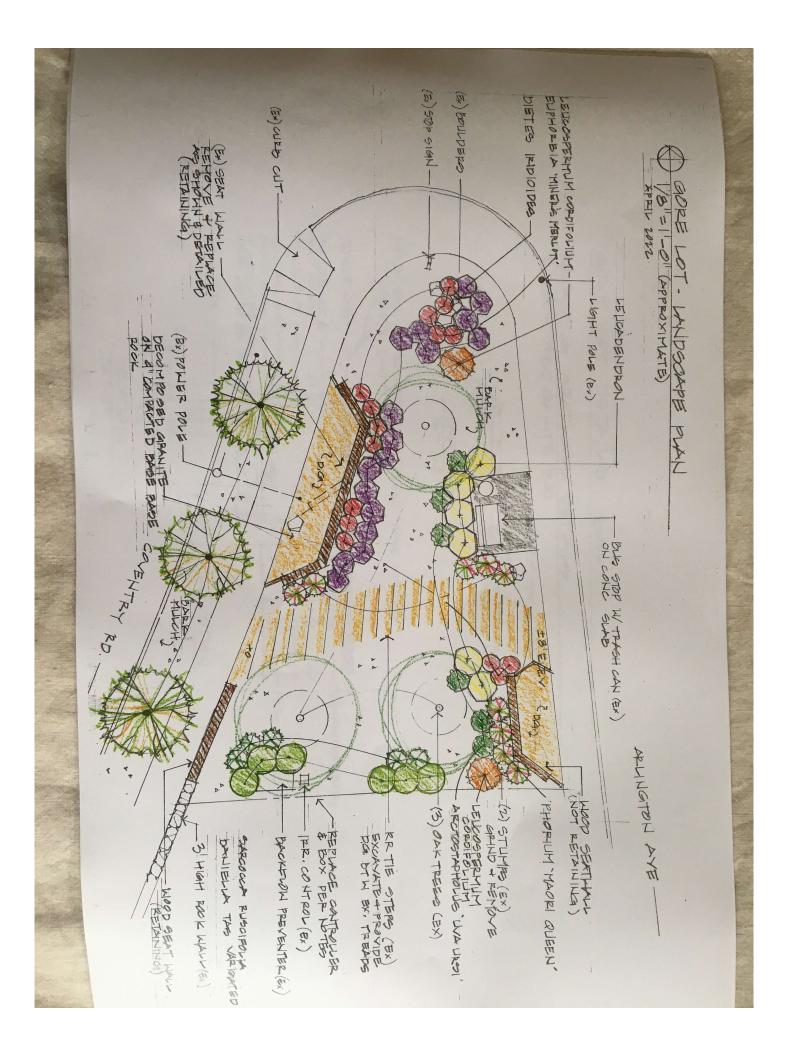
At one time there were three large trees on the site. It was a meeting place which provided passersby with shade and a generally pleasant environment. Since the trees were removed, the corner is now somewhat barren and unattractive.

# **Fiscal Impact:**

The full cost of the improvements is nearly \$22,000 and is being provided by KIC. The project has been reviewed by district staff and it is estimated that the additional maintenance and water costs to be less than \$600 annually.

## **Attachment:**

**Project Drawings** 



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