



Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Board of Directors

March 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
Symphony Towers
750 B Street, Suite 1250 (12th Floor)
San Diego, CA 92101

Welcome

- Non Agenda Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes: 2.9.2016 (Pages 3-4) Action
- Next Board Meeting: 4.12.2016 at 8:30 a.m.— 750 B St, Suite 1250 (12th Floor)

Guest Speakers

- Downtown Safety: Dennis Jackson, Metropolitan Transit System
- Housing Our Heroes: Erica Snyder, San Diego Housing Commission

Team Update (Pages 5-6)

- Homeless Update: K. Knight, L. Michael, A. Quiros, Homeless Outreach Coordinators (Page 7-8)
- Safe Update: A. Vivas, Director of Operations (Page 9)
- Clean Update: A. Gutierrez, Assistant Director of Operations (Page 10)
 - Trash Truck Recommendation (Page 11 and Handout) Action
- Placemaking Update: L. Koerschgen, Placemaking Manager (Page 12)
- Media Update (Pages 13-18)

Budget and Contracts

- Review & Approve FY17 Budget: J. Hanley, VP of Finance and Admin. (Handout) Action
- FY17 Contracted Services: B. Hamraz, Executive Director (Page 19-20)
 - Tree Trimming- Neighborhoods Action
 - Tree Trimming- MTS Action
 - Tree Trimming- Palm Trees Action
 - Water Feature Maintenance Action
 - Powerwashing Action
 - Safety Services Action
- FY17- RFQ Recommendation: B. Hamraz, Executive Director (Page 21)
 - Tree Lighting Maintenance Action

Member Discussion

- Member Discussion

Adjourn



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Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
750 B St, Suite 1250
12th Floor Conference Room
San Diego, CA 92101

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sumeet Parekh 8:32 a.m.

The following Clean and Safe Board Members were present: Sumeet Parekh, Bill Sauls, Doug Korn, Christie Kong, Michael Trimble, Howard Greenberg, Glenna Schmidt, Mike Madigan, Joan Wojcik, Barbara Daly, Rocco Joel, Kris Mitchell, and LC Cline.

The following staff members were present: Bahija Hamraz, John Hanley, Kelly Knight, Lucky Michael, Alonso Vivas, Alex Gutierrez, Arturo Quiros, Alicia Kostick, Lise Koerschgen and Annie Wilson.

The following members of the public were present: Kathy Somers, Kathy Roberts, Bob McElroy, Amy Gonyeau, Janice Izor and Kaila Weedman.

Non Agenda Public Comment

There was no Non Agenda Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Parekh asked for comments and approval.

Motion: to approve January 12, 2016 minutes.

By: Mike Madigan. **Seconded By:** Bill Sauls. **Accepted unanimously.**

Guest Speaker

Bob McElroy, president, CEO and Founder of Alpha Project, discussed current projects and updates.

Homeless Update – Kelly Knight, Lucky Michael and Arturo Quiros

Ms. Knight shared an update on the January 2016, 10th Annual Project Homeless Connect San Diego including: 1,215 Attendees Included: 182 Veterans, 1,113 Unemployed, 93 Single Parents, 70 Service Providers, 250 ID Cards Issued by DMV.

Ms. Michael gave an overview of the 2016 Point in Time VIP Count, hosted by Clean & Safe. Attendees Included: Elected Officials, DSDP Board Members, and Community Stakeholders. Regionally, 1,700 volunteers participated. The results from the count will be available in early spring.

Mr. Quiros gave an update on the Cumulative Homeless Counts by Neighborhood from 2012 through 2016.

Safety Update – Alonso Vivas

Mr. Vivas discussed and reviewed current hotspots in each neighborhood.

Clean Update – Alex Gutierrez

Mr. Gutierrez gave an update on the status of purchasing or leasing a new trash truck.

Financial Report – John Hanley and Alicia Kostick

Mr. Hanley reviewed the FY17 Draft Budget.

Ms. Kostick reviewed the December 2015 financials and variances.

Motion: To accept the December 2015 monthly financials.

By: LC Cline. **Seconded By:** Glenna Schmidt. **Accepted unanimously.**

Member Discussion

No member discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Sumeet Parekh 9:44 a.m.



Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Board Monthly Update

February 2016

SAFETY & HOMELESS

- Community Watch Program:
 - Deployment of signage on buildings throughout downtown
- Research collaboration opportunity with HandUp
- Community safety meetings
- Continue to work with County on Individual Case Studies Project
- Safety Network Meetings
- Continue monitoring and reporting hot spots
- Quality of Life Committee
- Coordination with Environmental Services on abatements
- Continue unattended property program
- Continue Work Your Way Home Program
- Continue Collaboration with SDPD HOT on street outreach
- Collaboration with PATH on street outreach
- Collaboration with Friend to Friend on street outreach
- Attend Community Meetings including EVA and GQA
- Report Spice activity
- Research anti-spice ordinance – Oceanside

MAINTENANCE

- Trash Truck options – research purchase, lease and finance options
- Weed abatement in progress
- Gum Removal program
- Enhanced Sidewalk Repair program
- Walking tour with MLB regarding sidewalk signage

BEAUTIFICATION & PLACEMAKING

- Continue Placemaking and Beautification efforts:
 - Core Sessions
 - Jacaranda Spring Thing
 - Home Depot Vertical Garden at SMARTS farm
 - Home Depot Valentine's Day Workshop

- Attend GQA Placemaking Committee Meeting
- Continue efforts to establish Rec Council through Parks & Open Space Board
- Public art plan in progress
- Blanket Permit in progress
- Downtown at Sundown with MCASD
- Begin preparing for Opening Day neighborhood cleanup

COMMERCIAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

- CEP Branding program
- CEP Safety and Outreach in progress

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Develop FY17 budget:
 - Community Meetings – January
 - Finalize vendor contracts
 - Draft budget – February
 - Final budget – March
- Develop contact list for all residential buildings
- Weekly C&S bulletin



Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Board Homeless Outreach Update

Reasons We Enjoy Our Work

By: Arturo Quiros & Lucky Michael

Tara Roche reached out to Clean & Safe for assistance to reunite with her family in Louisville, Kentucky. Tara initially had a Section 8 Housing Voucher, however due to an error in the system her rent was not paid. As a result, she was evicted from her housing unit, which led Tara and her son to be homeless. Tara had never experienced homeless, it was difficult for them to adjust. Tyrone was not able to attend school because he was traumatized by the situation.

Tara, a single mother who was previously able to take care of her son fell into despair and felt unnecessary shame which she associated with her poverty. Tara also experienced guilt and depression for not being able to control the situation or provide housing. They went to various churches asking to stay for few nights. They would periodically run into kind citizens who assisted them by allowing them to stay in their homes. Tara was able to get in touch with her family, who were willing to take her in and help her until she was stabilized.

Outreach staff assisted Tara immediately by getting tickets back home. Upon hearing that they could return to live with family both had such a sense of relief that they could finally afford the strength to cry. Tara, expressed her gratitude as did Tyrone for being able to be with loved ones. The entire office was emotionally moved, being able to assist this family and seeing them develop a sense of hope.

A month later, Homeless Outreach staff contacted Tara to get an update on their situation. We are happy to report that her Section 8 Voucher was reinstated, they found housing, and most importantly Tyrone is in school and is doing well.



Whenever Clean & Safe Homeless Outreach staff are able to serve a client and see them transition on to stability we mutually remind each other "these are the reasons we come to work!" Serving individuals, providing them with opportunities to improve their lives, and seeing hope return to them, are surely reasons why we come to work and enjoy our jobs!

Monthly Homeless Counts

	*Jan	*Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
East Village	391	518											455
Core	147	118											133
Columbia	50	45											48
Marina	28	33											31
Cortez	32	47											40
Gaslamp	24	50											37
Monthly Totals:	672	811	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	742

*Represents the months that The Downtown Fellowship of Ministries and churches collaborated with us on the monthly homeless sleep count.

Connections Housing ¼ Mile Radius	105	75											90
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Note: Connections Housing, located at 6th and A Streets, provides interim and permanent housing for homeless that are referred from the target area of First Street to 10th Street and Cedar to Broadway. The data in this reports reflects the number of homeless found sleeping in this target area. It does not reflect the number of residents living in Connections Housing.

Work your Way Home

- Assisted in reuniting 29 people with their support systems in February

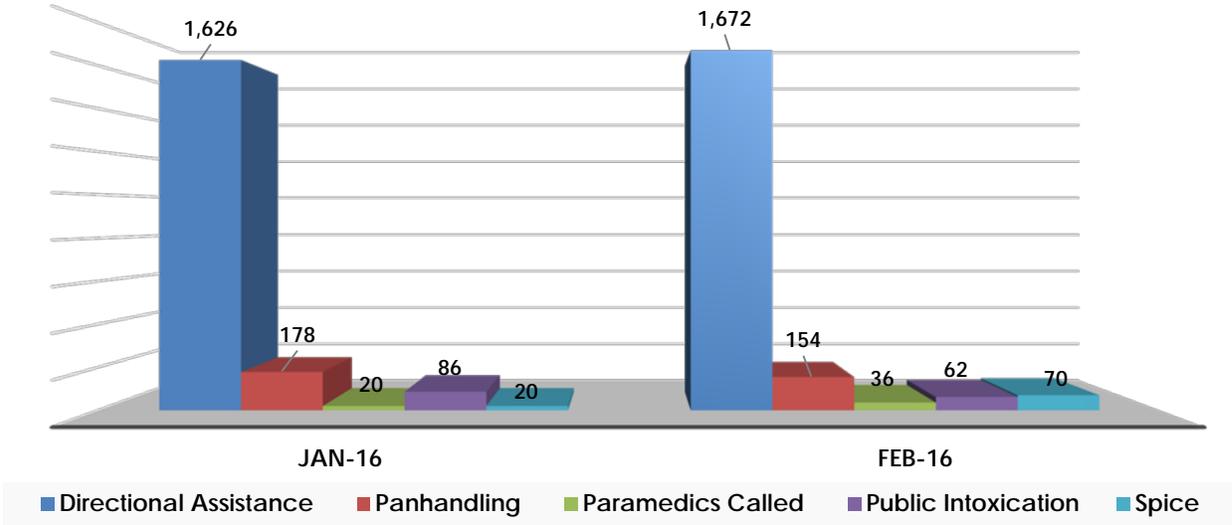
IOT Beds February

IOT Triage Beds At Saint Vincent de Paul	Outcomes
Clients Placed In Triage Beds	31
Exited to Permanent Housing	5
Hospital	1
Alcohol and Drug Treatment Placements	1
Friends	2
Returned To Street/Unknown	32



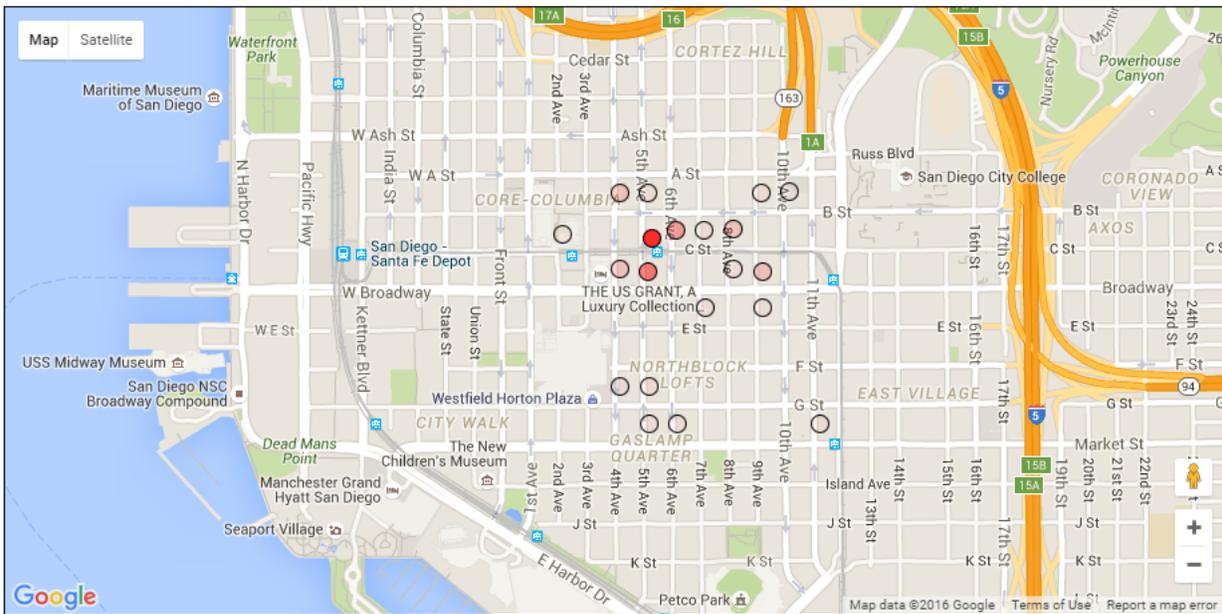
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Activity Report Jan 2016 - Feb 2016



Spice Logs

Jan 2015 – Feb 2016 Heat Map



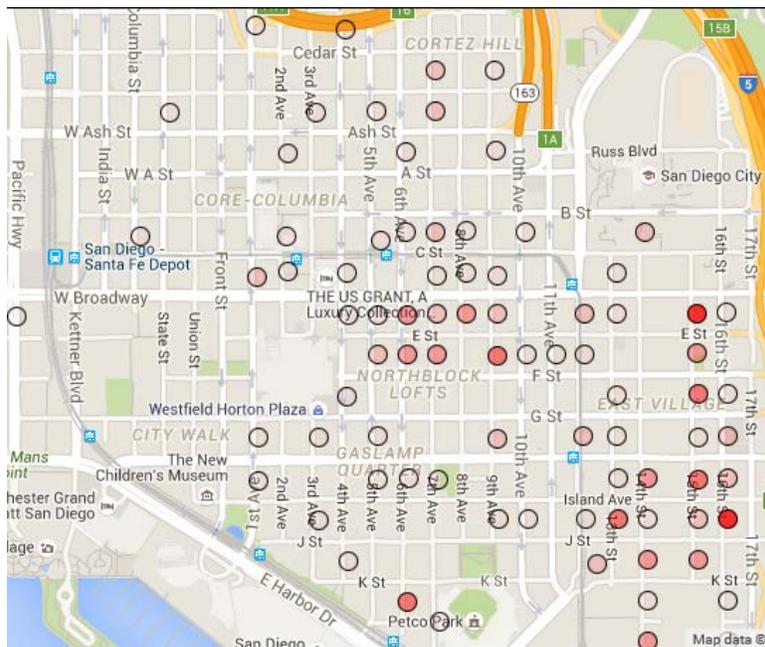


Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Board Clean Update

Activity Report Jan 2016- Feb 2016



Illegal Dump Logs





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Trash Truck Options - Draco vs. Trans-West

Total Payment

	Draco			Trans-West			Variance
	8 yard	6 yard	Total	8 yard	6 yard	Total	
Purchase	\$98,623.73	\$92,996.56	\$191,620.29	\$102,880.78	\$98,492.96	\$201,373.74	-\$9,753.45
Lease	\$120,470.52	\$114,816.20	\$235,286.71	\$121,484.67	\$116,559.63	\$238,044.30	-\$2,757.59
Finance (\$10k down)*	\$115,762.02	\$109,200.38	\$224,962.40	\$125,547.75	\$120,996.96	\$246,544.71	-\$21,582.31

Monthly Payment

	Draco			Trans-West			Variance
	8 yard	6 yard	Total	8 yard	6 yard	Total	
Lease*	\$1,596.91	\$1,521.96	\$3,118.87	\$1,706.81	\$1,630.48	\$3,337.29	-\$218.42
Finance (\$10k down)	\$1,762.70	\$1,653.34	\$3,416.04	\$1,925.80	\$1,849.90	\$3,775.70	-\$359.66

* Residual Value: Draco 25% vs Trans-West 20%

Motion: To approve staff recommendation to finance both trash trucks from Draco with \$10,000 down for each truck.



Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Placemaking Update

February Events

On **February 6th** Downtown San Diego Partnership Clean & Safe joined forces with The Home Depot to bring you a free **DIY Valentine's Day workshop** in Fault line Park. Thanks to 2 media opportunities we were able to not only draw Downtown residents but attendees travelled from East County. The Home Depot made mosaic pots with the adults while kids were able to make and paint Valentine's mailboxes.



Upcoming Events

Join us on **March 12th** from 10am – 12pm at SMARTS farm for a free **Home Depot workshop** focusing on Vertical Gardens. SMARTS farm is the East Village community garden located at 15th Avenue & J Street. After the workshop stop by the Alley lounge and check out The Book Truck.

On **March 23rd** your Clean & Safe team together with the Padres Volunteer team will host a **pre-opening day volunteer effort**. We'll focus on areas around Petco Park painting lampposts and trashcans and removing graffiti. We encourage you to bring your family, employees and colleagues to get Downtown ready for the 2016 baseball season.

Come work out in the Financial District on **April 2nd**. **Core Sessions** will be rocking B Street with yoga, bootcamp, HIIT and other workouts by Balanced Health & Fitness.

Cortez will be celebrating spring and their beautiful Jacarandas on **April 16th** with the **Jacaranda Spring Thing**. Free DIY workshops, food trucks and music for all ages!



Downtown San Diego Clean & Safe Media Update

Article 1:

"Oceanside ordinance bans sale and display of synthetic drugs:" CW 6 News
(Pages 14-15)

Article 2:

"Homeless 'Dumping' Settlement Impacts San Diego:" NBC San Diego
(Pages 16-18)



Oceanside ordinance bans sale and display of synthetic drugs

February 17, 2016

by [Amy DuPont](#)

OCEANSIDE – The City of Oceanside taking extraordinary measures to stop the sale and use of synthetic drugs.

Wednesday the City Council voted unanimously to ban not only the sale and possession of synthetic drugs like spice and bath salts, but also their display in any store.

Under current state law only 5 chemicals or compounds used to make synthetic drugs are illegal.

The Oceanside ordinance includes hundreds of others. Unlike any state law this ban also covers the drugs packaging which is typically marketed towards kids.

At first glance they look harmless, small brightly colored packages and bottles labeled as incense, potpourri and bath salts, but inside, a deadly drug. And it's legal, California law only covers 5 of the chemicals and compounds used to make synthetic drugs.



Drugs makers have discovered hundreds of others and hundreds of stores willing to sell them.

Institute for public strategies Prevention Specialist William Perno says the new Oceanside ordinance will prevent kids from using these dangerous drugs because unlike any other law, it makes hundreds of chemicals illegal and even if the drug dealers up with a new chemical not covered under the ban it also includes packaging that's mislabeled.

So if there isn't any incense, it's illegal in Oceanside.

Here's how you tell the difference: First price for synthetic bath salts are expensive compared to the real bath salts, a large package of bath salts is about 5-dollars.

Synthetics are 20 for one ounce, the other giveaways are found in the fine print or rather what's missing from it.

The new Oceanside ordinance will be read in at the next council meeting.

The ban will take affect 30 days after that. In the meantime police will be notifying the stores that sell these products and putting them on notice.

The fines are steep- any retailer caught displaying for selling these drugs will pay a 500 fine for each package.

Of course police and health officials are also asking parents to talk to their kids about synthetic drugs and to take a closer look at what they believe is potpourri or bath salts.



Homeless 'Dumping' Settlement Impacts San Diego

Free bus rides to San Diego still a problem, local homeless advocate says

By [Paul Krueger](#)



Sunny skies and free lunches aren't the only benefits that attract transients to San Diego County.

Local advocates for the homeless confirm that for decades, government agencies, churches and social service agencies in other states have provided free transportation to San Diego and other California cities to help rid their own cities of transients.

According to lawsuit recently settled, a Nevada mental hospital was accused of sending 500 patients by Greyhound bus to San Diego and other California cities. Christopher Earl Destrude was one of the patients from Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital in Las Vegas who ended up in San Diego, according to the lawsuit.

Law enforcement records confirm Destrude was classified as a sex offender in Montana following his 2004 conviction for sexual intercourse without consent. According to the Montana records, Destrude's victim was a 9-year-old girl.

According to news reports, Destrude fled Montana in January 2011 after failing to register as a sex offender. He made his way to Las Vegas where police arrested him, records show. Destrude was sent to the Rawson-Neal Hospital, but patient busing receipts obtained by the Sacramento Bee confirm the hospital bought Destrude a bus ticket for San Diego on Jan. 26, 2011.

Destrude's aunt told the Sacramento newspaper that her nephew had no family in San Diego and no ties to our community.

Court records confirm the U.S. Marshals Service in San Diego tracked him down two weeks later at the county mental hospital in the Midway District.

"He's in violation (for failing to report as a sex offender) in three different states," Deputy U.S. Marshal Omar Castillo told reporters at the time.

"It pisses me off that they are sending their most infirm to other cities and not taking care of them themselves," homeless advocate Bob McElroy said about government and social service agencies that give their homeless and mentally ill free bus tickets to other cities.

"We get two hundred new (transients) here every month from other cities," said McElroy, executive director of the Alpha Project in downtown San Diego. "I'd say half of them are sent here without having any local contacts."

When the Sacramento newspaper documented the extent of the problem in a series of stories about alleged "patient dumping" by Rawson Neal Hospital and the state of Nevada, San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera took action.

In 2013, Herrera sued the state of Nevada and various Nevada state agencies, alleging that Rawson-Neal Hospital administrators sent a "substantial number of... mentally ill and indigent" patients to California, "despite the fact that virtually all the patients... required continuing medical care" were not residents of California and "were not provided any instructions or assistance in finding shelter... or basic necessities," according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleged the patients applied for and received a total of \$500,000 worth of housing support, medical care and "basic necessities," paid for by San Francisco taxpayers.

Court records reveal San Francisco prosecutors reached out to colleagues in other cities, including San Diego, to gauge their interest in joining the lawsuit.

Despite Christopher Destrude's well-documented arrest in San Diego, a spokesman for City Attorney Jan Goldsmith told NBC 7 Investigates that in 2013, legal investigators here did look into reports of patient dumping at Rawson-Neal Hospital but could not confirm that it happened in San Diego.

McElroy said homeless "dumping" is well known and openly discussed by social service agencies.

“Everyone does it, and everyone complains about it,” McElroy said. San Diego did not join the San Francisco lawsuit but will benefit from the settlement won by San Francisco prosecutors.

According to the settlement, approved by a San Francisco judge on Dec. 17, the Las Vegas mental hospital will now provide travel assistance to California only for patients who lived in the area to which they’re being sent, who have a “family member or adult friend... willing and able to care” for them, or who have been “accepted for treatment at a medical facility or mental health program” in the community to which they are being sent.

The settlement also details that all patients must be accompanied on their journey by a chaperone, who will meet the patient in Nevada and travel with them to California.

Nevada, which did not admit any of the allegations in the lawsuit, will also pay San Francisco \$400,000 in legal fees.

McElroy said he doubts the agreement will put an end to homeless and transient “dumping.” “They only changed things in Vegas because they got caught,” he said.



Clean & Safe FY17 Contract Services

Following is a summary of our negotiated rates with the Clean & Safe contractors for FY17. Negotiated rates are provided for review and approval by the Downtown San Diego Partnership’s Clean & Safe Board, Finance Committee, Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Tree Trimming - neighborhoods

Aztec Landscaping provides Tree trimming services in all six neighborhoods excluding those trees along the MTS line. Aztec Landscaping increased the per-tree cost from \$64.17 to \$65.37 due to the projected increase of 1.87% living wage.

Action Item 1: Staff recommendation is to offer Aztec Landscaping the FY17 tree trimming contract for the neighborhoods.

Service	FY16 Actual + Projected	FY17
Tree Trimming	\$102,000	\$103,000

Tree Trimming – MTS

Davey Tree Expert Company provides Tree trimming services along the MTS line in the neighborhoods of Core and East Village. Davey Tree Expert Company did not change their cost per tree.

Action Item 2: Staff recommendation is to offer Davey Tree Expert Company the FY17 tree trimming contract along the MTS line.

Service	FY16 Actual + Projected	FY17
Tree Trimming	\$14,760	\$15,000

Tree Trimming – Palm Trees

Davey Tree Expert Company provides Palm Tree trimming services in all six neighborhoods. Davey Tree Expert Company did not change their cost per tree.

Action Item 3: Staff recommendation is to offer Davey Tree Expert Company the FY17 tree trimming contract for Palm Trees.

Service	FY16 Actual + Projected	FY17
Tree Trimming	\$18,000	\$20,000

Water Feature Maintenance

California Aquatics provides general maintenance services to Children’s Pond five days a week. California Aquatics contract contemplates no change in cost for the same level of service.

Action Item 5: Staff recommendation is to offer California Aquatics the FY17 water feature maintenance contract.

Service	FY16 Actual + Projected	FY17
Water Feature Maintenance	\$33,000	\$33,000

Powerwashing

Green Clean Water and Waste provides pressure washing services in all six neighborhoods. Green Clean contract contemplates an increase of 2.5% in service rates for FY17 due to the anticipated increase in living wage as well as some required equipment upgrades.

Action Item 4: Staff recommendation is to offer Green Clean Water and Waste the FY17 powerwashing contract with the requested increase.

Service	FY16 Actual + Projected	FY17
Pressure Washing	\$769,902	\$790,000

Safety/Security

Universal Protection Service provides security patrols of all six neighborhoods. DSDP has requested the addition of 11 1/2 safety ambassadors for the contract as well as 2 safety supervisors. The cost per hour of service has increased by 1.87% to accommodate the projected living wage increase.

Action Item 6: Staff recommendation is to offer Universal Protection Service the FY17 security contract with the requested increase.

Service	FY16	FY17
Safety Services	\$1,318,917.05	\$1,639,672.87



Clean & Safe FY17 RFQ Recommendation

RFQ: Tree Lighting Maintenance

The Downtown San Diego Partnership Clean & Safe staff have reviewed all tree lighting maintenance proposals submitted through the RFQ process. Based on analysis of the three prospective contractors, the staff recommendation is to award Dr. Electric the tree lighting maintenance contract for FY17. Dr. Electric will provide a higher level of service, a flexible schedule, electronic mapping software of all trees and maintenance provided, and will replace cables and lighting with commercial grade products as needed.

Action Item 7: Staff recommendation is to offer Dr. Electric the FY17 tree lighting maintenance contract.

Service	FY16	FY17
Tree Lighting Maintenance	\$75,000	\$109,945

	Christmas Light Co.	Dr. Electric	Aztec Landscaping
Scope	In compliance	In compliance	In compliance
Inspection & Repair	• 2-3 days/week	• 3 days/ week	• 2-3 days/week
Additional		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping technology • Upgrade cables • Upgrade lights 	
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaworld • San Diego International Airport • GOA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 Commercial Shopping Centers • Crestmont Properties • Jennifer's Properties • Coronado Private Bank • Robeson Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of San Diego • San Diego Regional Airport Authority
Cost	\$120,421	\$109,945	\$64,740