



**CITY OF TYLER
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Agenda Number: R-2

Date: February 28, 2007

Subject: Request that the City Council receive a presentation from the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board about their recent recognition from Keep America Beautiful, receive a presentation from MHS Planning and Design of Tyler about the LeGrand Gardens Master Plan and adopt a resolution accepting the LeGrand Gardens Master Plan.

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Item Reference: C-A-5; August 23, 2006

The Keep Tyler Beautiful Board received a Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Recognition Award for their beautification, litter reduction and waste management efforts during 2006.

In August 2006, Keep Tyler Beautiful was named the advisory board for the LeGrand Gardens, the grounds surrounding the Goodman Museum at 624 N. Broadway Ave. The board hired MHS Planning and Design to create a Master Plan that includes four phases.

Phase I includes the creation of a specialty garden near the boulder area and construction of a carriage house that would act as a chapel for weddings or a meeting room for up to 100 people. The first phase would also include construction of a restroom building along with lighting, utilities, signage, site furnishings, small gardens, walkways and a small water feature.

Phase II calls for the construction of a demonstration barn, a kitchen garden with a small water feature, a glass house for small meetings and events, and the beginning of the northern entry drive, walkway and construction of a 30-space parking lot.

Phase III includes the building of an admissions office and gift shop, a granite walkway around the property, a 58-space parking lot, removal of the existing entry road in the center of the property and creation of a new entry road on the north side of the property.

Phase IV calls for a gazebo bandstand and special events area, the conversion of the existing parking lot into a central plaza with a large water feature, a gazebo near the glass house and additional specialty gardens.

The grand total cost estimate is \$4,651,950 plus the market price of land acquisition, which will be funded privately over several years.

Any portion of any phase is subject to the availability of funding and success of fund raising efforts. This is a long term master plan and it may be that only some portions are actually completed in the next 10 to 20 years.

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The implementation of any part of the LeGrand Gardens Master Plan would contribute to the revitalization of north Tyler, contribute to the effort of making downtown an arts district and would serve as a favorite place for family picnics, weddings, meetings, school field trips, festivals, concerts and photo opportunities.

The Keep Tyler Beautiful Board is dedicated to finding support, partners and funds to implement the items set out in the four phases.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board about their recent recognition from Keep America Beautiful, receive a presentation from MHS Planning and Design of Tyler about the LeGrand Gardens Master Plan and adopt a resolution accepting the LeGrand Gardens Master Plan.

**Drafted/Recommended By:
Department Leader**



**Dan Brotton, Director
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**Edited/Submitted By:
City Manager**

RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS ACCEPTING A PRESENTATION AND REPORT ON LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LEGRAND GARDENS.

WHEREAS, the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board has received a presentation from MHS Planning & Design of Tyler for a LeGrand Gardens Master Plan ; and

WHEREAS, the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board is the advisory board for the LeGrand Gardens, which are the grounds surrounding the Goodman Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board plans to find donors to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board has approved the Master Plan created by MHS Planning & Design that includes construction of specialty gardens, a carriage house, a glass house, restroom building, small gardens, walkways, large and small water features, a demonstration barn, an admissions office, gift shop, gazebos, special event and parking areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

PART 1. That the City Council of Tyler, Texas hereby accepts the presentation by the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board of the proposed LeGrand Gardens Master Plan and encourages the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board to locate donors to implement the plan.

PART 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and approval.

APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2007.

JOSEPH O. SEEBER, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

A T T E S T:

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY