

ITEM: 6
DATE: August 26, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANT FOR 2008/09

BACKGROUND:

On August 12, 2008, the City Council approved two Neighborhood Improvement Project Grants in the total amount of \$5,420. Additional information had been requested for a third grant application, but has not yet been received. In addition, a grant application submitted for the last round of funding had been put on hold until the developers met their requirements for tree planting in the new subdivision.

The developers have complied with their tree planting requirements; however, the Chilton Crossing Neighborhood Association would like to plant 43 additional decorative trees and shrubs and create a gathering area in a green space. City Council approval of the following grant is now being requested.

CHILTON CROSSING TREE PLANTING AND COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE PROJECT:

The purpose of this project is to enhance the Chilton Crossing Neighborhood by planting 43 trees and shrubs throughout the Subdivision and create a community gathering place along the walking path. A bench, two picnic tables, and two flag poles will be installed in an open green space for use by all persons utilizing the walking path.

The total cost of the project is \$11,690. Requested City funding is \$5,000. The applicants are providing \$2,200 in cash and in-kind contributions in the amount of \$4,490.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the expenditure of \$5,000 to fund the Neighborhood Improvement Program for the Chilton Crossing Tree Planting and Community Gathering Place project.
2. The City Council can reject this project for funding at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The suggested project will enhance and strengthen the Chilton Crossing Neighborhood, and thus, is in keeping with one of the City Council's goals. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby

approving a Neighborhood Improvement Program grant for the Chilton Crossing Tree Planting and Community Gathering Place Project in the amount of \$5,000.

Funding in the amount of \$14,580 remains in this year's allocation. If it is determined that the outstanding grant application meets the eligibility criteria, City Council action will be sought.