



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 21, 2015 JUN 02 2015 CS/BS

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director *DC for LCB*
Family Services Department

FROM: Lavon B. Williams, Manager, Esq., MPA, MSP
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item – June 2, 2015
Sustainable Communities Grant Program

The Board of County Commissioners accepted and adopted the Orange County Sustainability Plan "Our Home for Life" on May 13, 2014. The Plan's purpose is to provide a framework for working towards sustainability, as well as goals and strategies that will serve to integrate sustainability into our culture, decision-making and governance. The Sustainable Communities Grant Program is a part of the Neighborhood Pride Grants program, which was created in 2011 to offer beautification grants to neighborhood organizations. The Sustainable Communities Grant Program allows neighborhood organizations to take charge and implement sustainable projects in their community.

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division administers the Sustainable Communities Grant Program, which provides funds for citizen organizations to help reduce pollution and their carbon footprint. The grant is available countywide between \$500 and \$5,000. Applications are accepted on a monthly basis.

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division staff performs a detailed technical review on each application received. The staff examines various aspects of the project, including the potential reduction in pollution and carbon footprint, the project cost, impact on the community, and the ability of the organization to execute the project and maintain any physical improvements. The Environmental Protection Division helped to develop the grant program criteria and assists applicants in developing projects that reduce pollution and their carbon footprint. Organizations are required to provide a letter of support from the Environmental Protection Division.

Several measures are in place to ensure proper monitoring and compliance with the program guidelines. All grant funds are distributed through the County's purchase order process, and there are no direct cash payments to the selected organizations. Applicants are required to complete projects, as documented on the invoices from vendors and their status reports.

Every organization that completes a physical improvement project must also demonstrate the ability to independently maintain the improvement. Staff concludes the monitoring process for each grant awarded by conducting detailed site visits to ensure compliance with the requirements.

The Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (NGAB) is recommending approval of three Sustainable Communities Grants for June 2015 (see Attachment A). The grant requests were reviewed by Orange County staff and presented to the NGAB for recommendation. The applications were reviewed based on project feasibility, organizational readiness, and benefit to the community. The grant requests are displayed in greater detail in Attachment B through D.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the June 2015 Sustainable Communities Grants as recommended by the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board for: Little Lake Barton Shores (\$5,000); Park Green Community Association (\$1,500) and Summer Glen at Gatewood (\$1,500). Districts 5 and 6.

Attachments

c: Lori Cunniff, Manager, Environmental Protection
Antwan Nelson, Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division
Lyndon Carter, Chairperson, Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board

Orange County Board of County Commissioners
 June 2, 2015 Consent Agenda
 Sustainable Communities Grants Program – ATTACHMENT A

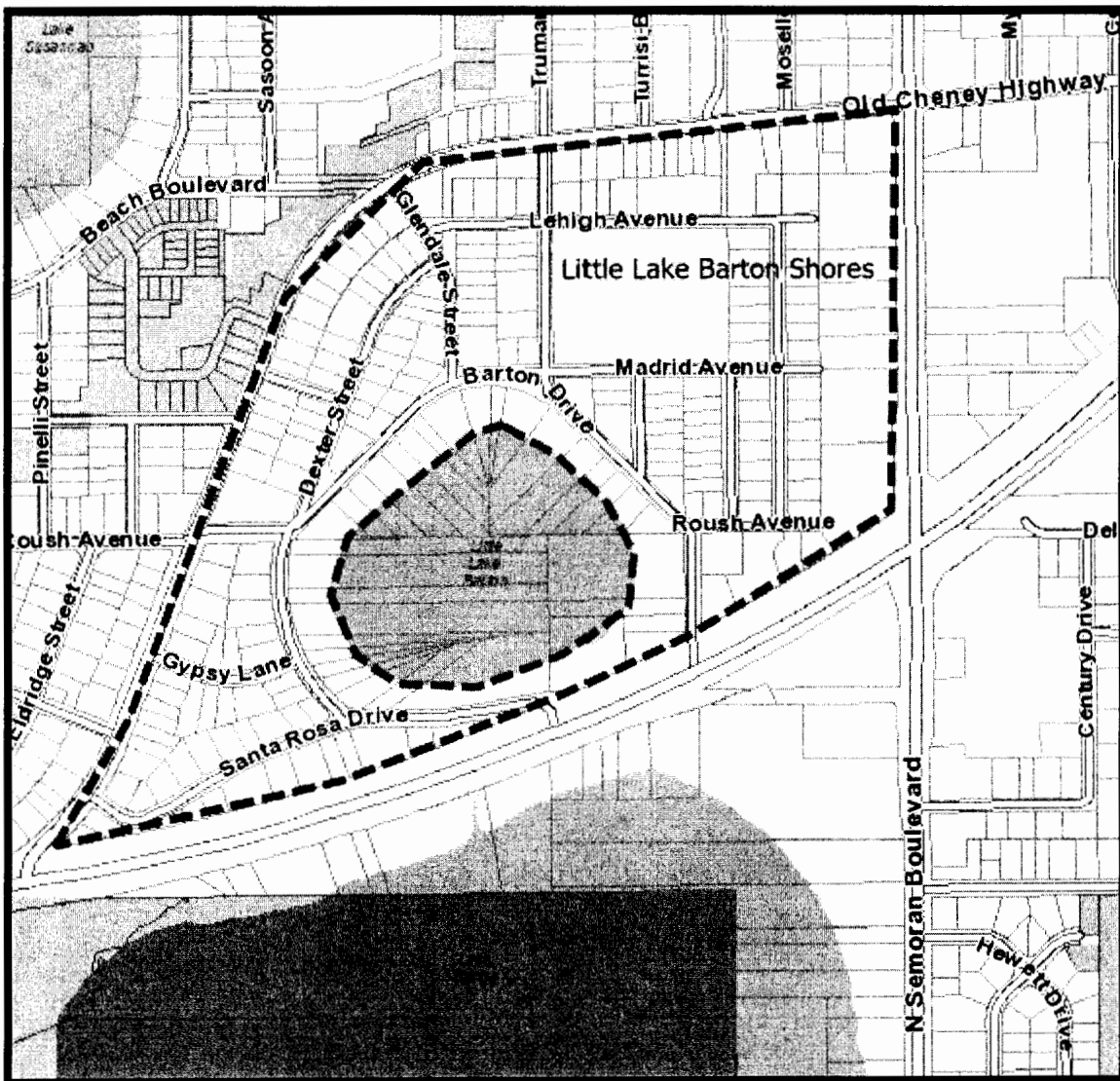
District	Organization	Description of the Project	Requested Amount	NGAB Recommendation	EPD Review
5	Little Lake Barton Shores	Lake Restoration	\$5,000	Yes	Yes
5	Park Green Community Association	Solar Lighting	\$1,500	Yes	Yes
6	Summer Glen at Gatewood	Solar Lighting	\$1,500	Yes	Yes
		Total Requests	\$8,000		

Attachment B

**Sustainable Community Grant
Profile**

Organization Name: Little Lake Barton Shores	Request Amount: \$5,000
Commission District 5: Ted Edwards	Matching Amount: N/A
Municipality Jurisdiction: N/A	Total Project Cost: \$5,000
Property Ownership: Private	Type of Grant: Sustainable Communities Grant

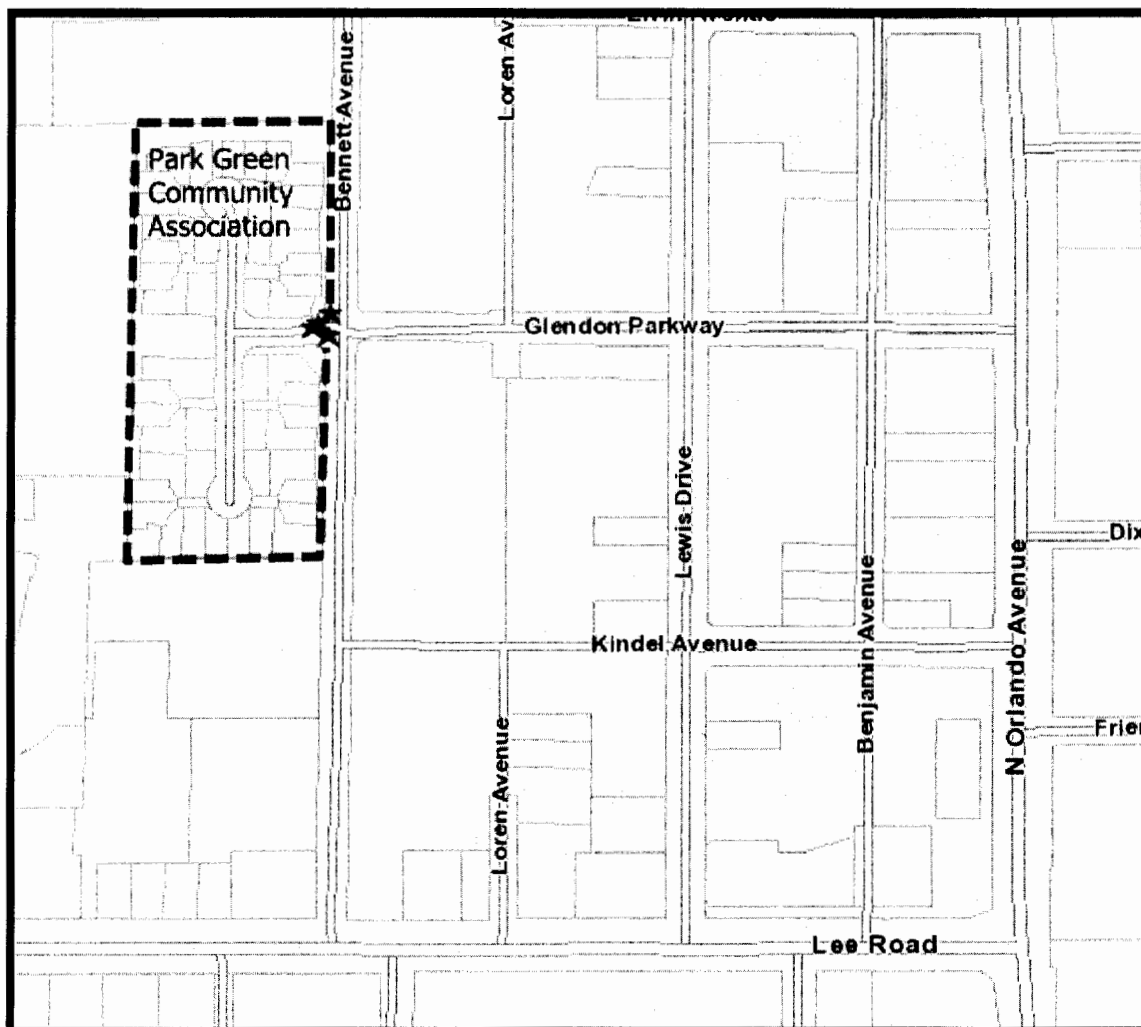
Summary: The neighborhood wishes to remove water hyacinths from Little Lake Barton.



Sustainable Communities Grant Profile

Organization Name: Park Green Community Association	Request Amount: \$1,500
Commission District 5: Ted Edwards	Matching Amount: N/A
Municipality Jurisdiction: Winter Park	Total Project Cost: \$1,500
Property Ownership: Private	Type of Grant: Sustainable Communities Grant

Summary: The neighborhood wishes to install solar lighting at their community entrance.



Sustainable Communities Grant Profile

Organization Name: Summer Glen at Gatewood	Request Amount: \$1,500
Commission District 6: Victoria Siplin	Matching Amount: N/A
Municipality Jurisdiction: N/A	Total Project Cost: \$1,500
Property Ownership: Private	Type of Grant: Sustainable Communities Grant

Summary: The neighborhood wishes to install solar lighting at their community entrance.

