PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

Oak Hills ACORN Neighborhood Association – Entryway Enhancements

Background

Oak Hills ACORN (A Community of Responsible Neighbors) is a voluntary neighborhood association formed in August of 1990 to support a more pleasant and attractive neighborhood. The Oak Hills Neighborhood Association proposes enhancing the entryway to their subdivision at Rolling Oaks Drive on the south side of Hebron Parkway next to Oak Hills Park. Oak Hills' goals include providing a positive impression of the area to people entering the neighborhood or driving through the city on Hebron Parkway by installing colorful plants that are "Texas hardy" and will be attractive in all seasons.

Proposal

Oak Hills ACORN plans to: remove all of the grass in order to install mulch and/or flowerbeds; repair and replace sprinkler heads to optimize the existing irrigation system for the new low watering and low maintenance requirements; and plant Mexican Buckeyes and Crepe Myrtles in the center of both large medians. Neighbors will perform all of the physical labor, including: removal of existing plant material; preparation of planting beds; and installation of new plants, mulch, and landscaping boulders.

Budget/Materials/Labor

The total budget for this project is \$10,970.37. Of this sum, the grant request from the city is \$3,000.00, or approximately 27% of the total project cost. Oak Hills ACORN Neighborhood Association will contribute the remaining 73% of the project resources which include \$2.280.62 in neighborhood funds; \$2,489.75 worth of donated materials; and \$3,200.00 of sweat equity.

Recommendation

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) met on June 9th, 2005 to formulate a recommendation to the City Council for the Neighborhood Enhancement Matching Grant Program (NEMGP). The NAC voted unanimously to recommend the Oak Hills ACORN Entryway Enhancement Project for funding.

