

## CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Commission Members
City of Long Beach
California

REFERENCE: 12-042BS

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the proposal by American Heritage

Landscape, to provide maintenance for newly planted trees on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and adjacent side streets for 12 months in the amount of \$530 per month.

## **DISCUSSION**

At the February 16, 2012 Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission meeting the commission unanimously approved an agreement with American Heritage Landscaping to provide maintenance services for the public parking lots located behind businesses on the south side of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Services provided included in the current are regular weeding, trimming of shrubs and trees, as well as irrigation repair and monitoring.

Scheduled for Fall 2012 is a sidewalk and tree repair and replacement project for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, as well as side streets, that will necessitate the installation of new trees. In order to ensure the health of the newly planted trees, extra care is required for some time after planting. American Heritage Landscape has proposed an enhancement to their existing agreement to maintain the new trees for a period of 12 months at a cost of \$530 per month. The additional services will include:

- Hand water new trees 1 time per week on regular service days of the parking lots.
- Clean tree wells free of debris at the time of service/watering.
- Report all challenges or health issues to City Representative in a timely fashion
- Selective pruning/maintenance 1 time per year or when required for sidewalk clearance.

Additional watering requirements will be charged at an hourly rate of \$45 per hour

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve recommendation.