



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council File No: 6140-20
Date: July 14, 2025
From: Larissa Price, Manager, Park Projects and Community Initiatives
Subject: Shade Options – Civic Memorial Park and Lakeview Park

Purpose:

To provide Council with options for increasing shade at Civic Memorial Park and Lakeview Park in response to the Notice of Motion raised at the June 23, 2025, Council Meeting.

Recommendation:

THAT Council direct Administration to plant trees at Civic Memorial Park, located at 3033 37th Avenue and at Lakeview Park, located at 3001 18th Street and to temporarily provide umbrellas at Lakeview Park during the summer months;

AND FURTHER, that funding of up to \$42,000 be allocated from the Prior Year Unexpended Uncommitted Balance Reserve for the planting of the trees and purchase of temporary umbrellas.

Background:

a. Rationale:

At the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting, Council resolved the following:

THAT Administration provide costs and a potential funding source associated with shade options, which may include shade sails, at Lakeview Park (3001 18th Street) and Civic Memorial Park (3033 37 Avenue).

Both parks have recently undergone construction, and while trees have been planted as part of the improvements, they are still maturing and currently provide limited coverage.

To address current shade limitations, Administration has reviewed site-specific options for each park:

Civic Memorial Park:

The preferred long-term solution is the planting of large caliper trees around the playground, Administration will develop a planting plan based on site conditions,

available space, and optimal locations for future shade coverage. While this option will not provide immediate relief from the sun, it is the most sustainable and effective method for providing natural shade in the future.

Lakeview Park:

The preferred long-term solution is the planting of large caliper trees around the playground and spray park, Administration will develop a planting plan. In the interim, a practical low-cost solution is to provide umbrellas during the summer months, when lifeguard staff are onsite and able to assist with setup. This approach would offer flexible shade coverage for park users during peak heat hours without requiring permanent infrastructure.

Other Shade Options:

There may also be an opportunity to partner with local community groups or the private sector to provide and maintain temporary umbrellas or other mobile shade devices through mobile vending or seasonal concessions. This option would require further investigation and could be explored as part of a longer-term strategy in future years.

b. Relevant Policy/Bylaw/Resolutions/Legislative Authority:

N/A

c. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Livability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

d. Committee Recommendations:

N/A

Financial Implications:

Should Council choose to proceed with the recommended additional tree planting, which would include the required irrigation extension at Civic Memorial Park and Lakeview Park, the estimated cost is \$40,000. Activation of temporary umbrellas at Lakeview Park is estimated at \$2,000. Both items could be funded from the Prior Year Unexpended Uncommitted Balance Reserve (current balance: \$3,768,342).

Alternatively, should Council choose to install one permanent shade sail at Civic Memorial Park and one at Lakeview Park, each covering an area of approximately 25 x 25 feet, the estimated cost is \$80,000 for both, which could also be funded from the Prior Year Unexpended Uncommitted Balance Reserve.

Alternatives & Implications:

THAT Council, direct Administration to install one permanent shade sail at Civic Memorial Park and one at Lakeview Park;

AND FURTHER, that funding of up to \$80,000 be allocated from the Prior Year Unexpended Uncommitted Balance Reserve for the installation of 2 shade sails.

Implications of this alternative: Administration has investigated shade sail options, which would provide more immediate coverage, however, their effectiveness is limited by orientation, seasonal sun angles and site-specific installation requirements. These structures come with a higher cost, greater risk of vandalism, and increased long-term maintenance and replacement costs when compared to natural shade solutions such as tree planting.

Communication:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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Reviewed by: Kevin Poole, Director, Corporate Administration

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