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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Neil Miller, Director of Public Works  
Juan Price, Maintenance Superintendent

**DATE:** July 5, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Proposed Downtown Hanging Plants Improvements

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive this presentation of proposed improvements to the downtown hanging plants, discuss the issues and provide direction to staff.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

Sufficient funds are available in the approved project budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

In July of 2004, the City received a letter from the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business and Professional Association (DBPA) requesting the City to consider making some improvements to the aesthetics of the downtown. The letter points out that with the upcoming completion of the Community Plaza that the downtown may look a little worn in comparison.

At its January 18, 2005 meeting, City Council considered a variety of downtown streetscape improvements including landscaping enhancements. The list of approved enhancements including status is as follows:

- Replacement of string lighting with uplighting – Complete
- Rubberized slurry seal of street – Complete
- Pedestrian crosswalk enhancements – Complete
- Streetlight pole painting – Complete
- Gateway planter enhancements – Scheduled for week of July 25th, 2005
- Hanging pole planter enhancements – samples delivered

**DISCUSSION:**

At its January 18, 2005 meeting, City Council considered a variety of downtown streetscape improvements including landscape enhancements. The concept of hanging flower baskets from light poles at two intersections (Highland and Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Manhattan Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard) was among the enhancements considered and subsequently

approved.

City Council directed staff to manufacture or procure hanging planter hardware and create a sample installation for City Council review. Staff has installed three sample hangings immediately adjacent to the City Hall facility. These are located on Highland Avenue just south of 15th Street and are attached to existing poles. The design of the sample hardware allows for the greatest degree of attachment options (pole diameter, taper, and quadrant placement, etc.).

**CONCLUSION:**

The Downtown Manhattan Beach Business and Professional Association has requested that the City contribute to a facelift of the downtown Streetscape. Staff has successfully completed the majority of the approved project, and will complete the landscape portion upon design approval.

Attachments: Picture of Hanging Flower Baskets

xc: Carol Rowe, Executive Director, Downtown Manhattan Beach Business and Professional Association





