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To: Chair and Members
Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee
Outstanding Business Item AA and Issue: $100,000 which was directed from the bridge over the CP Rail Line and was given or directed to Gage Park
PW06048

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Re: Gage Park Redevelopment (PW06048) (Ward 3)

Council Direction:
Staff was directed to investigate and report back to the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee regarding the use of the $100,000 which was directed from the bridge over the CP Rail Line and was given or directed to Gage Park.

Information:
During the 2004 budget deliberations, there was $100,000 redirected to Gage Park from a pedestrian bridge project at Lawrence Road and Gage Avenue South. This funding was intended to undertake the necessary repairs to items that are readily seen by the public within Gage Park. Operations and Maintenance staff identified the project priorities as follows:

- Rose garden rehabilitation $20,000
- Perennial border restoration and replanting 40,000
- Wrought iron fence restoration (Main Street) 25,000
- Pathway repairs 10,000
- Contingency 5,000

$100,000

The above items were selected based on their impact and lasting value. In 2005, rehabilitation of the rose garden began and is now 90% complete with the planting beds refurbished and drip irrigation installed. The majority of the roses were planted last year. Staff will complete the planting this Spring upon the arrival of the specialized varieties which were unavailable last year.

The perennial border restoration and replanting will be undertaken this Spring. This will involve flower bed improvement and plant material replacement.
In 2005, a Gage Park Master Plan was initiated through Open Space Development, Capital Planning and Implementation which is anticipated to be finalized this Spring. Once the study is complete, the essential work identified through the Master Plan will be prioritized and staff will make recommendations as to where the available funding should be directed.

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