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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

FROM: Shannon Cohan, Superintendent of Parks

CC: Paul St. Cyr, DPW Commissioner; Shawn Machado, Assistant City Manager; Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer; Doreen Burgess, Assistant to the City Manager; Melissa Desroches, Executive Assistant to the City Manager.

DATE: July 25, 2023

SUBJECT: MOTION RESPONSE: C. Robinson 6/13/23– Req. City Mgr. Work With The Proper Department To Consider Improving Area Of Aiken Ave. That Contains “Welcome To Centralville” Sign Including Flower Boxes, Public Art, etc.

The City Manager’s office has been working in conjunction with the Parks Department to improve the area along Aiken Avenue that contains the “Welcome to Centralville” sign. This area has been cleared of overgrown vegetation and debris. A new stand of pine trees has been planted on the border of the adjacent parking lot to help beautify the space.

In addition, the Parks Department partnered with the Greater Lowell Technical High School (GLTHS) to plant perennial flowers at the base of the “Welcome to Centralville” sign, (which was constructed by GLTHS’ Construction and Carpentry program). Students enrolled in the Transitional Occupation Program at GLTHS worked very hard on this project to help beautify the area.

In terms of public art, the office of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (CASE) is facilitating a public art grant utilizing ARPA funds: [Cultural Sector ARPA Grants — #Lowell: There's A Lot To like, Art, Culture, Dining, Restaurants, Sports, Things To Do \(likelowell.com\)](#) The Centralville Neighborhood Action Group (CNAG) is exploring opportunities for funding for public art in Centralville. Some ideas include public murals and partnering with the local schools to identify potential projects.



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