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Date: 25 January 2024
To: Staff & Council
From: Mayor Anzevino
Subject: Extension of 'Melody' & Implementation of a 365-Day Kindness Rock Garden

Background - Birdsong Project, Melody

In July 2022, the Birdsong project, a unique public art installation, throughout the Gazebo, Clocktower, and Park Lane Greens received a one-year approval from Council to display 150 small bird sculptures hand-painted by local artists. Resolution 22-88 with Emergency language passed on Consent during the 19 July 2022 regular City Council meeting. As a part of this project, Melody, a larger bird exhibit compiled of small tiles and housed on the Park Lane Green was installed in the Spring of 2023. Both components of the project are to be removed in April 2024.

Project Scope & Coordination with Random Acts of Kindness Week in February

Staff wishes to extend Melody's stay on the Park Lane Green by 12 months and create a small 365-Day Kindness Rock Garden to surround her. The purpose of the rock garden will be to compliment Melody, create an increased sense of community and promote acts of kindness. The mulch area around Melody will be leveled to allow for the placement of 4 large planters and 2 small signs that residents may "leave a rock and take a rock", etc.. The project will be announced around the mid-February "Random Acts of Kindness Week". Installation will target the April timeframe and run throughout the year. Note, the several small birds that hang from the trees on the Clocktower, Gazebo and Ravena St. greens will be removed as planned.

Initial Community Engagement

Door 2 Art Studio has agreed to receive the planters and paint as well as seal them with colors that will compliment Melody. The studio has also agreed to help paint the initial supply of rocks during their weekly, open art studio hours. In addition, the Hudson Middle School as well as Seton Catholic school have agreed to paint rocks during their structured Art classes and to help use this initiative to promote and teach about the good that can come from being kind.

Financial Impact

Due to the items on hand, the cost to implement this project would be minimal. An estimate of \$1K or less is expected. Staff seeks Council support to carry out and advertise the project as soon as possible.

Recommendations

Staff wishes to extend Melody's stay on the Park Lane Green by 12 months and implement a 365-Day Kindness Rock Garden with Council support.
