



**CRA BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**Memorandum**

DATE: April 16, 2024  
TO: CRA Board Members  
FROM: Sarah Mulder, Project Manager *sm*  
THROUGH: Gregory P. Harrison, Executive Director  
            Nguyen Tran, Director *NT*  
RE: NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Tactical Urbanism Plan Update

Background

In 2012, improvements to Blanche Ely/NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Atlantic Boulevard to NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street were completed. The improvements included landscape beautification, transit shelters, sidewalk and lighting improvements and other beautification features.

Since a significant amount of time has passed since the improvements were completed, the Avenue is in need of upgrades and refurbishment. The Northwest CRA Advisory Committee and the CRA Board made this a priority project in FY2023 and allocated \$3.1 million in the budget to complete these improvements. As part of the project, the CRA enlisted the services of Kissinger Design to complete an analysis and site inventory of the area and to make recommendations for improvements.

The Tactical Urbanism Plan ("Plan") includes an Analysis, Site Inventory, General Comments, Tactical Plan and a suggested Order of Magnitude with basic cost estimates. The Plan was approved by the CRA Board on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Some of the recommendations and observations in the Plan include short-term improvements such as making the furnishings consistent including the garbage cans, benches and bus shelters with longer-term goals which include replacement of light poles, creating a parking lot for Annie Adderly Gillis Park and removal of the roundabouts and replace with raised intersection tables. Other recommendations outlined in the Plan will require City, CRA and land owner support to make an impact to the area.

CRA staff collaborated with City staff to prioritize the Plan's Order of Magnitude to determine which department would be responsible for which line items. Staff will continue to provide quarterly updates as this project progresses.

The following provides an update:

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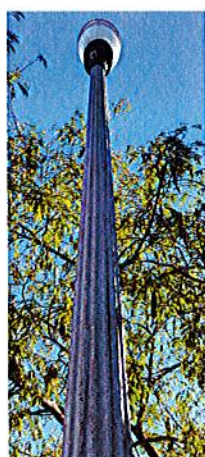
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Action Item	Department	Estimated time of completion
Public right-of-way landscape maintenance and trimming	Public Works	Ongoing – Once a month
Bulk trash street sweeps in public right-of-way	Environmental Services	Ongoing – Street sweeps are scheduled 2-3 times a week
Large pole banner removal	Public Works	Completed February 2024
Light pole refresh – Painted from dull gray to a sleek bronze to match the updated bus shelters	Facilities	Completed February 2024
Six (6) bus shelters will be pressure-cleaned, painted and receive new benches	Facilities	Completed February 2024
All trash and litter receptacles will be replaced to be consistent in design and color	Environmental Services	Completed January 2024
Annie Adderly Gillis Parking Lot	CRA	Kimley Horn contract approved October 2023; nearing 60% design; construction to be bid out end of 2024
Roundabouts demo and raised intersection replacement	CRA	Kimley Horn design contract approved October 2023; nearing 60% design; construction TBD
Utility Box Refresh	CRA	Staff has begun coordination on discovering ownership of the boxes to determine if they can be demoed or wrapped with new artwork. Completion date TBD.

#### LIGHT POLE REFRESH:

Before:



After:





## BUS SHELTER REFRESH:

Before:



After:



## LARGE POLE BANNER REMOVAL:

Before:



After:

