



Team of the Quarter Award Nomination Form

Noe Mendoza, Darren Driskell, Taylor Sandoval, Matt Hicks, Joel Rasco, Jason Bergman, Brandon Naranjo, Fred Arriaga

Nominee Names: _____

Department(s): 432

- Tell us why you would like to nominate this team:

This team spent the better part of 3 weeks transforming the Gazebo area at Dow park into a one of a kind garden. After tons of digging, trenching, ripping out old roots, adding topsoil, massive boulders, compost, irrigation and plants, they created an area that will be blooming for decades. In addition to the plants, there is an art installation featuring recycled material from a previous project to create a Moon Gate walkway. An outside vendor was able to re-bend the metal we had, and Darren was able to modify the arches for the install. The gazebo was repainted and all of the sidewalks were pressure washed prior to reopening the area. This project was large enough that the entire parks crew had a hand in beautifying this area for years to come!

- What impact did their actions have on the department and/or overall city?

Two years ago the tornado ripped through this section of park leaving it bruised. Now there are white, pink and purple Azaleas, white Chinese fringe trees, pink saucer Magnolias along with purple Lorepetalum and Sunshine ligustrum for year round color. In addition to the 4 large Magnolias we had transplanted from the construction of the new Community Center. The Moon Gate walkway symbolizes Birth and Renewal and it is said that stepping through the Moon Gate brings good luck to newlyweds. Weddings and special events now have an appropriate landscape for photographic memories.

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