



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

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SUBJECT: PARKS PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

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FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file staff report.

DISCUSSION

The following is an update on various park development projects:

Fairview Park – Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project

This project is within Planning Areas A and C of the Fairview Park Master Plan and is designed to restore the historic Placentia Drain by developing approximately 35 acres of wetlands and riparian habitat. Phase I, which included the construction of 17 acres of riparian habitat, has been completed.

Phase II – Construction

Phase II consists of constructing a water delivery system from the Greenville-Banning Channel pumping station, ponds, 23-acres of wetland pond plantings, coastal sage scrub, native grasslands, an oak woodland, and irrigation.

Staff was successful in securing a **\$2 million grant** from the OCTA Measure M2 Freeway Mitigation Program for the construction of this phase. This program is designed to offset impacts from the freeway projects to be built under M2.



In addition, MiOcean, whose mission statement is to clean up our local shoreline using a business approach and applying expertise, passion, and resources for measureable improvements, has

committed to being a community partner in the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project with a \$350,000 donation towards the completion of the project. City Council accepted this donation at the January 4, 2011 meeting.

Construction documents are being finalized. This project is scheduled to be under construction in the spring of 2011.

Phase III – Construction

Phase III consists of construction of park amenities such as DG trails, signage, benches, interpretive area, and a boardwalk.

A grant application was submitted to the State of California's Prop 84 Nature Education Facilities Grant Program to fund an outdoor interpretive center, native habitat, signage, and trails. Grant awards are scheduled to be announced in the spring of 2011. Additional funding opportunities to complete the remaining work will continue to be pursued by staff.

Fairview Park – Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail

This project is within Planning Areas A and C of the Fairview Park Master Plan and the alignment follows the south levee of the Fairview Channel between Placentia Avenue and the Santa Ana River bike trails.

The Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail Project has been approved to receive a construction grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$256,000 and a Transportation Enhancement grant of \$500,000.

This project is scheduled to be under construction in the spring of 2011.

Joann Street Bike Trail

This project is approximately one mile in length with an "L" shaped layout. The project is located at the southeast corner of the Costa Mesa Golf Course with one leg on the west side of Harbor Boulevard between Fair Drive and 2299 Harbor Boulevard and the other leg between Harbor Boulevard and the City's Corporation Yard.

The scope of work for this project includes the removal and replacement of dilapidated fencing along the south leg of the trail between Harbor and the Corporation Yard; new landscape and irrigation system, new safety lighting system, trash receptacles, and benches; removal of the existing asphalt trail, and construction of a new concrete bike trail. Construction has started and is scheduled to be completed in June 2011.



Grading of the new bike trail near the west end of the project.

Master Plans and Conceptual Designs for Costa Mesa High School, Davis School, and TeWinkle/California Schools

The proposed work includes master planning of improvements at each of the above-mentioned facilities that meets the needs of the school district and the City. The process includes focused public workshops and programming meetings, presentations to the School Board, City Commissions, and City Council. Landscape Architect, Schmidt Design Group (SDG) has been selected to perform this work.

The work is currently on hold pending the scheduling of a Joint Study Session between the School Board and City Council.

Brentwood Park

On February 17, 2009, City Council approved the master plan for Brentwood Park based on the layout recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Brentwood Park Master Plan incorporates the parcel at 261 Monte Vista into the original Brentwood Park.



The construction phase for interim grading, planting of 45 new trees, irrigation improvements, and hydroseeding at the former parcel has been completed. The expanded area of the park was opened to the public on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Staff has submitted a grant application to the State of California’s Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the implementation of additional elements of the Brentwood Park Master Plan. Improvements include a ¼ mile DG trail and fitness stations, a picnic area, hardscape improvements, landscaping and a bioswale canal. Grant awards are scheduled to be announced in the spring of 2011.

Lions Park (Davis Field) – Replace Ball Field Lighting System

The scope of work for this project includes replacing the existing lighting system with a new, state-of-the-art, energy efficient, lighting system. The new lighting system will be designed to provide the flexibility of operating independent programs specifically designed for the anticipated athletic programs and field layouts. Design West Engineering has been selected to perform the design work. This project is scheduled to be advertised for construction this month.

Smallwood Park Improvements

Funding has been approved for the design of park repairs, upgrade of existing facilities and addition of new elements. Proposals have been received for this work and are being evaluated. Consultant selection and award of a contract is scheduled to be completed this month.

The construction documents for the project will be designed to allow for the construction of improvements in phases. As funding becomes available, these phases may be bid individually or combined for a complete project. The first phase will include the repair of existing walkways and restroom fixtures, the rehabilitation of the existing sports court, the replacement of worn-out playground surfacing, and new playground surfacing to increase accessibility to the playground equipment. This phase has already been funded and will be advertised as soon as the design phase is complete.

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