



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2011

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SUBJECT: PARKS PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT
DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2011
FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION
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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 and a \$225,000 Habitat Conservation Fund grant from the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the construction of this phase.

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.



**Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat, Phase II –
Looking northwest at Pond B.**

This phase is now under construction. Work completed to date includes permitting and submittal phase, mobilization, construction fencing and clearing of weeds. Rough grading is scheduled to be completed this month.

Phase III – Construction

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

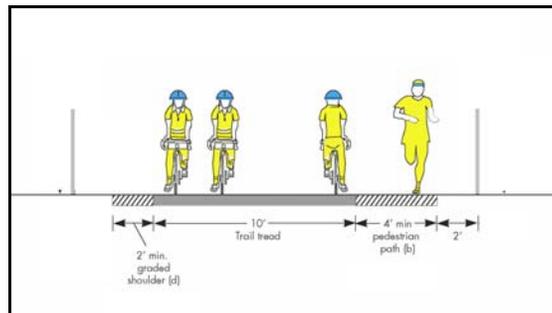
A grant application was submitted to the State of California's Prop 84 Nature Education Facilities Grant Program to fund an outdoor interpretive center, native habitat, signage, and trails. Grant awards are scheduled to be announced in the spring of 2012. Additional funding opportunities to complete the remaining work will continue to be pursued by City 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 has been combined with the Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project and is also in the initial phases of construction. Grading is scheduled to start after the rough grading of the Wetlands and Riparian Habitat project is completed.



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.

A \$275,000 grant from the State of California's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program has been awarded to the City 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. Design and construction is scheduled to be completed in Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

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.

The installation of sports lighting equipment has been completed. The outfield has been hydroseeded and is growing nicely. The field will be ready for play after the second mowing in December 2011.



Davis Field Infield Lighting

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. David Volz Design has been selected to design the proposed park improvements. The contract documents are being reviewed and it is anticipated that the first phase will be advertised for construction in January 2012.

The first phase includes repairing existing concrete walkways and restroom fixtures; resurfacing of the existing basketball court; replacing worn-out playground surfacing, and new playground surfacing to increase accessibility to the playground equipment.



**South End of Smallwood Park Where Phase I Work
Is Scheduled to Take Place**

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