



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

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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 the construction of the water delivery system from the Greenville-Banning Channel pumping station to the uppermost pond near Placentia Avenue, grading of the remaining ponds, 23-acres of wetland pond plantings, coastal sage scrub, native grasslands, an oak woodland, and irrigation.

Staff captured a \$2 million grant from the Measure M2 Freeway Mitigation Program and a \$225,000 Habitat Conservation Fund Program (Proposition 84) grant. In addition, MiOcean Foundation awarded the City a grant of \$350,000 and OCRP donated \$40,000 for the completion of Phase II.

Work completed to date:

- Rough grading 95% complete.
- Electrical, irrigation and water mainlines 85% complete.
- Pedestrian trails 35% complete.
- Ponds 45% complete.

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.

Work completed to date:

- Rough grading 100% complete.
- Concrete trail 75% complete.
- Pedestrian trail (decomposed granite) 15% complete.
- Channel fencing 85% complete.

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 1/4 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 the work includes replacing an existing lighting system with a new, state-of-the-art, energy efficient, lighting system. The new lighting system was designed to provide the flexibility of operating

independent programs specifically designed for the anticipated athletic programs and field layouts. In addition, the project includes the installation of baseball netting along 1st and 3`d bases and the replacement of the existing chain link fence. This project was opened to the public on February 2, 2012.

Smallwood Park

The design of improvements for Smallwood Park has been completed. The work is scheduled to take place in phases as funding becomes available. Funding was allocated in prior fiscal years for the upgrade/remodel of the existing restroom building, reconstruction of existing walkways and resurfacing of the existing basketball court. These improvements are in the bid phase and their construction is anticipated to be completed this summer.

Harbor Boulevard Beautification

The City received a \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the design and construction of beautification improvements on Harbor Boulevard that includes the planting of new palm trees per the approved plant palette for this corridor and the installation of a new entry monument sign south of MacArthur Boulevard. This project is in the design phase and its construction is scheduled to take place in FY 2012-2013.

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