



PARKS AND RECREATION

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RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file staff report.

DISCUSSION

The following is an update on various park development projects:

Fairview Park Master Plan

The Fairview Park Master Plan is being implemented as funds become available. City staff continues to search for funding opportunities and partnerships to complete the remaining work.

Fairview Park Bike Trail and North Parking Lot Improvements

The proposed scope of work includes replacing the existing asphalt trail with an eight-foot wide color concrete path, correcting localized drainage issues between the restroom and gathering area and construction new entryway improvements. The work also includes the construction of the master planned parking lot north of the main entrance. The environmental phase of the work continues.

Fairview Park (Planning Area F) Drainage Improvements

The south end of Fairview Park between Canyon Drive and Pacific Avenue has under-sized drainage facilities (earthen swales) that need to be upgraded to handle the design storm events. Funding has been allocated for the design of a new underground storm drain system. This project is currently in the design phase.

Fairview Park Parking Lot Lighting

Funding has been approved to install energy-efficient parking lot lights in the master-planned parking lots west of Placentia Avenue. The proposed parking lot lights for the main parking lots are proposed to include LED fixtures equipped with photocells, shields to control light dispersion, dimmable controls and motion sensors. The park will continue to operate as it is now, from dawn to dusk, except for special events such as the Costa Mesa Fish Fry, Civil War Reenactment, Concerts in the Park, etc. The placement of the lights, the type of lights (LED) and the use of shields are intended to provide the most environmentally-friendly photometric layout. The motion sensing capability will enable the lights to increase intensity and serve as an indicator of unauthorized activity

at the park. Residents, City personnel and passersby will alert the proper authorities of such incidents.

The parking lot west of Parsons School along Canyon Drive is proposed to be fitted with standard street lights with shields to supplement the street lights on the east parkway.

Environmental determination work continues. Review per City Council Policy 500-11 will follow this work.

Brentwood Park

On February 17, 2009, City Council approved the Brentwood Park Master Plan. The Master Plan is being implemented in phases as funds become available.

A \$275,000 grant from the State of California's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program has been awarded to the City for the construction of a 1/4 mile DG trail and fitness stations, a picnic area, hardscape improvements and landscaping. This portion of the work has been advertised with an anticipated bid date of December 8, 2014.

Smallwood Park

The design 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.

Phase I, which included the remodeling and upgrade of the existing restroom building and replacement of concrete walkways, has been completed. Phase II, which includes the replacement of the existing play area, has received partial funding and is awaiting allocation of additional funds to complete this phase.

Harbor Boulevard Beautification

The City received a \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the design and construction of beautification improvements on Harbor Boulevard that include the planting of new palm trees, drought-tolerant landscape and the installation of a new entry monument sign south of MacArthur Boulevard. This project is currently in the construction phase and is about 95% complete.

Harbor Boulevard Bike Trail Improvements

The Harbor Boulevard Bike Trail is located in the west parkway of Harbor Boulevard between Fair Drive and Merrimac Way. The work includes the installation of pedestrian safety lighting and landscape lighting; and replacement of the existing sidewalk adjacent to the curb lane with drought-tolerant landscape. The proposed low-level lighting will be similar to the one utilized at the Joann Bike Trail to maintain uniformity, increase safety and beautify this very important corridor. This project is currently being coordinated with the adjacent property owners.

Lions Park Improvements

Funding has been approved for the development of a conceptual design and preliminary drawings for improvements to the park. The work anticipated to be completed with this phase includes a topographic survey of the site, public workshops to develop a concept plan, a presentation to this Commission of the concept plans with the proposed playground footprint and equipment. David

Volz Design has been selected to perform this phase of the project. This project is currently on hold until an architect is selected for the design of improvements for the Neighborhood Community Center and Costa Mesa Library.

Feasibility Studies for the Permanent Lighting of Sports Fields at School District Sites

Funding has been approved to coordinate feasibility studies with the School District for the installation of permanent sports lights at Parsons, Estancia and Balearic. The process will follow a similar path as the one for the Costa Mesa High School Stadium and includes assisting the School District select a qualified consultant to conduct the studies and presentations to staff and elected boards.

Master Plan of Parks and Recreation Update

The update of the City's General Plan is currently underway and includes updating the Open Space and Recreation element. This update will set the general goals based on the City's current needs and demands. Following the General Plan update is the update of the City's Master Plan of Parks and Recreation. Based on the revised goals from the updated General Plan and supplemented by extensive public outreach, demographic trends, and detailed analysis of all available data, a Needs assessment will be completed and facility and program recommendations will be incorporated into the new Master Plan. The process is estimated to be completed in about one year. Proposals have been received and are being evaluated.



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