



## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** October 7, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Parks Capital Projects Update  
**PRESENTER:** Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Mr. Michael Wilson will present an update on Parks Capital Projects.

### **CONTINUING PROJECTS**

#### **NRH Active Transportation Projects for Trails/ On-Road**

*This project will provide for the implementation of recommendations identified in the City Wide Trail and Route System study addressing safety enhancements at street crossings, warning signs and markings, 911 response location signs and trail and route connections. The recommendations for implementation are all designed to provide safe, friendly on-street bicycle transportation throughout the City.*

- This project is substantially complete. Staff received approval from TxDOT in September to submit an application for the final reimbursement payment.

#### **Green Valley Raceway Historical Area**

*This project provides for the design and construction of a historical plaza adjacent to North Tarrant Parkway, east of Smithfield Road where the John Barfield Trail meanders through what once was the Green Valley Raceway. Proposed amenities include an attractive pedestrian and bicycle plaza with benches, trash receptacles and signage with information and photographs that celebrate the rich history of a bygone era in North Richland Hills.*

- This project is complete

For more information about the project, please access the following link.  
<https://www.nrhgreenvalleyraceway.com/>

### **Northfield Drive Sidewalk Connection from Davis Blvd to Northfield Park**

*This project will provide for the construction of a 6' wide sidewalk along Northfield Drive from Davis Blvd eastward to the John Barfield Trail in Northfield Park.*

- This project was completed while the Dog Park was closed at the beginning of September.

### **City Point Trail Development in Oncor Easement**

*This project will provide for the design and construction of a 10' wide multi-use trail in the Oncor easement just west of the City Point development from Glenview Drive northward to an existing 6' wide residential pedestrian trail adjacent to City Point Phase 2 along Blvd 26.*

- Construction plans are complete and an Oncor encroachment agreement has been executed. Staff is compiling bid documents for an RFP that will be released in the coming months.

### **Green Valley Park Safety Fence and Drainage Improvements**

*This project provides for the addition of 1,200 linear feet of 6' tall black vinyl-coated chain-link fence between all 8 soccer fields and the adjacent parking lot at Green Valley Park, and drainage improvements on the north side of the park adjacent to Fields 5 thru 8.*

- The safety fence project is complete. Drainage improvements will commence this winter after BAYFA completes its fall season.

## **FISCAL YEAR 23-24 PROJECTS**

### **Cross Timbers Disc Golf**

*This project provides for the design and installation of a disc golf course through the open maintained areas within Cross Timbers Park. Amenities for the course will include concrete tee boxes, course signage and disc golf baskets.*

- Discmania, Inc. spent 2 days in the first week of September mapping out a course design and walking the proposed course with city staff. The designer is now in the process of finalizing plans in preparation for construction later this fall.

### **Park Infrastructure Maintenance 2024**

*This project provides for maintenance of park infrastructure in response to use, age, damage, and safety. The FY2024 priorities and cost estimates include: Fall Safe Material Replacement throughout multiple playgrounds (\$45K), Sport Field Renovations (\$20K), Park Furniture Replacement (\$25K), Parking Lot Restriping at Norich, Liberty, Adventure World and Tipps Canine Hollow (\$10,000), Cross Timbers Pavilion Paint (\$10,000), Athletic Field Fence Repairs (\$20K), Pickleball/Tennis Hitting Walls at Green Valley, Northfield, and Richfield Parks (\$15K), Bedford Eulless Greenway Two-wire Irrigation Conversion (\$20K), Gaga Ball Pit Installation at Tommy and Sue Brown Park (\$5K) and Richfield Park Basketball Court Resurfacing (\$10K) . While this list is thorough, changes can be made during the year due to safety or damages that arise.*

- Staff are working on several annual park infrastructure projects as time and weather allows.

### **Pond Bathymetry Study**

*This project will provide bathymetry data through a hydrographic survey on city park ponds that will identify any potential needs for sediment removal. The ponds included in the project will consist of the three ponds at The Lakes of Hometown, one pond at Liberty Park, one pond at Green Valley Park, and one pond at Linda Spurlock Park. Data collected and analyzed will allow city staff along with engineers to determine if, where and how much sediment removal in the form of dredging is necessary to ensure pond health and safety. The study will also test sediment samples to determine how and where sediment can be disposed of or relocated to, should dredging be recommended.*

- A Request for Qualifications will be issued to select a consultant to perform the pond studies.

### **Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park Improvements**

*This project provides for the renovation of existing vinyl-coated chain-link fencing, and gates, installation of artificial turf in high-wear areas, and installation of shade structures over selected park benches.*

- This project is complete.

### **Tommy and Sue Brown Park Playground Replacement with Shade**

*This project provides for the replacement of the playground at Tommy and Sue Brown Park. The Parks and Recreation Department developed an Infrastructure Management Plan for park amenities which addresses long term funding needs for replacement and renovation of park sites and their amenities. Park assets are subject to continual heavy usage by citizens, exposure to the elements and natural aging process. The Asset Management Plan and ongoing park inspections are used to identify assets that have become worn, unsafe, or unsightly and to create a priority timeline for their repair, renovation or removal.*

- Demolition of the existing playground, installation of new play structures, shade and fall surfacing will begin in late October. We expect the project to be completed in November.

### **Trail Infrastructure Maintenance**

*This project provides for maintenance of parks hike and bike trail infrastructure in response to use, age, damage, and safety. The FY2024 priorities and cost estimates include: Concrete Panel Replacement (\$25,000) and Trail and Crosswalk Restriping (\$15,000).*

- Annual trail repairs and restriping projects will be completed as time and weather allows.