



## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** August 5, 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 are working through project closeout procedures with TxDOT and Select Maintenance.

#### **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.*

- Staff is requesting bids for this project. Work is scheduled to commence in August.

### **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. Staff applied for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recreation trails grant in January 2024, but unfortunately was not awarded the grant. An Oncor encroachment agreement has been executed by the City and is awaiting final Oncor approval. 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. Staff is working with potential contractors to develop a design solution for the drainage improvements.

### **Park Infrastructure Maintenance 2023**

*This project provides for maintenance of park infrastructure in response to use, age, damage, and safety. The FY2023 priorities and cost estimates include: Fall Safe Material Replacement throughout multiple playgrounds (\$45K), Sport Field Renovations (\$25K), Drinking Fountain Replacements (\$16K), Playground Equipment Replacements at Adventure World Playground and Liberty Park (\$20K), Trail Concrete Replacements on the Cotton Belt and John Barfield Trails (\$30K), HomeTown Pedestrian Bridge Preservation as a part of a 5 year restoration schedule (\$14K), Park Restroom fixture Upgrades at Adventure World Playground and Richfield Park (\$20K), Park Furniture Replacement (\$20K) and Trail and Park sign Replacement at various top priority locations (\$30K). While this list is thorough, changes can be made during the year due to safety or damages that arise.*

- Staff is negotiating a contract with a sign manufacturer to fabricate Compressed High-Pressure Laminate (CHPL) replacement panels.

## **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.*

- A contract has been signed with Discmania Inc. for the design a 9-hole disc golf course, and supply and install disc golf targets, tee signs, and a course map. Concrete tee pads will be procured separately once the design phase is nearing completion.

### **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 Euleess 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 will begin in August, during which the dog park will be closed for one month. This closure will also give worn turf areas an opportunity to recover.

### **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.*

- A contract has been executed with Whirlix, Inc. for the demolition and disposal of the existing playground, and supply and installation of new playground equipment with integrated shade. The playground installation is schedule for November of this year.

### **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.