



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Parks Capital Projects Update
PRESENTER: Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, will present an update on Parks Capital Projects.

TRAIL AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Trail and On-Road Safety Projects

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.

- **The construction documents for this project are currently being prepared by Kimley-Horn for the 100% Professional Services and Design submittal to TxDOT which is due on January 27. According to the latest schedule, TxDOT will have 50 days to execute a Federal Project Authorization Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration. Once completed, the City will begin advertising the project for construction the third week of April 2021, open bids, award a contract with TxDOT concurrence and begin construction in September 2021. The project is expected to take approximately four months to complete.**

PARK RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT

Fossil Creek Park Mountain Bike Trails

This project will provide for the development of mountain biking/hiking trails within Fossil Creek Park. The 58.5 acre park contains beautiful natural areas comprised of mature hardwood trees, a mixture of grasslands and riparian habitats, all of which are ideally suited to hiking and mountain biking. Project improvements include approximately five (5) miles of trails serviced by a small parking lot and associated park use signage.

- **Shadow Trail Designs began development of the Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails on November 11, 2020. Through the end of November and during the**

month of December, the “Red” trails west of Fossil Creek were completed. Shadow Trail Designs is currently working to develop the “Blue” trails on the east side of Fossil Creek and is approximately 30% complete. In addition to trail development, Shadow Trail Designs is responsible for the development of drainage features, bridges and kiosks at the trail head location.

Linda Spurlock Park Renovation

This project involves the redevelopment of the existing neighborhood park through the design and construction of existing and new amenities based on stakeholder input meetings. Recommended park elements for the renovation of the park include a new parking lot, a new pavilion, upgrade of playground equipment and support facilities.

- **The project is in the very late stages of construction. Completed items include all concrete flatwork, placement of swing benches, the playground, grading, drainage, placement of the restroom building and tree planting. The remaining items are the delivery of the pavilion and sign along with final grading and sod work. The project is expected to be complete by the end of February 2021.**

Park Infrastructure Maintenance (2021)

This project provides for maintenance of park infrastructure in response to use and age. Priorities for FY2021 include fall zone material replacement, replacement of playground equipment, sports field renovation, concrete panel replacement and drinking fountain replacement.

- **This project is comprised of several sub-projects. Maintenance staff is working with Whirlix, Inc. to supply new shade structure fabric for the Dick Faram Park playground. The shade fabric was severely damaged in two different storms that generated very high winds.**

BEAUTIFICATION AND CITY IMAGE

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.

- **Staff has been working on the process of Master Plan development over the past several months. The Master plan is nearing completion and will be available on our Website very soon. Current revenue for the project is a**



combination of Park Fund Reserves, Sales Tax and donations for a total of \$155,717. For more information about the project, please access the following link. <https://www.nrhgreenvalleyraceway.com/>

NEW PROJECTS FOR FY 2020/2021

Annual Tree Planting (2021)

This project provides for the introduction of trees into the urban forest and replacement of trees that have died at various locations throughout the City. The project involves the installation of 3" caliper, drought tolerant, native or adapted trees. Park facilities to receive the new trees include Linda Spurlock Park, Walker's Creek Park and Iron Horse Golf Course. The project includes mitigation replacement of 20 trees removed during installation of a major sanitary sewer line at Walker's Creek Park. At Iron Horse Golf Course, several trees will be planted along Browning Drive to improve course aesthetics.

- **Fannin Tree Farms completed the contracted tree planting at Linda Spurlock, Walkers Creek Parks and Iron Horse Golf Course. Smith Lawn and Tree Care completed installing irrigation bubblers at each of the tree locations.**

Richfield Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Replacement

This project provides for the replacement of the Richfield Park tennis court. With more than 40 years in service, significant spalling, cracking and foundation movement are presenting uneven surfaces, creating trip hazards that resurfacing will not correct to allow for safe play. The project will include replacing the existing, partially fenced double court with a fully fenced tennis court and 4 fenced pickleball courts. The existing lights will be preserved.

- **The ground survey of the tennis court area is complete and design is underway.**

Richland Tennis Center Infrastructure Maintenance (2021)

This project provides for the maintenance of the Richland Tennis Center Infrastructure in response to use and age. The FY2021 funding will provide for the replacement of the existing PA system and lighting on all 16 courts, concrete repairs at various location within the facility.

- **The lighting replacement for all 16 courts is now complete. Staff continues to obtain competitive bids for a new PA system for paging, safety announcements and general announcements.**