



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 7, 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.

- **Competitive bids were opened and read aloud on May 27 at 2:00 p.m. There were four responses. After internal review and analysis of the lowest responsive bid is complete, TxDOT will review and request a letter of concurrence from the District Project Development Officer. The typical schedule from bid opening to TxDOT concurrence is approximately six weeks with an additional four weeks for Council approval and contract execution.**

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.

- **The Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trail project is substantially complete. Recent rains have prohibited trail use; however, the Parks and Recreation Department along with the Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Association have received several inquiries about the new trail system at Fossil Creek.**

Bicyclist, walkers and nature enthusiasts are anxious to try out the new trails.

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 Linda Spurlock Park Renovation is complete and has been accepted by the City of North Richland Hills. The project provided for a new pavilion, restroom, playground, walking path and numerous picnic tables and swing benches. As a result of the project, Linda Spurlock Park has been significantly improved and is being enjoyed by large crowds of visitors.**

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. The shade structure over the Dick Faram Park playground has been repaired. 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.

- **The project is complete. Due to low temperatures for extended periods of time in February, six Live Oak Trees have died. Fannin Tree Farms has agreed to replace the dead trees at no additional cost to the City of North Richland Hills.**

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.

- **Tim Gamble dba Tagit has completed the installation of the new public announcement system at the Richland Tennis Center. The system works very well and is a welcome addition to the visitors and RTC operational staff.**