

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 3, 2026
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

A. 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.

- The Lakes of Hometown survey has concluded, and Westwood Professional Services has finished their draft report. They are currently revising the report to incorporate city comments.



B. 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

This project serves to establish a 2025/2026 Park System Master Plan that aligns with current community goals to guide the overall direction of Parks and Recreation within the City. A parks and recreation master plan is a comprehensive, long-range strategy for the creation, optimization, and maintenance of a community's assets. The Master Plan will assess current and future recreational needs, establish a long-range vision, and will identify and prioritize future capital improvement projects. Public input along with data on current infrastructure, facilities, and programs will be analyzed to create the 2025/2026 Park System Master Plan utilizing professional services.

- The June 10 Parks Master Plan public open house captured highly positive sentiment alongside key community priorities. Top resident feedback emphasized a strong desire for natural trails, conservation areas, nature education, improved playground shade, and pedestrian safety/crossing improvements near busy roadways. Highly visited sites like Northfield Park and the NRH Centre were highlighted, and these community insights will directly help establish the guiding principles for the final Master Plan.



FY26 PROJECT UPDATES

A. City Entry Sign Replacement

This project serves to replace the City entry signs located at select entryways to the city. City entry signs are located on major arterial, minor arterial, and major collector roadways. Two of the eleven proposed signs may be considered for LED digital displays that will be used to promote and share information on a variety of City-related topics.

- In January, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to hire a consultant to design new entry signs. Staff are finalizing a contract with the highest-ranked firm and expect to hold a design kick-off meeting in August.

B. JB Sandlin Playground Replacement

This project provides for the replacement of the neighborhood park playground at JB Sandlin Park as well as the incorporation of shade into the playground installation. This project will serve to provide a safe, accessible and high-quality play experience for our citizens to enjoy for years to come. JB Sandlin Park is located within the Thornbridge subdivision at 8925 Thornmeadow Ct.

This project is complete.



C. John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension

This project serves to design and construct a portion of the John Barfield Trail within the Oncor powerline easement behind residences on the east side of Spring Oak Drive. The current trail design provides an on-road connection through Spring Oak Drive. This project will bring this section of trail off-road as well as connect to an existing sidewalk for trail access by residents of the newly developed Rumfield Estates. This project will include survey, design, a flood study, and trail construction that will include concrete trail, a structure to cross a tributary to Little Bear Creek, and a street crossing where Spring Oak Drive and the new trail would intersect.

- Staff have signed a contract with Baird, Hampton, and Brown, Inc. for the design of the trail project. A site survey will be completed in July, and the design process is expected to take 4 to 5 months.

