

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 4, 2019
SUBJECT: Parks Capital Projects Update
PRESENTER: Bill Thornton, Assistant Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director, will present an update on Parks Capital Projects.

TRAIL AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

HomeTown Lakes Pedestrian Bridge Trail Development

This project provides for trail connections for the Walker's Creek Trail to the new pedestrian bridge crossing the northernmost lake of the Lakes of HomeTown. The bridge and bridge abutments are being installed by Arcadia Development and this project will provide for access to the bridge from the existing Walker's Creek Trail on both the east and west sides of the lake.

- **The contractor for Arcadia Development completed the bridge installation, concrete deck, guardrails and lighting the week of January 28, 2019. Dean construction, hired by the City to complete the pedestrian connections from the bridge to the adjacent trails, began mobilization the same week. Construction of the pedestrian connections begins this week.**

Trial 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 enhancement 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 City is currently negotiating scope and fees with Kimley-Horn, and Associates, Inc. Once the form of contract has been approved by the City Attorney and TxDOT representatives, the item will be presented to council for their consideration.**

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 is developing a final concept plan for the historical area. Construction documents and specifications will be prepared by PARD staff and packaged for bidding.**

PARK RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT

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.

- **Professional services consultant interviews were held on December 13, 2018 with Dunaway, GSBS Architects and Teague Nall and Perkins. An evaluation committee of staff from several departments chose Dunaway as the firm most qualified to perform the consulting work at Linda Spurlock Park. City staff is currently reviewing and negotiating the fee proposal. A contract with Dunaway scheduled for Council approval at their February 25, 2019 meeting.**

Park Infrastructure Maintenance (2019)

This project provides for maintenance of park infrastructure in response to use and age. Priorities for FY2019 include playground equipment replacement, fall zone material replacement, new drinking fountains, sport field bulb replacement, air conditioner replacement at Green Valley and Richfield, Fossil Creek restroom removal, Cross Timbers dugout roof repair, Green Valley dumpster screening wall and Adventure World fence replacement.

- **This project is comprised of several sub-projects. Purchase orders have been released to vendors for the conversion of fabric dugout covers to metal at Cross Timbers Park, AC replacement at Green Valley and Richfield Parks and removal of restrooms at Fossil Creek Park. Additionally, work begins this week on the Bedford Euless Wall repairs.**

Richland Tennis Center Infrastructure Maintenance (2019)

This project provides for the maintenance of the Richland Tennis Center Infrastructure in response to use and age. Funding in FY2019 will provide for the replacement of tile surfaces in the restroom and window shades in the pro shop.

- **Window shades for the pro shop were ordered and installed in mid-November. Staff is working to secure pricing on the tile replacement project.**

BEAUTIFICATION AND CITY IMAGE

Park System Signage

This project provides for the design and construction of new, updated park signage that will provide a gateway to each park, consistent with the vision of “City as Park” as supported by the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. All park entry signs are scheduled to be replaced over a three-year period. Each year, as funding becomes available, Parks and Recreation staff will inspect and evaluate all signs, and respond with sign replacement projects in order of greatest priority.

- **Construction documents for the second phase of park signage nears completion. The project is expected to be ready for bidding at the end of February 2019.**

Annual Tree Planting 2019

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 drought tolerant, native or adaptive trees. Park facilities to receive trees include Northfield Park as well as various other locations.

- **Fannin Tree Farms will begin planting operations in the first two weeks of February 2019. The majority of work will be at Northfield Park to complete the tree planting plan that was a part of the original construction documents for the recent renovation. Trees will also be planted in the drive islands at NRH₂O.**



NRH CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS

NRH Centre Indoor Aquatic Pool Re-Plaster Project

This project is to re-plaster the Aquatics Facility at the NRH Centre. The project will include removal and replacement of all the pool plaster down to the substrate surface. Specifications for the project will include needed substrate repairs, tile repair and replacement of grates as needed.

- **Classic Tile and Plaster completed the project the first week of January, 2019. The pool reopened on January 5, 2019.**