

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 3, 2022
SUBJECT: Parks Capital Projects Update
PRESENTER: Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Michael Wilson will present an update on Parks Capital 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.

- The project is nearly complete, with a few minor tasks remaining. The contractor is required to provide additional clean-up at several of the project sites, and remedy electrical issues with the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at Kirk Ln and Rufe Snow Dr. We hope to have this project completely closed out in the coming months.

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.

- Plans for the Green Valley Raceway have been reviewed by City Management and the Development Review Committee. A Request for Bids will be released shortly for construction of the historical area. For more information about the project, please access the following link. <https://www.nrhgreenvalleyraceway.com/>

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 project is scheduled to be complete and open to the public beginning September 26.

FY 2021/2022 NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Adventure World Playground Phase 2

This project provides for the addition of a small park pavilion near the playground along with the addition of a sprinkler system along Starnes Rd, near the parking lot, restroom and playground area.

- A New Deal Irrigation Co. has completed the irrigation installation at the Park. Park operations staff has also procured an 18'X30' Pavilion that will be installed in an upper pod, across from the Woodland Excursion landing. Delivery of the playground is expected in 6 months. In the meantime, Park planning staff will design the pavilion pad and connecting sidewalks.

Cross Timbers Park Playground Replacement with Shade

This project provides for the replacement of the playground at Cross Timbers Park which will include a shade structure.

- Competitive sealed proposals were received on July 21, 2022 from 5 contractors. Selection criteria included quality and uniqueness of design, play value and aesthetics, durability of equipment, ease of maintenance, parts availability, quality and performance of previous work, warranty, key project personnel, and price. Based on an evaluation of the selection criteria, the five-member committee recommends awarding the bid to Whirlix Design, Inc.. Staff will make their recommendation to City Council at the September 26 Meeting.

Park Infrastructure Maintenance 2022

This project provides for maintenance of park infrastructure in response to use, age, damage, and safety. The FY2022 priorities and cost estimates include: Fall safe material replacement at multiple playgrounds (\$45,000), park concrete replacement at Green Valley, Cotton Belt Trail, and the North Electric Trail (\$25,000), sport field renovations (\$20,000), rubberized play surface repairs at Adventure World (\$10,000), drinking fountain replacements (\$16,000), parking lot striping at Green Valley, Walker's Creek, Cross Timbers Richfield and Liberty Parks (\$20,000), dumpster enclosure construction (\$24,000), east dog park fence replacement (\$20,000), Norich Park drainage repairs (\$12,000) and park furniture replacement (\$15,000).

- Parking lot striping, dumpster enclosure construction, dog park fence replacement, sports field renovations, and Cotton Belt Trail repairs have been completed.
- Norich Park drainage repairs will be completed by the end of September.

Partial Playground Replacement

This project provides for the replacement of a portion of playground equipment at Clyde Zellers, Kay Granger, Tommy and Sue Brown and Legacy Parks.

- Replacement pieces have been installed at Kay Granger and Clyde Zellers Parks. Pieces for other parks have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive. The lead times on various replacement pieces are nearly 6 months.

Richland Tennis Center Infrastructure Maintenance

This project provides for the maintenance of the Richland Tennis Center infrastructure in response to use and age. The FY2022 funding will provide for replacement of players bench awnings, replacement of player's bench seats, and the repair of damaged concrete located on the exterior of the main building on the south side.

- Whirlix Design, Inc. completed installation of the new awnings over the player's benches at the Richland Tennis Center. The original worn awnings were green and have been replaced with blue fabric which is consistent with other shade structures in the RTC. This project is complete.

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.

- City staff has completed a preliminary sidewalk alignment and is currently developing detailed construction plans.

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.

- Park Planning Staff is in the process of selecting a professional design consultant for the trail. RFQ responses were received on September 22 from 4 design consultants. Staff is reviewing the proposals and will enter into an agreement with one of the design consultants