



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 3, 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.

- **Arcadia Realty held a ribbon cutting on March 27 which formally opened the bridge. The City of North Richland Hills has accepted the project.**

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.

- **Kimley-Horn, Inc. held a Design Concept Conference on April 18. TxDOT, Public Works, Parks and Recreation staff and consultants were present to discuss each organization's responsibilities. Other topics of discussion included the environmental process, design criteria, project schedule and TxDOT review timeline.**

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.

- **Parks and Recreation staff met with Dunaway Associates to discuss design concepts for the Linda Spurlock renovation project. Staff met in the park to visualize the development of the concepts and discussed constraints and opportunities.**

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. Construction work is complete on the Cotton Belt Trail drainage improvements, the playground safety surfacing replacement and on the repair of storm damage at Walker's Creek Park.**

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.

- **Shade fabric on two shade structures was replaced, and have made a very positive improvement to the aesthetics of the Tennis Center.**

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 will be ready for bidding as soon as the structural and lighting details are completed.**

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.

- **This project is complete, including new irrigation bubblers to each of the new trees.**

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.

- **The project is complete, however Classic Tile and Plaster is attending to some warranty items.**

IRON HORSE GOLF COURSE Enhancements

Iron Horse Golf Course Improvements

This project provides for engineering and professional services for the renovation of Iron Horse Golf Course. The golf course is 30 years old and resides almost entirely in the floodway. Over the years flooding has deteriorated the fairways, bunkers and greens. So that the golf course remains competitive, renovations are necessary to retain and attract golfers. Professional services will include engineering, hydraulic and drainage studies. Services will also include feature designs for configurations of centerlines, tees, greens, fairways, hazards, practice areas and sand bunker reductions. The consultant will provide preliminary cost estimates, irrigation design, floodplain evaluation and permitting, design development, construction documents and construction oversight.

- On December 11, 2018, the City received responses to a Request for Qualifications for professional services related to the project. On January 23, 2019, a selection committee interviewed firms responding to the RFQ. GolfScapes was determined to be the firm whose qualifications most closely met the expertise required for the project. After Council approval on April 8, 2019, GolfScapes, City staff and Iron Horse staff held a pre-design meeting on May 10, 2019 to discuss pertinent issues related to the project. Bids for construction are expected to be released in early September with construction taking place from mid-November 2019 through the end of July 2020. A period of grass establishment will occur prior to a full reopening of the course in late summer.