

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 2, 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

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. issued the 60% design development drawings in early October 2019. Park Planning, Public Works Operations and Engineering staff returned comprehensive comments to Kimley-Horn on November 1, 2019. The 90% design development drawings will be the next step, which is expected in the late 1st quarter of 2020.**

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.

- **Dunaway and Associates completed the Conceptual Plan, the Master Development Plan, Schematic Design and they are currently working on the construction documents. Staff will hire a geotechnical engineer to obtain three**

borings in the vicinity of the proposed restroom, the pavilion and the playground.

Park Infrastructure Maintenance (2020)

This project provides for maintenance of park infrastructure in response to use and age. Priorities for FY2020 include fall zone material replacement, trail panel replacement, playground equipment replacement, sport field bulb replacement, sport field infield refurbishment and Green Valley arch and soffit repair.

- **This project is comprised of several sub-projects. Staff is in the process of developing plans and specifications for the Green Valley arch and soffit repair.**

Richland Tennis Center Infrastructure Maintenance (2020)

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 resurfacing of all 16 tennis courts

- **A contract was awarded to Descourez LLC, DBA Master Systems, in the amount of \$84,614. Now that the cost of re-surfacing the tennis courts is known, staff will apply for a United State Tennis Association Facility Development Grant in the amount of \$30,000. The results of the grant award is pending.**

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.

- **The project was opened to bidders in late October 2019 with bids opened on November 21, 2019. Staff is still evaluating bids.**

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. Many of the fairways are scoured with loss of turf due to the velocity and amount of water on the course. Urban development north of the golf course has also changed how the water flows through the golf course, causing additional flooding issues. The irrigation system is 30 years old and parts are hard to find because of new, more efficient technology. So that the golf course remains competitive in the DFW golf market, renovations are necessary to retain and attract golfers. Professional services will include engineering, hydraulic and drainage studies for a base map of the golf course, topographical map and schematic re-routing 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.

- **Competitive Sealed Proposals for the project were opened on September 25, 2019. After lengthy review and evaluation of proposals and references, Fleetwood Services was deemed to represent the best value to the City of North Richland Hills. Council approved the award of contract to Fleetwood Services at the October 28, 2019 meeting. Fleetwood mobilized in early November and is working on drainage and demolition in Section A of the golf Course. Section “A” will be closed to golfers after the Thanksgiving holidays and is scheduled to reopen in mid to late January 2020.**