



TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Division Project and Program Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Parks and Recreation Division Report on progress for current Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects and associated programs.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Neighborhood Services is responsible for a variety of park-related Capital Improvement Projects and specialty programs related to parks and recreation.

PROJECT UPDATES:

CIP 9074 – STOW GROVE PARK MASTER PLAN

On August 20th, the project team officially launched Phase One of the Stow Grove Park project. The team walked the site, exploring options for the impacted areas as it relates to the Master Plan. The project team will present a full status report to the Commission, likely in January of 2025. In addition, the playground vendor will be working closely with project staff to develop outreach efforts to gather public input toward the equipment chosen for the project.

CIP 9084 - COMMUNITY GARDEN, MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL AND ARMITOS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Community Garden continues to be popular amongst neighbors and area residents. Approximately ten different gardeners have relinquished their plot for a variety of reasons. Fortunately, each available plot has been re-assigned to new users from the waiting list. There are currently 20 individuals remaining on the waiting list.

In addition, the UCSB Master Gardeners will be holding their second free community gardening workshop. On Sunday, September 29th, a workshop on “Home Composting”

will take place at the Goleta Community Center from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. In the future, these types of workshops may be held at the Community Garden at Armitos Park.

CIP 9111 – SPLASH PAD AND IMPROVEMENTS AT JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

This project continues to progress with the installation of the splash pad surfacing materials, resurfacing of the basketball court, project site cleanup, replanting and repairs to areas damaged during construction. In the coming weeks, the project team will be coordinating inspections and training.


CIP 9113 – MATHILDA PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Due to staffing shortages in the Neighborhood Services Department, the Public Works Department will be taking this project through the construction phase. The playground has already been purchased and is being stored at a City property, and the paperwork associated with the recording of ownership is nearing completion. Once this project is complete, one of the funding requirements is to record a 30-year deed restriction, requiring the property to remain a park.

GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER:

The Goleta Community Center continues to be a popular location for large community and private events. A full presentation of programs and services from the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the November 13, 2024 meeting. This report will feature activities, inquiries, revenues, highlights and challenges of the Goleta Community Center for the last fiscal year. Presenting this information to the Parks and Recreation Commission will become an annual item as identified in the Goleta Community Center Strategic Plan.

Approved By:


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