



TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

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SUBJECT: 2024 Year in Review

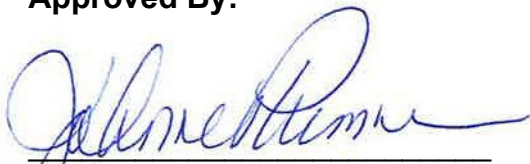
RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation on the parks, recreation and open space-related projects and programs that occurred throughout the 2024 calendar year.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Divisions experienced a 2024 calendar year full of activity related to ongoing Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), the Goleta Community Center, recruitments and programs. The following presentation will provide a brief overview of accomplishments and give a snapshot of both new and ongoing projects for 2025.

Approved By:



JoAnne Plummer,
Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2024 Year in Review Presentation

ATTACHMENT 1

2024 Year in Review Presentation

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

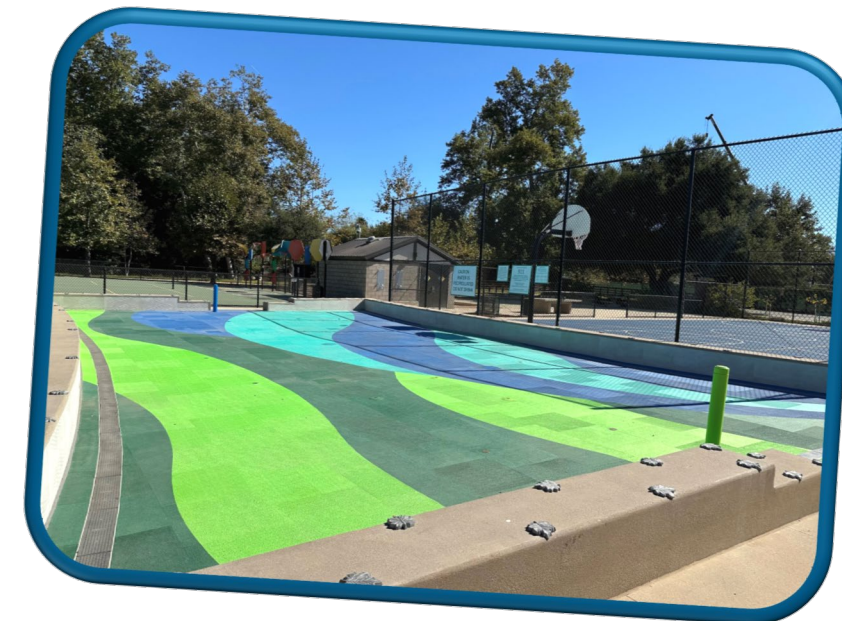
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PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS



- ❖ **Stow Grove Park Master Plan Phase 1**
- ❖ **Armitos Park and Community Garden Completion**
- ❖ **Splash Pad and Improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Park**
- ❖ **Construction Bids received for Mathilda Park**

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS



- **Winter 2023/2024 Storm Damage & Repair Projects**
 - **Ellwood Mesa Neighborhoods Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project**
- **Ellwood Mesa Butterfly Monarch Habitat Management Plan (BMHMP) Phase 1 Implementation Project**
 - **BMHMP Irrigation Project Completion**
- **Ellwood Mesa Monarch Coastal Trails and Habitat Restoration Project**

PARKS AND RECREATION 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Selection of the Stow Grove Park Renovation Project Design Team and Playground Vendor**
- **The Goleta Community Center Ribbon Cutting Reopening Celebration and 2nd Annual Senior Expo**
- **Implementation of the City's first online reservation software**
- **Commission Review and Recommendation for City Grant applicant funding**
- **Goleta Community Center Policies and Procedures Approved**
- **Finalized Community Garden Rental Policies and Procedures**



PARKS AND RECREATION 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **July is Parks and Recreation Month Celebration with a calendar full of activities**
- **Proposed timed parking at Armitos Avenue**
- **Hiring of the City's First Program Technician for the Senior Program**
- **Commission Support for Field and Recreational Amenities Rentals**
- **Consideration of New Restroom Relocation for the Stow Grove Park Renovation Phase One**
- **Consideration of Pickleball Programmatic Changes at the Goleta Community Center**
- **Annual Report on the Goleta Community Center**

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **The City of Goleta embarks on the Go Green Goleta Campaign**
- **City co-hosts first BioBlitz educational event at the Goleta Butterfly Grove**
- **Coastal Commission Approves Permit for Ellwood Mesa Butterfly Monarch Habitat Management Plan Phase 1 Project**
- **Maintenance Worker promoted to Public Works Supervisor**
- **Proposed timed parking at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park**
- **Recruitments for Maintenance Worker I/II and on-going recruitment of Management Analyst for Parks and Open Space**



PARKS AND OPEN SPACES 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Professional Services Agreement for Arborist Services with Rincon Consultants for tree risk assessments, professional advice on tree maintenance, grant support and Urban Forest Management services**
- **Professional Design Services Agreements for Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trails and Habitat Restoration (Trails Project) and Ellwood Mesa Butterfly Monarch Habitat Management Plan (Butterfly Grove Project with RRM Design Group, INC**
- **Creek Week 2024 – Local Creek Week events included volunteer cleanups, conservation efforts, art contests, and creek tours**
- **Acceptance of competitive Urban Forestry Grant to create a digital inventory of all park trees, tree maintenance and improving safety in all City parks**



COMMUNITY IMPACT DISCUSSIONS

- **Stow Grove Park Community Workshop for Master Plan Phase One**
- **Goleta Community Center Ribbon Cutting and Reopening**
- **Multi-agency coordination and response to hazardous fuel reduction efforts**
- **City Grant Award Discussion/Process**
- **Goleta Butterfly Grove Community Engagement through volunteer opportunities and Stewardship tours**

LOOKING TOWARDS 2025



GOAL 1

Completion of the
Pickleball Entry at the
Goleta Community Center



GOAL 2

Construction begins on the
Goleta Community Center
Americans with Disability
Act Project



GOAL 3

Mathilda Park Renovation
Completed



GOAL 4

Restoration and Fire Risk
Reduction continues at
Goleta Monarch Butterfly
Grove at Ellwood Mesa



GOAL 5

Stow Grove Park Phase
One Construction

Questions?