



**Agenda Item A.2**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: March 8, 2023**

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**TO:** Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Jaime A. Valdez, Neighborhood Services Director

**CONTACT:** JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Manager Project and Program Updates

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the Parks and Recreation Manager Report on progress for current Park 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**

The comments received at the final Workshop/Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of January 25, 2023, have been incorporated to the Master Plan for Stow Grove Park. This item is tentatively scheduled to come before City Council at their regular meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

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

Due to the escalated construction costs received during the competitive bidding process, the award of bid was delayed. However, the item is tentatively scheduled to come before the City Council for award at their regular meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

This project did include a bid alternate to replace the existing playground, instead of refurbishing it. The cost of this bid alternate was nearly \$250,000 and therefore staff is not recommending it at this time. Staff will continue to explore options with the contractor once the bid has been awarded.

#### CIP 9111 - SPLASH PAD AND JONNY D WALLIS IMPROVEMENTS

Due to the escalated construction costs received during the competitive bidding process, the award of bid was delayed. However, the item is tentatively scheduled to come before the City Council for award at their regular meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

This project had a bid alternate to provide for a colorful surface on the splash pad in lieu of the standard brush concrete. The cost of this bid alternate was \$68,000 and staff is recommending this item be included in the award of contract. The surfacing provides for a reduction in slip hazard, an element of impact support for falls, is resistant to mildew and includes colors that align with the colors throughout the park facility.

#### GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER:

On January 1, 2023, management of the Goleta Community Center transitioned to the City of Goleta, specifically the Parks and Recreation Division of the Neighborhood Services Department. In the weeks leading up to the transition, staff learned that the Goleta Valley Community Center Organization had decided to pause the senior programs until further notice, leaving a significant void for the community. The City of Goleta has not only taken on the day-to-day management of the facility but has also developed a modified senior program.

In late January, a mini senior expo was held at the Goleta Community Center with 14 vendors and nearly 100 participants. Seniors were able to connect to resources throughout the community, listen to the senior band, enjoy lunch, and connect with staff for future program offerings. As a result of feedback received at the mini expo, staff has developed a calendar of activities for seniors that utilize the outside spaces, the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Lounge. As opportunities develop, the calendar will be updated and posted to our website, emailed to seniors and available in hard copy. In addition, when the weather becomes warmer and more predictable, programs will be added to the field area behind the pickleball courts.

Construction Project: The Seismic Construction Project has been awarded and is anticipated to begin in early March. This project does require a full closure of the main building of the Goleta Community Center for the entire duration. The two preschools, pickleball, the Boys & Girls Club, activities on the field and senior programs will continue during the construction.


#### Strategic Planning Process:

In December a survey for the Community Center was released to the public and received over 500 responses. These survey results, combined with surveys released to the schools and service providers have been incorporated into the Goleta Community Center Strategic Plan Draft. The working group has provided their final input and the

document is tentatively scheduled to reviewed by the City Council at their regular meeting of March 21, 2023.

The only item Council will be considering at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, related to the Strategic Plan, is the Strategic Plan document. The decision of management will come before the City Council at a date, later this spring.

**Approved By:**



Jaime A. Valdez,  
Neighborhood Services Director