



TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jaime A. Valdez, Interim 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.

PARK RESERVATION WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS:

As picnic shelter reservations continue to be popular, staff has worked on changes designed to make the website more user friendly. The changes include the use of image icons for popular searches such as the application and availability calendar. Other popular searches are pulled out of narrative text and easily identified. Staff will continue to monitor the use and make modifications as necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS (CIP 9066 & 9108):

The contractor will begin work in Goleta on October 4, 2021. He will be working on three parks simultaneously, beginning with Berkeley Park, Winchester 1 and then Winchester 2 Park. Work on all three locations will begin the week of October 4th with Andamar Park beginning close to the end of October. All four locations are anticipated to be completed by the end of the calendar year, which is before the contract completion date of January 30, 2022.

COMMUNITY GARDEN & ARMITOS PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

This project has had to coordinate a few unanticipated details related to existing easements on the property and stormwater impacts related to neighboring properties. These items have been completed and 95% construction documents have been received. Staff is reviewing these documents and will meet with the contractor later

this month to provide input needed to move the project to 100% construction documents.

SPLASH PAD & JONNY D. WALLIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Staff has received 60% construction documents on this project and are working with the designer to make necessary changes and keep this project moving forward.


STOW GROVE PARK DESIGN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

The Request for Proposals for the design services of the renovation of Stow Grove Park closed on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Eleven proposals were received and the top three to four candidates will be interviewed on October 6, 2021. It is anticipated that an award of this contract will take place in November with the public process beginning in January of 2022.

COMMISSION ITEM FOLLOW UP:

At the meeting of August 4, 2021, the Commission approved meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year. Discussion included the approval of the dates, with a request for staff to research the graduation date for Dos Pueblos High School and confirm the June meeting would not be in conflict. Staff at the High School have provided a graduation date of Thursday, June 2, 2022 which will not conflict with the recommended and approved Parks and Recreation Commission meeting date of Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

Approved By:



Jaime A. Valdez, Interim
Neighborhood Services Director