



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT:

Parks & Community Services Department FY 2023-24 Planned Improvement Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is submitted to provide the City Council an informational report on the status of the Parks & Community Services Department Planned Improvement Projects

SUMMARY:

The City Council (Council), at its August 2, 2023, meeting, requested an informational update on the status of the Sunrise Rotary Sports Complex playground equipment to be installed and the Vernon McCullough River Trail cleanup efforts. Staff is hereby providing an update on these projects, as requested by Council, and providing an informational report on the overall planned improvement projects under the primary oversight of the Parks & Community Services (PCS) Department.

DISCUSSION:

The PCS Department provides a wide range of direct services to the public and is divided into three major operational divisions: Administration, Recreation & Community Services, and Parks Maintenance. These divisions collectively strive to provide high-quality recreational pursuits, preservation of parks and open space areas, entertainment, and leisure services to community members of all ages.

PCS Department has several improvement projects in its sights, all while maintaining day-to-day services to the community. The following improvement projects are in no particular order, and only include projects which have funding appropriated for:

1. Lions Town & Country Park Restroom Project	
Project Cost:	\$177,952
Funding Source:	Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Program; Reimbursement-basis grant award
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before March 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	The grant funding was awarded for improvements to remodel the restroom located between Ballfield 1 & 2. Grant guidelines required distinguished capital outlay projects versus maintenance or repair projects.
Status:	City staff to release a public bidding document; Invitation for Bid 202324-05. The grant performance period ends June 30, 2024. The project must be completed three months prior to the grant performance period, to allow for inspection.

2. James Taubert Park Project	
Project Cost:	\$1,990,000
Funding Source:	Proposition 68 Statewide Park Program; Reimbursement-basis grant award
Anticipated Completion Date:	Grant performance period ends June 30, 2028. Staff plans for the construction of the park to occur before Dec. 30, 2024.
Purpose of Project:	New park is to be located at Olive Avenue and Knox Street
Status:	<p>O'Dell Engineering was awarded the design contract. To date, O'Dell has completed Phase 1, which included the project site analysis, data collection and review. Phase 2 has also been completed, consisting of a conceptual design and renderings, preliminary cost estimates, and a final concept plan. The project is in Phase 3, which consists of finalizing design development plans, technical specifications, final cost estimates, and schedule updates. Phase 4 will include O'Dell assisting with finalizing design construction documents and the bid package. Phase 5, the final phase, will consist of O'Dell providing support during the bid process, pre-bid meeting, pre-construction meeting, and through construction of the project. The project will begin construction early 2024.</p> <p>A groundbreaking event is being planned for late October or early November to commemorate the future site of the park to be constructed.</p>

3. Fresno River & Vernon McCullough River Trail Project	
Project Cost:	\$832,350
Funding Source:	Clean California Local Grant Program; Reimbursement-basis grant
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	<p>Completion of several non-infrastructure and infrastructure projects to address beautification and improvement projects in and along the Fresno River and the Vernon McCullough River Trail. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Litter abatement project in the Fresno River ▪ Resurfacing of the Vernon McCullough cross-city trail system ▪ Installation of exercise equipment in a section of the trail ▪ Removal of current trash bins and installation of new trash receptacles along the trail ▪ Installation of playground equipment with a swing set at Riverview Park which sits adjacent to the Fresno River ▪ Installation of educational signage and trail markers along the trail.
Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To date, \$195,000 has been reimbursed for litter abatement efforts in the Fresno River. ▪ Staff ensured procurement processes were followed for the exercise and playground equipment. The equipment has been received and is set to be installed by end of September 2023. ▪ Staff has released an Invitation for Bid for the trail resurfacing of the Vernon McCullough River Trail; Invitation for Bid 202323-07. ▪ Staff has also begun planning to procure 36 trash receptacles to replace the outdated and worn-out receptacles along the trail. This will take collaboration between City and local partners such as Madera Unified School District and the Madera County Arts Council, as trash receptacles shall have educational artwork with eco-friendly and environmental messaging, which staff plans to have as much community participation as possible. ▪ Staff would like to note, during the past several weeks staff has focused on the Vernon McCullough River Trail cleanup and maintenance. These efforts include the prioritization of locations along the trail, specifically underpasses, and the removal of sand buildup at these locations. In addition, staff has addressed removal of low-limb trees, weeding, blowing, and utilization of the sweeper for portions of the trail cleanup, as well as temporary patching of asphalt. Staff has been dedicating Saturdays to complete the work needed.

4. Rotary Park Asphalt Curb and Gutter Replacement Project	
Project Cost:	\$55,000
Funding Source:	General Fund
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	Address the asphalt curb and gutter replacement services needed on the median islands facing the park.
Status:	Status: During initial attempts to make progress with the completion of the project, procurement policy and guidance was updated to reflect this project needing to follow an informal bid process and requiring an engineer's estimate. PCS staff has discussed project with Engineering Department and Procurement Manager and will be supported with the completion of an engineer's estimate and finalization of procurement documents to have project bid out.

5. Sunrise Rotary Sports Complex Playground Equipment Installation Project	
Project Cost:	\$65,000
Funding Source:	\$50,000 General Fund, \$15,059 Chukchansi Community Benefit Grant
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	This project relates to an unfinished project from 2016 to install a 2-12 playground equipment lot at the park. The reason why the equipment was not installed at the time is unknown.
Status:	<p>The equipment was purchased from Park Planet back in 2016. It has been sitting at the City yard since that time. Upon visual inspection, there were clearly some items that needed to be replaced. Staff requested Park Planet conduct an inventory, to ensure parts that needed to be replaced to be ordered ahead of the install. Inventory costs came in at \$1,552.50, conducted by Park Planet. Costs of replacing parts that were missing, defected, or out of warranty were \$16,123.80.</p> <p>During initial attempts to make progress with the completion of the project, procurement policy and guidance was updated to reflect this project needing to follow an informal bid process and requiring an engineer's estimate.</p>

6. McNally Park Improvements Project	
Project Cost:	\$609,307
Funding Source:	CDBG FY 22/23 Action Plan
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	Rehabilitation of McNally Park, primarily consisting of replacement of playground equipment, basketball courts, and installation of a swing set.
Status:	<p>Staff has procured the playground equipment swing sets, fencing, and park amenities from Superior International Industries. Cost of these items at \$244,508. Current playground equipment has been demolished, and new playground equipment and park amenities are scheduled to be installed by mid-September 2023.</p> <p>Next phase of improvements at McNally Park will address the reconstruction of the two basketball courts, with a possible addition of a half court, should budget allow. PCS staff has discussed project with Engineering Department and Procurement Manager. Best course of action, at the moment, being to secure an on-call engineering firm to assist with the completion of an engineer's estimate and finalization of procurement documents to have project bid out. Staff has reached out to O'Dell Engineering, being an on-call engineering firm, and expects to confirm a Task Order executed for their assistance.</p>

7. DICK'S Sporting Goods Batting Cages Installation Project	
Project Cost:	\$55,000
Funding Source:	\$25,000 from DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation and \$30,000 General Fund
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2024.
Purpose of Project:	Installation of new batting cages at Lions Town & Country Park.
Status:	During initial attempts to make progress with the completion of the project, procurement policy and guidance was updated to reflect this project needing to follow an informal bid process and requiring an engineer's estimate. PCS staff has discussed project with Engineering Department and Procurement Manager and will be supported with the completion of an engineer's estimate and finalization of procurement documents to have project bid out.

8. Centennial Pool Park Complex Improvements	
Project Cost:	\$215,000
Funding Source:	CDBG FY 23/24 Action Plan
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before April 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	Complete retile and replaster of lap and dive pool due to dire need to address deferred maintenance. As funding allows additional improvements such as shade sails for high temperature and UV protection to be added as well.
Status:	PCS staff has discussed project with Engineering Department and Procurement Manager and will be supported with the completion of an engineer's estimate and finalization of procurement documents to have project bid out. Staff recognizes this project must be completed prior to the start of the next aquatics season in May 2024.

9. Frank Bergon Senior Center Improvement Project	
Project Cost:	\$148,386
Funding Source:	CDBG FY 23/24 Action Plan
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2024.
Purpose of Project:	Installation of a perimeter fence around building for safety improvements, includes patio area beautification, and internal and external upgrades for safety, accessibility, and aesthetics inclusive of lighting and landscaping.
Status:	PCS staff has discussed project with Engineering Department and Procurement Manager and will be supported with the completion of an engineer's estimate and finalization of procurement documents to have project bid out.

10. Madera Block Wall Enhancement Project	
Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Source:	Caltrans Clean California State Beautification Program
Anticipated Completion Date:	Must be before June 30, 2025, but staff anticipates project completion before June 30, 2024, including unveiling.
Purpose of Project:	Beautify the newly constructed block wall on the east side of State Route 99, south of the 4 th Street off-ramp through landscaping features, as well as artistic design through the installation of twenty artwork panels.
Status:	During the August 2, 2023, regular meeting of the Council, the artists and artwork was selected, with five different artists being selected. Staff is working on finalizing a Transportation Art Maintenance Agreement between the City and Caltrans, which must be executed prior to any artwork installation. Staff must also secure a vendor with the capability of converting the artwork into a digital photograph and then transfer to a high-grade vinyl and frame for the installation of the artwork.

11. Lions Town & Country Trail Reconstruction	
Project Cost:	\$1,600,000
Funding Source:	\$1,100,000 from State Natural Resources Agency and \$500,000 from State Department of Parks and Recreation
Anticipated Completion Date:	June 30, 2024
Purpose of Project:	To reconstruct the trail at the park due to dire need to upgrade trail conditions. As funding allows additional park improvements such as playground area, parking, and amphitheater improvements will be planned.
Status:	Engineering Department has taken initial assessment of trail conditions. Next steps include finalizing design requests and will include collaboration between PCS Department, Engineering Department, and Procurement Manager to finalize the bidding document.

In addition to ongoing projects, the City is also in the midst of constructing several neighborhood parks. Said parks will be funded with Development Impact Fees and include:

1. Tozer Park – To be in the new Iveywood I Subdivision off Tozer/Road 28 and Sunrise Avenue.
2. Pecan Square Park – To be in the new Pecan Square Subdivision near W. Pecan Avenue and State Route 145.
3. KB Home Park – To be in the new Rancho Santa Fe Subdivision near Cleveland Avenue.

Moreover, staff has two pending grant applications. These include:

1. The Clean California Local Grant Program Cycle 2 Grant for Rotary Park rehabilitation and improvements request of \$2,759,000 with a required \$689,750 match. Planned rehabilitation and improvement projects include replacement of park amenities, installation of parcourse equipment, rehabilitation of pavilions and shelter areas, and expansion of the horseshoe pit area. Applicants will be notified before the end of September 2023.
2. The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant for Tozer Park with a grant request of \$659,640. Grant would allow for additional recreational amenities at the park such as a pickleball court, basketball court, parcourse equipment, and youth soccer field. Applicants will be notified by January 1, 2024, of award status.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact associated with the presentation of this informational report.

ALTERNATIVES:

This report is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None