



PARKS DEVELOPMENT REPORT
to the
PARKS, RECREATION and OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
October 9, 2014

- **AQUATICS AND FITNESS CENTER**
 - The design of the facility is rapidly progressing. Initial design drawings have been submitted to the City for review.
 - Staff is continuing to work with the consultant on the selections of interior color palettes and materials as well as exterior brick and stone selections.
 - The facility is targeted to open in Summer of 2016.
- **PSA SPORTS COMPLEX**
 - The PSA project is nearing completion.
 - The opening is targeted for the fall of 2014.
- **BONNIE WENK PHASE 1**
 - la terra studio is under contract and is in the initial stages of design to address the remaining items for completion. The contract will address safety modifications around the stone boulders at the amphitheater, hand rail modifications to the vehicular bridge and re-working the drainage of the dog bowls.
 - 60% design drawings were submitted October 1st for review.
- **BONNIE WENK PHASE 2**
 - la terra studio is under contract for the design of this phase.
 - Phase 2 is envisioned as having additional parking, a park road to Hardin, lighted sports fields, potential secondary restroom, small linear spray park, adventure fitness course, covered pavilions and nature themed play equipment.
- **SONNTAG NEIGHBORHOOD/SCHOOL PARK**
 - Teague Nall & Perkins is under contract for the design and bid packaging for this park.
 - The City has not scheduled a construction bidding date but we are targeting a construction date of Spring 2015.

- **FINCH PARK PHASE IV AND PAVILION RENOVATION**
 - Staff has met with one of the new RLA's recently contracted by the City, Teague Nall & Perkins, in order to negotiate a proposal for design and bid packaging for this park. Negotiations are on-going.
 - The City has not scheduled a construction bidding date.
- **ASH WOODS PARK BRIDGE**
 - Staff is negotiating with Dunaway Associates on a design contract for the bridge.
- **BOTANICAL COLLECTION**
 - This project will involve evaluating and addressing plant loss at the park. Staff will be meeting with members of the Crape Myrtle Board to discuss new plantings and design options.
- **ELDORADO PARKWAY RETAINING WALLS**
 - The project involves the removal and replacement of railroad tie retaining walls at the entryways to an under grade hike and bike trail crossing of Eldorado Parkway at Valley Creek Park.
 - This section of trail has been closed due to unsafe conditions, with appropriate signage in place and notification to Valley Creek Elementary school.
 - Halff Associates is under contract and design is underway.
- **HARDIN FENCING**
 - Current fencing and related retaining walls along Hardin Blvd are in need of repair.
 - Construction of the replacement fencing is scheduled for October 8-26th.
 - Three of the fences are on top of retaining walls that need to be repaired and those will be designed and bid separately.
 - Staff is in negotiations with Kimley Horn and Associates for the design of the retaining walls.
- **VALLEY CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND**
 - The new playground at Valley Creek Park has been installed.
 - Staff is also working with one of the new RLA's, Newman Jackson Bieberstein, (NJB) to address the ADA access issues into the play area. In order to avoid disturbance of the park during the school year, construction is anticipated to take place during Christmas break.
- **ROWLETT CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL**
 - This section of trail will link Rowlett Creek Park with the trail east of the TPC golf course. An easement from the SPCA is required in order to complete this section.
 - Staff met with the SPCA on February 5th to discuss completing this section and obtaining an easement. Discussions are ongoing.

- **COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYGROUND/PATIO**
 - Staff is working with Architects Phelps Wood on the design of this project, which includes a patio extension on the southeast side of the facility as well as the addition of a 5-12 year old play structure.
 - Staff expects 80% construction plans as well as preliminary bid estimates to be submitted for review on October 10th.
- **MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS**
 - David C. Baldwin has designed the median landscaping for Alma Road, Silverado Trail and Stacy Road. Installation of the plant material will not occur until late Fall as that is a better time of year to establish plantings.
- **WILSON CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL**
 - This is a new trail project that will link the existing trail that ends near the Wilson Creek Softball Complex within Towne Lake to Eldorado Parkway.
 - An RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for a design consultant is currently under staff review and is anticipated to be sent out soon.
 - This project will involve a hike and bike trail as well as pedestrian bridges over low water crossings. When completed, this is one more segment that gets us closer to eventually linking the trail spine of Wilson Creek to Lake Lavon.
- **GRAY BRANCH COMMUNITY PARK PHASE 1**
 - This project is for the design of the additional 50 acres adjacent to the north of Gray Branch Park that the City purchased last year.
 - Discussions are on-going among City Staff as to whether or not a portion of the out of floodplain property may later be sold, with the idea being that the profit could later be used on the development of the park.
 - If that occurs, Staff is considering designing the remainder of the property in-house.