

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

September 11, 2014

- **AQUATICS AND FITNESS CENTER**
 - The schematic design and preliminary cost estimate was presented to City Council at the August 19th Council meeting.
 - The design and details of the facility are being refined during monthly meetings, including brick and stone selections, indoor/outdoor programming, interior color selections, etc. The design firm is working on civil plan design as well.
 - The facility is targeted to open in Summer 2016.

- **PSA SPORTS COMPLEX**
 - The PSA project is nearing completion.
 - A tour of the facility was held with Council and PROSAB on August 12th.
 - 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.

- **BONNIE WENK PHASE 2**
 - la terra studio is now 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**
 - A contract with Teague Nall & Perkins has been negotiated for the design and bid packaging for this park. Contract documents are in the signatory process.
 - 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
 - A budget amendment and Interlocal Agreement for this project was approved by City Council on September 2nd.
 - 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 recently been closed due to unsafe conditions, with appropriate signage in place and notification to Valley Creek Elementary school.
 - Half 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 bids for the fencing were received on August 7th and Council approved the construction contract with Delta Specialty Contractors on August 19th.
 - 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.

- 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.
- **MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS**
 - David C. Baldwin is designing the median landscaping for Alma Road, Silverado Trail and Stacy Road. The design of the project is nearing completion, but 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.