



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 28, 2009

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SUBJECT: PARKS PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2009

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: BART MEJIA, PARKS PROJECT MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file staff report.

DISCUSSION:

The following is an update on various park development projects:

Fairview Park – Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project

This project is within Planning Areas A and C and proposes to restore the historic Placentia Drain by developing approximately 35 acres of wetlands and riparian habitat. The construction of these improvements is expected to be financed through grants, donations, and mitigation credits.

- ❑ Moffatt & Nichol has completed 98% of the project design.
- ❑ Four monitoring wells have been installed to address water quality concerns, raised by the Orange County Water District.
- ❑ A grant in the amount of \$230,000 from the State's Habitat Conservation Fund has been approved for this project.
- ❑ Phase 1, which includes the construction of 17 acres of riparian habitat, is being performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (The Corps) in partnership with the County of Orange and the City. The Corps' share is approximately \$1.4 million and the City's, which includes the grant listed above, is \$460,000.
- ❑ A pre-construction meeting for the construction of Phase 1 took place on October 14, 2008. The participants included representatives from the Corps, OC, City and CJW Construction, the general contractor.
- ❑ Submittals from CJW Construction have been received and are being reviewed by City staff.
- ❑ Mobilization and equipment set up is scheduled to start this month.
- ❑ A new grant application for Proposition 84 funds has been submitted to the State for the construction of Phase II.

New funding opportunities to complete future phases of this project are being pursued by the City. Once completed, the City will have restored the historic Placentia Drain by developing approximately 35 acres of wetland and riparian habitat.

Fairview Park – Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail

The project is currently in the design phase.

- This project is within Planning Areas A and C of the Fairview Park Master Plan.
- The Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail Project (between Placentia Avenue and the Santa Ana River Bike Trail) has been approved to receive a construction grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$256,000.
- The design of the segment within the Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project has been completed.

Fairview Park – Restoration of Area D

A grant has been awarded to the Public Services Department from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$225,000 for the restoration of the upper mesa and Planning Area D of Fairview Park. The restoration will include the construction of an interpretive center, decomposed granite (DG) trails, observation platforms, benches, trash cans, signage, bicycle racks, and vernal pool protection. The City will match the grant with \$275,000 in Park Development funds for a total project cost of \$500,000. This project has been advertised for construction with a scheduled bid opening date of January 22, 2009.

Joann Street Bike Trail

The design and construction of this project includes the removal and replacement of fencing along the south side of the Joann Street bike trail; new landscape and irrigation system; new safety lighting systems, trash receptacles, benches, slurry sealing the existing bike trail between Harbor Boulevard and the Corporation Yard; and, constructing a new Class 1 bike trail on the west side of Harbor Boulevard between Fair Drive and 2299 Harbor Boulevard. On January 6, 2009, City Council awarded a professional services contract to CNC Engineering.

- A Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities grant has been approved for landscaping and scenic beautification improvements in the amount of \$500,000.
- Design work is scheduled to start this month.

Brentwood Park

Landscape architect David Volz Design has been selected to perform this work and has conducted three public workshops where the public provided input on various conceptual designs. The meetings have been well represented by the neighbors within the intended service area and were highlighted by a record attendance of about 70 individuals at the third meeting.

A Task Force has been formed for this project and includes representatives from the neighborhood and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Brentwood Park Task Force has met before and after each public workshop and has assisted with the prioritization and layout of the desired elements for the park. The proposed master plans for the park are scheduled to be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the January 28, 2009 meeting. Further information can be viewed online at: www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us/recreation/park-projects.htm

Master Plans and Conceptual Designs for Costa Mesa High School, Davis School, and TeWinkle/California Schools

The proposed work includes master planning of improvements at each of the above-mentioned facilities that meets the needs of the Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) and the City. The process includes public workshops, presentations to the school board, City Commissions, and the City Council. Landscape architect Schmidt Design Group has been selected to perform this work.

Task Status:

- ❑ Site survey and review of record documents - Completed
- ❑ Topographic surveying - Completed
- ❑ Baseline light, sound, traffic and parking studies - Completed
- ❑ Task Force meeting #1 – October 29, 2008
- ❑ Task Force meeting #2 – December 10, 2008
- ❑ Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council – December 17, 2008
- ❑ Joint Meeting (Task Force and CMYSC) – January 6, 2009
- ❑ Public Meetings – scheduled for January 21st and 22nd
- ❑ Task Force meeting #4 – scheduled for February 3, 2009

Further information can be viewed online at the following link <http://www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us/recreation/park-projects.htm>.

Lions Park (Davis Field) – Replace Ball Field Lighting System

The scope of work for this project includes replacing the existing lighting system with a new, state-of-the-art, energy efficient, lighting system. The new lighting system will be designed to provide the flexibility of operating independent programs specifically designed for the anticipated athletic programs and field layouts. Request for Proposals (RFP) have been issued. Proposals are due by the end of the month.

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