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TITLE: **RECREATION & PARK FACILITY PROJECTS UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive update on recreation and park facility projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Recreation-Park Division of the Library and Community Services Department has received federal, state, and local funds to undertake a series of Capital Projects. Projects range from rebuilding the Hebron Family Center to replacing playground structures. Staff's presentation will cover projects in more detail.

BACKGROUND:

Closter Park Revitalization Project

In early 2022, the State notified the City of its Closter Park Revitalization Project selection and awarded \$6.8 Million Dollars for a comprehensive renovation of the park. In December of 2022, the City awarded a contract to BFS Landscape Architects for project management, community engagement, design development, management of the design-build- entity and construction oversight. After a year of collaborative work between the City, BFS, and Community in December of 2023, the council accepted the schematic design for this project. The Project is currently undergoing the Site Plan Review process and will soon be applying for the issuance of a "building permit".

Natividad Creek Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project

This Project is a collaborative effort between Community Development and Library and Community Services. The scope includes interior and exterior improvements to the restroom facility as well as site improvements to include the addition of two new ADA compliant parking spaces. The Project is fully funded through CDBG Funds and is currently under construction. The project is anticipated to reach completion at the end of April 2023.

Cesar Chavez Soccer Fields and Trail Project

In 2017 the City received state funding for construction of 1 synthetic turf soccer field, 2 youth soccer fields, and a half-court basketball court at Cesar Chavez Park. The scope was amendment in 2021 to only include the synthetic field, irrigation upgrades, bioretention area and new landscaping due to project costs. The project is under construction, managed by Public Works (PW) and near completion. The field will not be available for use until the planting establishment period is complete (120 days from substantial completion).

In 2021, the City received Proposition 68 Per Capita Funding to renovate and expand the DG trail at Cesar Chavez Park. The project involves working closely with the Community Development Department (CD) to leverage Alisal Vibrancy Plan (AVP) implementation funds designated for park and open space improvements. AVP funds will be used to augment the project with exercise station along the trail. The trail improvements and expansion have been completed. Staff is working with exercise equipment manufacturers to identify the suitable equipment for the site.

Playground Repairs and Replacements

In September of 2021, the City Council allocated ARPA funds for a number of governmental service projects, including \$2 million dollars for playground structures, park benches and bar-be-que grills. As part of this allocation, two rounds of repairing broken and/ or damaged playground equipment have been completed. Playgrounds with engineered wood fiber and sand have been resurfaced. Complete playground replacements at Natividad Neighborhood Park and Steinbeck Neighborhood Park have been completed. The Steinbeck Neighborhood Park will soon be open to the public. Staff is working to shift the surfacing material from sand to engineered wood fiber.

In addition of the complete replacement of playgrounds at Natividad and Steinbeck Neighborhood Parks, the City is working with BFS Landscape Architects to convert the Williams Ranch and Northgate Neighborhood Park playgrounds into universal playgrounds. Designs and concepts have been finalized. BFS will soon be submitting plans to the Permit Center for approval and issuance of a building permit.

Firehouse & Closter Park ADA Restroom Improvements

This project consists of removing architectural barriers that restrict access to those with disabilities and improve the existing restrooms within the two recreation centers to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In total, the project would rehabilitate four restrooms (two male and two female) consisting of removing existing plumbing fixtures, installing new fixtures with appropriate spacing, and updating the restrooms to provide an accessible entry and exit.

Plans for these projects have been finalized and are under review by the Permit Center.

Hebbron Family Revitalization Project

In September of 2021, the City was notified that the Hebron Family Center Revitalization Project would receive \$8.1 Million from the State. In May of 2022 the City entered into a contract with Griffin Structures (ABA, MIG and Others) for project management, demolition plans and specifications, community engagement, design development, management of the selection of a Design Build Entity and construction oversight. The City just awarded a contract to the Design Build Entity to complete the design and take the project to completion. The City anticipates breaking ground in October of this year.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Receiving this report is not considered a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, however the projects under this agreement amendment are considered Projects.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

These Projects further the City Council's Strategic Plan vision and goals of Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability, Youth and Seniors and are identified as priorities in the Parks Recreation and Libraries Master Plan and Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

LCS, CD and PW Departments worked to develop Request for Qualifications/ Proposals, their evaluation, firm selection, and project implementation. In addition, LCS and CD worked on identifying and leveraging funding sources for some of these projects.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Most of these projects are grant funded with some general fund allocations. The allocation of ARPA funds is covering playground repairs, resurfacing and portion of the universal playgrounds. In addition, ARPA is covering the design of the ADA restroom improvement projects.