



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/13/2026

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on list of recommendations for Parks & Rec Director based on park assessment.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: N/A **FUNDS REQUESTED:** N/A

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the direction of the Parks & Recreation Board, members are to develop and present a prioritized list of recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Director based on the findings of the recent Park Assessment. Following the previous Board meeting, Board Member David Heinicke coordinated with staff to compile an initial list of potential park improvement projects derived from assessment results and observed system needs.

Board members were encouraged to visit park sites, evaluate conditions, and consider system-wide priorities in preparation for discussion. This process is intended to ensure recommendations reflect both the assessment data and Board member insight.

The current list of potential projects includes:

- Striping parking lots at multiple parks
- Stage or amphitheater at Veterans Park
- Large rentable pavilion at Freedom Park
- Bridge and trail at the passive area of Freedom Park
- Replacement of playground and pavilion at Bates Park
- Additional parking at Bates Park
- Dog park enhancements including play elements & shade canopy at Officer Cash Dog Park
- Pavilion upgrades or additions at Masterson Park
- Covered seating at Bates Park softball fields
- Shade structures near playgrounds at Lakeside and BG Peck Parks

Following this meeting, Board members will be asked to individually rank project priorities. Staff and the Board Chair will compile responses into a consolidated, prioritized recommendation list.

RECOMMENDATION:

No formal action is required at this time; however, the Board may provide direction on modifications to the project list.