

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE:	2/14/2022
PREPARED BY:	Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation, Kyle Livesay, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, Geri Gonzales, Recreation Superintendent, and Stewart Crouch, Parks Superintendent
AGENDA CONTENT:	Discussion on Park and Recreation Department updates.
AGENDA ITEM SECTION:	Regular Agenda
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	N/A FUNDS REQUESTED: N/A
FUND: N/A	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	

ADMINISTRATION

Veterans RFQ: Staff advertised a Request for Qualifications for Veterans Park Renovations in December 2021. Funds for Veterans Park Renovations will be included in proposed bond package for City Council consideration on February 22, 2022. The submission deadline for Veterans Park Renovation RFQ was February 1, 2022. Director is compiling information for the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council to review and evaluate.

South Side Park Land Acquisition: Staff closed on the south side property Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Staff is still waiting to hear back from other landowners regarding additional parcels for expansion of the southside property site.

Parkland Dedication Ordinance: Staff presented the Parkland Dedication Ordinance to Planning & Zoning Commission on February 3, 2022. Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved the repeal and replacement of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance; Ellen Eby was absent.

Peach Street Detention & Interlocal Agreement: Staff has executed an interlocal agreement with Angleton Independent School District for improvements to Peach Street detention area. The District's planned outdoor amenities and facilities will include recreational hiking and walking trails and bird houses, together with appropriate signage for these amenities. The City's planned amenities shall include an outdoor butterfly garden, areas dedicated to the cultivation and display of wildflowers, together with appropriate signage for these amenities. Additional features may be decided upon by the parties in the future.

Downing Tennis Courts: Staff is developing an interlocal agreement for joint use of the Downing tennis courts with Angleton Independent School District. Joint use must be approved by the AISD

School Board before we can proceed with renovations. ABLC has approved up to \$30,000 in renovations.

PARD Mission & Vision: This year, one of the action items listed in the Parks & Recreation Master and Strategic Plan is to review and revise the Parks & Recreation mission and vision statements to ensure they reflect community needs and departmental direction. In preparation for a mission and vision workshop with staff, the department will be publishing a community needs assessment and parks and recreation performance survey.

March Budget Workshop: Staff is preparing documents to be reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Board and Angleton Better Living Corporation in March during a budget workshop.

Special Event Permitting: Parks & Recreation staff are continuing to work in conjunction with other city departments to develop ordinance drafts, standard operating procedures, and a public application process for obtaining a Special Event Permit within the City of Angleton. Staff are near completion of a draft ordinance to be reviewed internally and by the City Attorney. The newly drafted ordinance will guide the development of internal processes and procedures Special Event Permitting. The Special Event Permitting ordinance and process will be subject to review and approval of the appropriate boards and of City Council.

ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan: Staff held a kick-off meeting with Kimley-Horn on January 10, 2022. Kimley-Horn is conducting the self-evaluation from January to April 2022. This will be about a nine-month project where the Hike & Bike Subcommittee and other community stakeholders will serve as the ADA Advisory Committee. The project timeline can be found on the Angleton Parks & Recreation project webpage.

RECREATION

Recreation Center Renovations: The facility has several projects that have either been completed or in process. The scoreboard was updated in January. The new board is wireless and features the new city logo. Updated automatic doors are scheduled to be installed sometime this February. Damper replacements for the aquatics area have been ordered. A new operable wall has been ordered for the multipurpose rooms. New pieces of weight room equipment have been ordered. Non-functioning bollard lights were removed from the Recreation entryway as well as the rose garden gate.

Recreation Center Plaza: With ABLC funding, staff have been working to renovate the courtyard plaza. Renovations are set to include strand lighting, picnic tables and umbrellas, and concrete games, including cornhole and ping pong. Staff also plans to remove the concrete wall around the plaza as a parks winter project.

Events & Programs: Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for 2/12/2022. Staff are planning for upcoming events, such as Freedom Fireworks and Parks & Recreation month activities. Staff is also preparing for summer and planning a youth track program and youth volleyball. Senior programming is going well, with a new program, Bingocize, and the first overnight trip of the year both scheduled for April.

Recreation Revenue and Operations: During the December ABLC meeting, staff was directed to analyze the Angleton Recreation Center revenue and operation pitfalls and propose recommendations for improvement. Staff have analyzed several factors that impact Angleton Recreation Center revenue including how the facility compares to competitors within the market, needs of past and current ARC members, membership structure and offerings, as well as existing facility usage and conditions. Staff will present findings at the next scheduled ABLC meeting in February.

i9 Sports: Staff met with i9 Sports representatives to offer additional youth athletic programs in Angleton. i9 Sports is the nation's largest multi-sport provider focused solely on high-quality, community-based kids sports leagues. They offer recreational sports leagues, camps, and clinics for boys and girls in today's most popular sports such as flag football, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and volleyball. Their coaches and instructors provide age-appropriate instruction that's both fund for kids and convenience for busy families. We hope to finalize agreements with i9 this spring for summer camps, leagues, and fall clinics.

PARKS

Bates Park: Pavilion installation is complete. The basketball goals were shipped and should be installed the second week of February. Pavilion lights are in the process of being installed by park staff. Material for field five lights have been delivered and staff are waiting on the contractor to schedule installation weather permitting. New disc golf tee signs and tee pads have been installed.

Dickey Park: New benches and hand sanitizer station have been installed by park staff.

Freedom Park: Solar lights have been shipped. As of 1/4/22, lights are pending offloading in Long Beach, CA.

Rueben Welch Park: Debris has been cleared; big thank you to the Public Works Department.

Brushy Bayou Park: Staff installed new dog waste station.

Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park: Staff replaced two dog waste stations and repaired lights within the park. Staff helped install a new sign for the Animal Shelter.

BG Peck Soccer Complex: Staff is working with the Public Works Department to clean culverts and ditches to assist with field drainage. Staff along with the help of Rotary Club of Angleton members planted 100 trees at the park. Staff has begun playground removal in preparation for a new playground installation.

Park Standards: Kimley Horn has submitted a 30% level of completion draft of the City of Angleton Parks and Recreation Design Standards Manual. A 60% level of completion draft of the City of Angleton Parks and Recreation Design Standards Manual will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Board and ABLC in March for initial input. This project is scheduled to be complete in April 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A