



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/14/26

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AGENDA CONTENT: Update and discussion on current Park Projects.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

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

FUND: N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Parks & Recreation Department is actively advancing several key park projects funded through the 2024 Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) Bond and supporting City resources. These projects represent critical investments in expanding recreational capacity, improving aging infrastructure, and enhancing community amenities.

Staff continues to coordinate closely with contractors, consultants, and internal departments to ensure efficient project delivery.

PROJECT UPDATE:

Bates Park Field #6

Construction of the new softball field at Bates Park is nearing completion, with significant progress achieved in recent weeks. Paragon Sports Constructors has completed installation of key infrastructure elements, including field grading, irrigation system and drainage piping.

Fence posts for the backstop have been installed, and outfield fencing is scheduled to be completed in coordination with final field preparation. The infield has received imported red clay and is undergoing final grading, while outfield laser grading is being finalized following placement of additional fill material.

Sod preparation activities are underway, with full sod installation scheduled to begin by April 13th, including restoration of areas impacted during construction. The project remains on track for completion in mid-April, aligning with upcoming seasonal programming and increased demand for field space.





Freedom Park Playground Replacement

The Freedom Park playground was officially closed on April 6th, and Parks staff have completed removal of the existing structure allowing the project to move efficiently into the installation.

A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 9th to finalize installation details and coordination. Installation of the new playground is scheduled to begin April 13th. The replacement playground will introduce modern play features, improved safety standards, and enhanced accessibility, providing a significantly upgraded experience for park users.





Freedom Park Field Expansion

Construction of the new field at Freedom Park is underway following issuance of the Notice to Proceed on April 6th. Frost Construction has mobilized onsite and began the first phase of work, which includes surveying and establishing elevations to ensure proper site grading and construction accuracy. All underground utilities within the work area have been located, reducing risk as construction progresses.

The contractor has also installed temporary fencing, portable restroom facilities, and hand wash stations to support onsite operations. As surveying activities are completed, the project will transition into groundwork and site development. The first Owner-Architect-Contractor (OAC) meeting is scheduled for April 10th to review schedule, coordination, and next steps.

In addition, staff are working with a local contractor to relocate existing backstops impacted by the new field construction to new locations within Freedom Park. This effort will help preserve existing assets and maintain field functionality for ongoing use.

This project is expected to reach substantial completion within approximately 90 days.





Abigail Arias Park

The Abigail Arias Park project continues to progress as one of the City's more prominent park inclusions to our current park system. The Notice to Proceed has been issued for April 8th, and all required permits have been secured. The contractor, D.L. Meacham, has been actively coordinating with TNMP to ensure utility readiness ahead of construction.

Major project components, including the playground and splash pad, have already been procured and agreements executed, positioning the project for immediate construction progress. Mobilization and initial site work are scheduled to begin April 8th.

The contract includes a 150-day timeline to substantial completion, weather and site conditions permitting. Staff will continue to monitor progress closely and provide updates as key milestones are achieved.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for informational purposes only. No action is required.