



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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**MEETING DATE:** 2/28/2022

**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

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**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. On February 22, 2022, staff presented a bond package for City Council consideration which included funds for Veterans Park Renovations. City Council approved a bond package amount not to exceed \$10M. Comments were made regarding the importance of addressing other City infrastructure issues throughout town not including park renovations. The director is compiling information for the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council to review and evaluate. Since funding may not be allocated towards Veterans Park Renovations through City certificates of obligation, staff plans to recommend concept planning funds be budgeted. The budget source is to be determined.

**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. Staff presented the ordinance to City Council on February 22, 2022, three City Council members (John Wright, Travis Townsend, and Mark Gongora) approved the item while two City Council members opposed the item (Mayor Perez and Cecil Booth).

**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. Staff is drafting an interlocal agreement to specify maintenance obligations. ABLC has approved up to \$30,000 in renovations. Costs for

solar lighting amounted to \$40,078.82 and costs associated with LED lighting amounted to \$137,000 for six lights.

**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 tentatively set for Monday, March 21, 2022.

**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 were installed mid-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. Park staff will begin wall removal March 7.

**Events & Programs:** Father Daughter Dance occurred early February with 229 guests. Staff are planning for upcoming events, such as Freedom Fireworks and July 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 this evening.

**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 fun 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:** Material for field five lights have been delivered and material set up at pole location. New disc golf tee signs and tee pads have been installed.

**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:** NA