



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 2/20/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on park component priorities of the Active Recreation Area within the Freedom Park Master Plan.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$900,000.00 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$0

FUND: TBD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On Monday, November 13 ABLC approved the following projects for a \$4M bond:

- Abigail Arias Park development \$2M
- Freedom Park improvements \$900K
- Angleton Recreation Center (maintenance improvements and master plan) \$500K
- BG Peck Soccer Complex lights (1st priority) and field grading/park drainage improvements (2nd priority) \$250K
- Drainage improvements in flood-prone areas in the City limits, which are beyond the responsibility of the Angleton Drainage District (per ABLC bylaws – specific projects were not designated) \$350K
- Land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements to enhance the City of Angleton’s public park facilities, suitable for amateur sports, entertainment, tourist, and public park purposes and events, including parks and park facilities, open space improvements, and related parking facilities, roads, water and sewer facilities, and other related improvements that enhance any of those items (this is a general item/verbiage ABLC agreed to add so that if we had remaining funds we could allocate them to other projects mentioned in this item) \$TBD

Enclosed in the agenda packet is a visual and original breakdown of amenities, the updated opinion of probable costs (OPC) of core components like the 352’ field, as well as the Freedom Park Master Plan.

You’ll notice the following amenities are outlined:

- Parking & parking lot lighting
- 325’ baseball field
- Covered batting cages
- Baseball core shade

- Concession updates
- Large Pavilion
- Storage shed
- Sidewalks
- Small playground
- Granite plaza
- Trails
- Signage
- Furnishings
- Landscape plantings

Staff invited representatives from Angleton Little League to attend the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 to discuss park component priorities for the association. Robert Martin, Angleton Little League President, attended the meeting and identified the following park components as the top priorities:

1. 325' baseball field
2. Covered batting cages
3. Concession and storage updates
4. Additional storage building

Staff recommends the City proceed with design development and construction documents for the entire Active Recreation Area, collect bids for itemized pricing, and construct priority park components with funds allocated for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Angleton Better Living Corporation review the enclosed documents, authorize staff to proceed with design development, bidding, and construction administration of Freedom Park Active Area, and specify a priority listing of park components to be constructed once bids are received.