



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: December 3, 2024

To: City Council

From: Amy Augustine, AICP – Contract City Planner

Re: Rural Recreation and Tourism Program - Utica Park Lightner Mine Expansion Project Update

Recommendation:

Acknowledge and accept updates.

Background:

Consistent with direction from the City Council, attached is an update on the above-captioned project through November 26, 2024.

Strategic Plan Alignment

A4: Economic Development: Promote a wide variety of economic opportunities consistent with the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources. The proposed Rural Recreation and Tourism grant park project is intended to increase tourism through park enhancements including a stage, historical (cultural) interpretation trail, and improved pavilion for outdoor events. A new children's playground, adult/teen exercise equipment, bocce courts, hardcourts, improved pavilion and stage are intended to encourage social interactions with local theatre productions, local musical performances, movies in the park and enhanced outdoor spaces for other local events.

A5: Economic Development: Maintain and enhance the city's economic vitality while conserving the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources. See above.

B2 Community Identity: Design new development to be compatible with the natural, scenic, and cultural resources and rural character of Angels Camp. The Community Stakeholders Design Committee will assist with park design to ensure compatibility with cultural resources and rural character.

C7: Public Facilities and Services: Maintain or increase the levels of service currently available within Angels Camp for park facilities and infrastructure. The project will increase the size of Utica Park by 3.8± acres, add or improve numerous park amenities, and upgrade and expand infrastructure increasing the level of park facilities available to all age groups and ability levels for residents and visitors.

Discussion

Landscaping

The draft landscaping and irrigation plan was submitted. The landscaping plan will be reviewed by the park committee on December 4, 2024 between 10 a.m. and noon at the fire station,

Mark Twain Statue

Plans are underway to return Mark Twain to the park after the new stairway is installed from SR 49.

Bocce Court

The bocce courts have been installed. The type of surfacing (oyster shells or, at additional cost, turf), is being researched.

Hardcourts

The hardcourts are poured. Fencing is pending.

Parcourse

The general layout of the parcourse has been established. The course layout and walking/interpretive trail will be refined throughout the coming weeks.

Other

Amphitheatre footings are planned for installation in the first few weeks of December, weather permitting.

Rain

Boyer will continue park construction through the Winter as weather permits.

Financial Impact

See attached budget.

Attachments

- A. Approved Site Layout
- B. Four-week lookahead
- C. Budget