



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: December 17, 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 December 10, 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 landscaping plan was reviewed by the park committee on December 4, 2024 and approved as per the attached PowerPoint. Irrigation plans have been drafted and are undergoing a budget review. Installation of irrigation is a time sensitive item for park completion.

Lighting and Electric

A draft lighting plan is expected the week of December 9th. The Park Planning Committee has requested a meeting to review those plans.

Mark Twain Statue

Plans are underway to return Mark Twain to the park after the new stairway is installed from SR 49 (i.e., towards the end of the project).

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 after Christmas.

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