



## Directors Report January 3, 2025

These are general updates on items that were discussed at previous meetings or were not included in the operations report.

- The appraisal from Jim Bob Dooley for the land used in Bob Bryant Park for the water plant is expected to be received the first of the year. When it is received, we can continue to negotiate with TPWD to become grant compliant.
- Bastrop Little League lease for the use of the fields was terminated by the city council on 12/17/24 with a 30-day notice. The city manager has directed both baseball programs to come back with a proposal by 1/31/25 to determine the use of fields. The fields will be shared based on registration.
- The concrete slab next to the Fisherman's Park pavilion was raised and is now ADA compliant. The water fountain and sidewalk were also brought into compliance.
- Bob Bryant Playscape rebuild is scheduled for 2/22/24. We are looking for volunteers to assist.
- The playscape fence at Fisherman's Park has been replaced.
- The department has applied for the LCRA Steps Forward Grant. If accepted, employees from LCRA will repaint the BBP Pavilion. We should know before April if it was accepted.
- Farm Street Village update: The city closed on the property. It's in a flood zone. The intention is to keep it as open space since it's also partially in a floodway.
- Basketball Courts rehab update: new backboards, break-away rims, and nets for all four courts have been received and are scheduled to be installed the first of the month. Green paint is on backorder. Restriping estimate has been received at \$8700 for the entire project which puts us way over budget. Staff is currently looking at other options.
- Splash Pad update – on 12/6/24 city staff met with Landmark Aquatics to discuss options for creating a recirculation system on the current facility. By his estimation, it can be done with a cost of approximately \$500,000. His suggestion was to do the resurfacing for the 2025 season. And to start planning an expansion and addition of the recirculation for the FY26 budget year. Staff will continue to work on this project and keep the board updated.
- Playground mulch grant update: Lost Pines Toyota and Ascension Catholic Church have offered a grant to the Parks & Rec Department to provide engineered kiddie mulch to replace the gravel in the Kerr Community Park playground. This is part of the Heads Up! Program. The goal is to go to council in January to accept the donation. The installation of mulch will be in February.
- Kerr Community Park benches/tables/trashcans have been ordered and are scheduled for replacement by mid-February.
- Meeting with the museum 1/6 to discuss the processes of working with them to update the park historic signs.