



Directors Report November 1, 2024

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

- Update on the Sports Complex and Recreation Center:
 - Stakeholder meetings were held on October 8th with community/civic/education leaders about the current resources, and the needs for a facility.
 - There will be a meeting at BEDC on Nov 18th as an update. Then a joint meeting on Dec 3rd with Council.
- Progress on becoming compliant with TPWD grant program. Heard back from legal on 10/15/24. Next step is determining the exact \$\$ about we have to account for and confirming the open space we want to convert to parkland. Once that is done, it becomes an agenda item before council on approval.
- October 21st Marco Olivares became part of our team. He will be working as the Pars/Recreation and Public Works Technician. And working as a project manager. He has already proven himself as an asset for our team.
- Bird Blind Dedication is set for November 6 @ 10am. The blind is located at the back of Bob Bryant Park.
- Master Naturalists have been hosting the Junior Master Gardeners Program in Bob Bryant Park for the last 4 weeks. It's been a great success with entire families participating.
- The first 2 weeks of October, Parks team planted 12 trees in our parks. 9 in Fisherman's, 1 in Bob Bryant and 2 in Mayfest and all are doing well. Team continued to water three times a week.
- Currently working on a redesign of the play scape for Bob Bryant Park.
- New water fountain has been installed at Fisherman's Park
- Concrete raising has been scheduled for Fisherman's Park. Plan is to eliminate the trip hazards along the walking trail. And to bring the space more into compliance with ADA accessibility. The concrete slab next to the pavilion will be raised to eliminate the drop off from the pavilion.
- Basketball goals and rims have been ordered and are due to be replace before the end of the month.
- We have begun conversations with Skyhawk Recreation for programing during spring break and the summer.
- Bastrop Little League
- Plans for the River of Lights event are: November 29th-Tree Lightings and officially turn on the lights, December 6 – Music in the Park, December 13 – Christmas Carol Karaoke, December 20 Christmas Movie in the Park. The lights will be on every night until January 5th. The Gingerbread House will be open for refreshments each Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon through out the event. Area non-profits will be operating it for the fundraising and/or awareness purposes.

- Update: The department has received an opportunity to replace the gravel currently in the playscape area at the Kerr Center. This grant is originally from Toyota and is being facilitated through a community member. Bonded Rubber is too costly with a bid coming back at \$57,000. We are currently looking into other options.
- Update: fence around the playground at Fisherman's Park. The fence was completely removed. Plan is to replace at the side of the parking lot and river side. And keep the pavilion side open. Currently working on bids.