



City of Bay City Parks and Recreation Department

1209 10th St., Bay City, TX 77414

979-323-1150

January 21, 2021

To: Shawna Burkhart, City Manager

From: Shawn Blackburn, Director of Parks and Recreation

Re: Splashpad Site Recommendation

On October 6, 2020 the Friends of the Park Advisory Board met at the administrative office to discuss potential locations for the splashpad that has been funded for the current fiscal year. The scope was limited to properties which the City currently owns with a focus on the 26 locations operated by the Parks Department.

Considerations for site potential included ability to monitor the site, available parking, existing restrooms, ability for kids to walk or bike to the location and access to utilities for water, sewer and electric. After much discussion the following alternatives were produced and listed in the order of priority by the Advisory Board.

- 1) Amistad Park: 4.5 acres. This location meets all criterion listed to develop the splashpad and was also the recommended location of Half Associates in the 2017 Bay City Parks Master Plan. The location is centralized to the downtown area and is adjacent to the Southern Pacific Trailway which is planned to connect the Junior High School to the High School. The site is easily monitored by the administrative office and field staff.
- 2) Riverside Park: 100 acres. All utilities are available here and the site would be located across from the park office. The splashpad would augment services offered to park users and would generate revenue for the Parks Department. The downside is that it is not easily accessed by pedestrians or bicycles.
- 3) Hardeman Park: 25 acres. This park is four blocks west of Amistad Park and meets the above criterion. It was the least favored because the potential build site for the splashpad would be at the location of a youth soccer practice field which would need relocation.

Figure 4.2, Amistad Park Master Plan

