



# Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

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# Background

- The current parks master plan was completed in 2019
- The existing master plan had a focus on existing open space and parks without including crucial components such as recreation facilities, golf, Russell Farm, and future build out
- The majority of the goals in the existing master plan have been accomplished or are on-going
- A master plan guides the divisions capital plan for a period of 5-10 years



# Current Parks Master Plan

The City of Burleson is a place where residents and visitors alike will continue to enjoy a safe and unique blend of active parks, open spaces, miles of both paved and unpaved trails, a level of service that continues to exceed national averages, and opportunities to access a park or trail within a short walk of where they live.



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PLANNING FOR TOMORROW'S FUN

- **GOAL 1:**  
Maintain excellent level of service
- **GOAL 2:**  
Improve walkability and park access
- **GOAL 3:**  
Develop community parks
- **GOAL 4:**  
Address aging parks and infrastructure and improve experience
- **GOAL 5:**  
Develop premier trail system
- **GOAL 6:**  
Develop CIP

# Capital Projects since 2020

- 2020

Warren Park Playground

- 2021

Clark Park Playground

Oak Valley Interpretive Signs

Prairie Timbers Trail Improvements

Golf Course Clubhouse

Implementation of SmartRec Software

- 2022

Splashpad

Dog Park

Firestation 16 Memorial Garden

Cindy Park

Prairie Timbers playground addition

Design began for Shannon Creek Park

Multiple golf course improvements to irrigation and tree canopies

Repaired fenceline along I-35 at Golf Course

Design for Village Creek Trail Expansion

Year 1 of Trail Section Repair or Replacement

- 2023

Claudia's Playground

Oak Valley North Park Playground

Elkridge Park Playground and landscape

Wakefield Park Playground

Clark Park Parking lot

Chisenhall and Bailey Lake Parking Expansion

Bartlett Field Regrading

Chisenhall Field Artificial Turf Year 1

Park Monument Signs-5 parks

Land Acquired for Community Park

Upgrade BRiCk A/C Control System

Replace outdoor pool sandfilter

Park Annex Building

Cemetery Expansion

Design for Gateway Monuments

Golf Course Bunker Replacement

Golf Course Drainage Improvements

Golf Course Cart Path Repairs



# Upcoming in 2024

- 2024

Bailey Lake Dredging

Cedar Ridge Playground

Meadowcrest Playground and Sports Court

Oak Valley North Restroom Addition

Chisenhall Fields-4 fields

Oak Valley Scott St Trailhead

Park Monument Signs

Shannon Creek Park Final Design with Construction in FY 25

Hidden Creek Softball and Community Park Site Planning

Remodel of BRiCK entryway

Replacement of indoor pool sandfilter

Replaster indoor pool

Replace and enhance Desert Aire System

Replace HVAC System

Golf Course Tee and Wayfinding Signage

Golf Course Range side 9 Improvements

Golf Course Floating Intake Pipe Replacement

Master Plan



# Operational Improvements- Level of Service Enhancements



- No mow zones
- Tier 1 Mowing in House
- Litter contract along corridors
- Implementation of integrated pest management system
- Restructuring staff to include weekly inspections of every playground
- Dedicated one FTE to the repair and replacement of irrigation systems throughout the City
- Graffiti abatement plan
- Implemented Cartegraph work order management system
- Partnership with FWMTB
- Implemented beautification agreements
- Implemented tree management system and now have certified arborist in house
- Restructured Recreation Division to provide better customer service
- Partnered with 311 to handle calls allowing the team to provide better front facing customer service M-F



# Goals for Master Plan Update



- Engage the community to understand the current and future desires for specific amenities and facilities
- Update parks, trails and facilities inventory
- Balance the approach to addressing aging infrastructure with the desire for new features and spaces
- Develop a plan to financially support the current and future system

# Contract



- Staff worked off of the existing list of pre-authorized preferred vendors and selected Kimley-Horn to assist with this endeavor
- Contract scope
  - Parks inventory, benchmarking and needs analysis
  - Development of master plan elements including goals and objectives, maps, parkland dedication requirements, land acquisition, and level of service establishment
  - Public engagement
  - Implementation to include collateral policies, ordinance updates, and fee adoption
  - Plan Adoption
- Contract \$104,475
  - Funded through existing royalty funds
  - Executed agreement will include 5% contingency in the amount of \$4,975
  - Base Contract: \$99,500
- Timeline: 9-12 months



# Funding Source



- The Master Plan was originally proposed utilizing 4B Debt
- Council requested looking into alternative funding sources for the project. The City Attorney did not believe park land dedication or development fees were an appropriate use,
- Staff is recommending utilizing gas royalty funds to fund the master plan. This account currently has \$730,000 available
- Staff is requesting a supplemental appropriation to authorize the use of the gas royalty funds to cash fund the project

# Options

Park Board Recommendation

- Approve contract as presented
- Approve with changes
- Deny





# Options for funding

- Approve appropriating gas royalty funds to fund the master plan
- Approve an alternative funding source
- Deny

