

**Park Board**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**MEETING:** March 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding the scope for Phase I of the Burleson Legacy Park. (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p><b>Great Place to Live</b> Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	<p>4.1.2 5 Year Capital Program Implementation</p>

**SUMMARY:**

The Community Park was identified as a priority project in the City’s 2019 Parks Master Plan as a future signature community park. The City acquired the property in February 2023, preserving the site for long-term public use and civic benefit.

Public engagement efforts were conducted from 2024 through 2025 to inform the vision, character, and desired amenities for the park. Based on community input and City Council direction, a professional design contract was executed in 2025 to begin formal planning and conceptual design.

As the project has progressed, staff has refined the Phase I scope to focus on foundational infrastructure and core park elements that establish the framework for future phases while allowing meaningful public access early in the project lifecycle.

**PHASE I SCOPE**

Phase I is intended to establish the physical and environmental backbone of Burleson Legacy Park. The refined Phase I scope includes:

- Public roadway infrastructure
- Parking lot

- Softball fields
- Site grading
- Pond construction
- Natural trail system
- Rain garden and stormwater infrastructure

These elements are designed to prepare the site for long-term development, address drainage and access needs, and introduce early recreational opportunities consistent with the park’s vision.

### **FULL BUILD-OUT CONTEXT**

For context, the ultimate build-out of Burleson Legacy Park is anticipated to include additional amenities beyond Phase I, such as:

- Sports courts
- Stage / amphitheater and event lawn
- Sports field concession and restroom facilities
- Additional softball fields
- Food truck court
- Inclusive, nature-themed playground
- Expanded trail network
- Pond enhancements and fishing pier
- Dog park

These amenities are planned for future phases and are not part of the current Phase I scope. Their inclusion provides long-term flexibility and allows the park to evolve over time in response to community needs.

### **PROJECT TIMELINE**

The anticipated timeline for Phase I includes:

- Bid: May 2026
- Award: July 2026
- Construction duration: Approximately 12 months
- Target ribbon cutting: August 2027

Staff is seeking Parks & Recreation Board feedback on the Phase I scope, including:

- Whether the proposed Phase I elements appropriately establish the foundation for the park’s long-term vision
- How the sequencing of amenities aligns with community expectations and park system needs
- Opportunities to ensure Phase I supports future amenities such as the Legacy Makers Promenade, amphitheater, inclusive play, and expanded trail connections

Board feedback will help inform ongoing design refinement and future phase planning

Following Park Board discussion, staff will continue to refine design details and coordinate with City Council on scope alignment and implementation sequencing. Additional updates will be brought forward as Phase I advances and future phases are further defined.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend approval as presented.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

**REFERENCE:**

Insert CSO# if applicable  
Insert resolution or ordinance change

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:  
Account Number(s):  
Fund:  
Account Description:

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