
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation


FROM: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation

MEETING: February 2, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the Shannon Creek Park redesign proposal. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Great Place to Live Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	4.1 Provide high-quality parks

SUMMARY:

Shannon Creek Park was identified as a priority project in the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Since then, the project has gone through multiple rounds of public engagement, design development, and coordination with various departments and consultants. Due to updated priorities and recent bids exceeding the allocated project budget, staff is requesting Council direction on a proposed scope reduction and potential reallocation of remaining project funds to the Community Park project.

Background:

- **2019:** Identified as a priority in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- **Fall 2021:** Round 1 public engagement completed (303 online responses, 28 town hall attendees). Council presentation held November 8, 2021, with support to proceed to design.
- **February 7, 2022:** Council awarded design contract to Studio Outside.

- **Fall 2022:** Round 2 public engagement held (509 survey responses, 32 on-site participants). Feedback focused on parking, screening, and programming, leading to a phased design approach.
- **November 2022:** Council approved phased design; Park Board unanimously supported the final concept and phasing plan.
- **2023–2025:** Flood study and coordination completed to address drainage and future floodplain needs. Council received ongoing design direction updates during Capital Improvement Program discussions.
- **June 2025:** Staff finalized construction documents incorporating updates to align with the upcoming Community Park to avoid duplication and ensure equitable distribution of amenities.
- **June 6, 2025:** Project released for bid; six bids were received, all exceeding the allocated budget.
- **August 4, 2025:** Bids were formally rejected. Council directed staff to re-evaluate project scope in consideration of the Community Park addition and Park Board recommendations

Cost Estimate:

Base Bid	
6' Parking Lot Sidewalk	\$3,942.50
Low Boardwalk Crossing @ 6'W	\$16,000.00
SF-4 Pet waste station	\$7,500.00
SF-3 Trash Receptacle	\$21,000.00
SF-2 Bench	\$27,000.00
Decomposed Granite Trail	\$243,590.00
Fine Grading	\$15,000.00
Low Water Crossing	\$23,500.00
Irrigation	\$15,000.00
Temporary Irrigation	\$83,856.75
Pecan	\$3,750.00

Eastern Red Cedar	\$31,500.00
American Elm	\$7,500.00
Midway Seed Mix	\$2,878.35
Drainfield Seed Mix	\$12,615.45
Blackland Prairie Seed Mix	\$68,362.95
Base Subtotal	\$582,996.00
Contingency (10%)	\$58,299.60
Bonds (2.5%)	\$14,574.90
BASE TOTAL	\$655,870.50
AD ALTS	
Low Boardwalk Crossing @ 6'w	\$59,500.00
Butterfly garden	\$200,000.00
Parking Lot Light Pole	\$10,000.00
Low Boardwalk Crossing @ 6'W	\$173,400.00
Gabion Filter @ Parking	\$27,500.00
AD ALT TOTAL	\$410,900.00
TOTAL	
Base Bid + Add Alts	\$993,896.00
Contingency 10%	\$93,896.00
Bonds 2.5%	\$24,847.00
Total Project with Ad Alts	\$1,118,133.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends reducing the project scope to the proposed design and reallocating any remaining project funding to the Community Park project to maximize resources, align with community priorities, and ensure the most efficient use of available funds.

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

The re-design was presented to Park Board November 20, 2026 as a report and presentation. The feedback from the board is summarized below.

Drainage-Board wanted to understand if these improvements would decrease run off to the surrounding streets. This design does include a bioswale that will slow water, but will not totally mitigate any issues. Public Works and Capital Engineering have been engaged to determine if there are other projects that would assist with mitigation

Washout of trails-the board discussed washing out of the proposed trail material. Staff reviewed the materials and are confident that the material will hold.

Signage-the board expressed the interpretive signage will be important to educate the public on what the naturalized areas are and the habitats they protect

Additional seating-One board member proposed additional seating using natural elements such as boulders

Path width-the board discussed widening the paths, but came to consensus that keeping the smaller width would limit off road use by ATV's and 4 wheelers

Color of plant material-the board wanted to ensure that the biodiversity will include lots of different colored vegetation for high contrast

Photography-Due to the scenic nature, one board member voiced the potential to add in designated photo areas to limit the trampling of plants and grasses and a potential ordinance to require permitted photography at the site, they also mentioned that we could see an uptick in people stealing plants and would need to monitor for budgeting and replacement purposes

REFERENCE: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:

Account Number(s):

Fund:

Account Description:

Procurement Method:

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