



## **Staff Monthly Reports**

**January 2025**

### **Director:**

- PCS Staff Report and Performance Measures Report.
- Rathgeber Park
  - Continue to work with the DSISD on the entrance road through DSISD property. DSISD to provide the City with a cost estimate based on staff input provided.
  - RVI to provide a conceptual plan for a Phase I including plans for the entrance road through DSISD property.
- Sports & Recreation Park
  - Adult Softball lights maintenance is completed. There are 8 lights that were beyond repair (4 on each field).
- Storage Building Update
  - Chad Gilpin is putting it out to bid with new City Maintenance building with hopes for savings.
- Founders Park
  - Parking lot improvements go out to bid in February.
  - Pool chemical dispenser area will be included in the bid for the parking lot improvements.
  - Pool wood staining will begin in February.
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update
  - The first Open House was held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at DSRP. A summary of the meeting is available on the PROS Master Plan webpage.
  - The Community Survey will end on or about March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Existing Conditions Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- Harrison Hills Email

### **Park Maintenance**

- Sports & Recreation Park Vandalism – Fireworks.
- Founders Park Women's Restroom sink was replaced.
- Christmas Tree Recycling ran through January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Removed dead tree from Founder's Park
- Trimmed Oak trees at the entrance of DSRP
- Replaced broken yard faucet at DSRP lower field

### **Aquatics:**

- Continue to interview for the Aquatics Manager position.

- Had several leaks in the pool area from the freeze that Park Maintenance fixed.

### **Community Events:**

- **January** – no community events held
- **January Park Rentals:**
  - 2 Pavillion rentals – *Founders Memorial Park*
  - 1 Field rental – *Sports and Rec Park*
    - Youth softball field
- **December/January Triangle Banner Permits:**
  - *TX Junior Roller Derby* – at DSRP (new years event)
  - *Texas Arena League* – at DSRP (polo tournament)
- **Itinerant Vendor & Special Event Permits:**
  - *none*
- **Founders Day:**
  - Early Bird pricing for Sponsorships accepted through Jan 31
  - Returning vendor registration through Feb 7
    - 110 vendors took advantage of early registration
    - New vendors will temporarily be added to a waitlist in CivicRec until accepted

### **DSRP:**

#### **January Highlights:**

- Our final day of Western Wonderland was on January 5th, 2025
- The first week of January held a 4H Point Show and the 2025 Tx Jr Roller Derby National Winter Games. TxJRD has hosted smaller shows with us but this was our first National size event and it was a great success! We see them again on February 8th for a practice
- The second weekend of January hosted the HCLE Horse Show and Big Tex Gun Show
- We hosted our Parks Master Plan meeting on January 16th. This meeting had great turnout and we are excited to see the feedback coming in via email and through the survey
- The end of January was all things HCLE! January 18th - 26th held the Hays County Livestock Expo Buyer's Gala, Livestock Show, and Auction. This year had an elongated schedule and even with a snow day on the 21st, HCLE had a great turnout and a successful show! We love having a full facility.

#### **DSRP Events in February:**

Hunter's Heritage Banquet, Texas Arena League Polo Tournament, Fancy Feathers, TX Jr Roller Derby, TX Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies, Wild Game Dinner, 4H Point Show, Happy Trails Trail Race, NADAC Dog Agility Trials

#### **DSRP February Programs:**

Youth: Nature Rangers After-School, Arrow Wranglers

**DSRP Outdoor Arena Update:**

Emily and I have met with City Engineer, Chad Gilpin, to go over the plans for the outdoor arena. This arena will start as a very basic uncovered design but the goal is to eventually have it covered and add a pony wall around to better hold the footing. Currently, the removal of the dirt was listed on the Arrowhead Ranch bid. We are hoping the CCCarleton accepts the add on option to do the site leveling. I have had conversations with Arena builders and owners within the area and we have decided on a 95% or more compressed 4 inch layer of  $\frac{3}{4}$  road base, then covered with 95% or more compressed 2 inches of stone dust, and finally topped with 4-6inches of granite sand. The goal of road base followed by stone dust is to prevent the granite sand from falling down through the road base. The chosen traffic pattern and North side berm is to help prevent noise pollution to the bird blind.

**Farmers Market:**

**January FMC Meeting:**

4 of 4 vendor applications approved.

**January Market recap:**

Cold and wet weather, as well as a location change (due to Livestock Show), drove customer and vendor participation down for most of the month, which is normal for winter. A pattern of busy market start and a sharp slowdown (at 4:30) has emerged, though sales numbers are holding steady.

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