

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: July 21, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Royal Poinciana Park Improvement Option Selection

SUMMARY:

The Leisure Services Department is seeking approval of park option # 2 for Royal Poinciana Park

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Royal Poinciana Park was originally opened to the community on October 1, 2021, following the installation of new playground features, futsal court and general park enhancements. Since that time, the park has continued to serve a high-use residential neighborhood and remains an important recreational asset for the Royal Poinciana community. In FY26, the City budgeted \$180,500 as an approved Capital Improvement Project dedicated specifically to further enhancements at the park.

As part of the improvement process, the Leisure Services Department developed four design options and presented them to the Royal Poinciana Neighborhood Association on June 17, 2026, to gather community input. The presentation included updated photographs of both the original 2021 conditions and current conditions in the park, as well as detailed descriptions and cost estimates for each proposed improvement option.

Feedback from the neighborhood meeting chaired by the Neighborhood President was recorded and ranked, with the ranking, park Option #2 received overly unanimous support (one resident did vote for the skate park). Option 2 includes new playground equipment for children ages 2–5 and 5–12, multiple slides, climbing features, tandem expression swings, and a large integrated shade structure. Staff supports option # 2 as the most appropriate option for long-term park functionality and alignment with current recreational standards. This option also reflects the neighborhood's color preferences and maintains consistency with existing play structures in the park.

All four options demonstrate similar life expectancies of approximately 15 years and include associated site improvements such as replacing the existing futsal court with safety-compliant wood-fiber mulch and adding additional benches for seating. Option #2 has a cost estimate of \$176,278.96, which fits within the existing Capital Improvement Project allocation identified for this project.

Based on community engagement findings, alignment with identified needs, consistency with existing park elements, and compatibility with the approved FY26 budget, staff recommend selecting Royal Poinciana Park Improvement Option #2.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Royal Poinciana Park option # 2

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Community Input Forms
Presentation