

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Department: Administration

Date: May 8, 2025

Subject: Parks Project Updates – Ongoing and Pending Improvements

Background

The City of La Vernia continues to prioritize improvements to our City Park to enhance recreation, safety, and community engagement. Below is a summary of key park-related projects currently underway or in the planning and grant development phases.

Ongoing and Pending Projects

- **Splash Pad Water Reuse Upgrade (Grant Application Pending)**
Staff members Madison and Felecia are currently preparing a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to upgrade our current freshwater splash pad. The proposed project would convert the system to a water reuse model, promoting environmental sustainability and long-term cost savings. This improvement aligns with the City's goals of modernizing park amenities while conserving natural resources.
 - **Pickleball Court Installation**
Installation of new pickleball courts is underway this week at the City Park. This project responds to resident interest in expanding recreational offerings and supports intergenerational use of the park.
 - **Restroom Facility Replacement (In Exploration Phase)**
Staff is actively exploring options for demolishing the outdated restroom building and replacing it with a **modular-style restroom facility** that meets accessibility and modern functionality standards. This will improve user experience and reduce maintenance challenges.
 - **Security Camera Installation**
Security upgrades are in progress, with **Flock Safety cameras** scheduled to be installed within the next month. These cameras will enhance safety and deter vandalism, supporting a secure and welcoming environment for all park visitors.
 - **Ball Field Lighting System Improvements (Concept Phase)**
The City is in the early stages of exploring potential upgrades to the ball field lighting systems to improve energy efficiency, visibility, and event usability during evening hours. Additional planning and cost evaluation will follow.
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Conclusion

These projects reflect La Vernia's ongoing commitment to enhancing its public park infrastructure. Staff will continue to pursue funding opportunities, evaluate improvements, and report updates as projects progress.

Please feel free to reach out for additional details on any of the above initiatives.