

Executive Summary

City Council Workshop

AGENDA ITEM: Park Improvement – Veterans Memorial Park

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion & Direction

Summary:

Per the direction of the council, we are breaking up the conversation and focusing in on individual parks. This workshop discussion will focus on Veterans Memorial Park.

Recital: Scope and Perspective of the Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Spaces History

The advisory panel was composed of two residents, Nicole Kumerow and Kenzie Ervin, as well as Councilmember Mike DeLuca and Assistant City Administrator Kevin Larson. The group conducted site visits to each park, walking through the areas and discussing potential improvements.

The purpose of the advisory panel was to identify opportunities for enhancement and present them to the City Council for consideration. The Council is responsible for evaluating these recommendations, making final decisions, and directing staff to implement the selected initiatives. Once the Council provides direction, the advisory panel's role is considered complete.

They organized their ideas into two categories:

- 1. Maintenance: These are smaller projects that are already in this year's budget or are easy to complete with available materials and labor.
- 2. Key wish list items: These are bigger, long-term ideas that need more planning and careful use of the city's park improvement funds.

Summary of the park improvement fund

Park Improvement Funds will be recapitulated when we approach the council with the full list of improvements desired.

Community Support

Once we have a comprehensive list, we will reach out to the local Eagle Scouts and show them the list of projects we intend to work on. Possible service projects for badges.

Direction needed

The maintenance items can be addressed this year in coordination with the Public Works Department. PeopleService is aware of the list and is actively working to resolve the identified issues.

Regarding the key wish list items on the wish list, the advisory group is seeking the City Council's guidance on prioritization and the potential allocation of City funds to support park improvements.

Key Attachments:

- Exhibit A Maintenance List
- Exhibit B Key Wishlist Items with directional estimated costs
- Exhibit C Map of Veterans Memorial Park
- Exhibit D Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan

Reference only exhibits

- Exhibit E Map of Rainbow Park
- Exhibit F Map of Bryantwood Park
- Exhibit G Map of Pioneer Park