

## **MEMO**

**Date:** August 17, 2020

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Diesel Post, Director of Parks and Recreation

David Lady, Director of Public Works

**RE:** Centennial Park and Holman Avenue Improvements Project

As part of the PROST planning efforts, Centennial Park is proposed to be the home of several onsite improvements. These plans also identified a number of street related improvements to provide vehicular and pedestrian facilities necessary to support the current and future uses. Staff has reviewed the upcoming projects and recommends that several street and park improvements be initiated to ensure proper timing of infrastructure completion. Originally, several of these improvements were planned to be budgeted in 2021, however, with funds available in the appropriate "Streets" accounts and "Other Parks Projects" accounts for 2020, work could be awarded and completed in 2020 (dependent on contractor bids, schedule, and weather).

## **Park Improvements**

Council approved the tennis/pickleball improvements in 2017 along with parking improvements along the south side of the tennis courts. A paved driveway and additional parking along the east side of the courts were never completed due to costs. It is proposed that the driveway around the perimeter of the courts and parking on the east side be completed. Along with this work, pavement and concrete removal is planned as part of this project in efforts to make the pad site for the skate park improvements.

## **Street Improvements**

Holman Avenue from US-50 to K Street is considered a thoroughfare in Salida with a signalized intersection at US-50. A sidewalk is present on the west side of Holman but not on the south side fronting the park. A bike lane is also present on the west side but has inadequate width on the south side fronting the park. Gravel parking is currently present on the south side along the park.

Preliminary engineering has identified the street corridor could be expanded to include a bike lane, parallel parking, curb/gutter, and an attached sidewalk on the south side of Holman Avenue without tree removals or other adverse impacts to the park. Along with these

improvements, a re-alignment with K Street is proposed which would provide speed control and safety improvements at this intersection which currently merges off of Holman Avenue at a 45 degree angle. Lastly, paving a driveway along the north side of Centennial Park from I Street to K Street will is proposed if adequate funding is available. This area has required ongoing staff maintenance due to poor drainage and use of the recycling facility.

## **Summary**

Vehicular and pedestrian improvements are recommended to support the current and future uses adjacent to Centennial Park and the surrounding area. Initiating these improvements this year will provide additional time to ensure that facilities are in place as the needs arise.

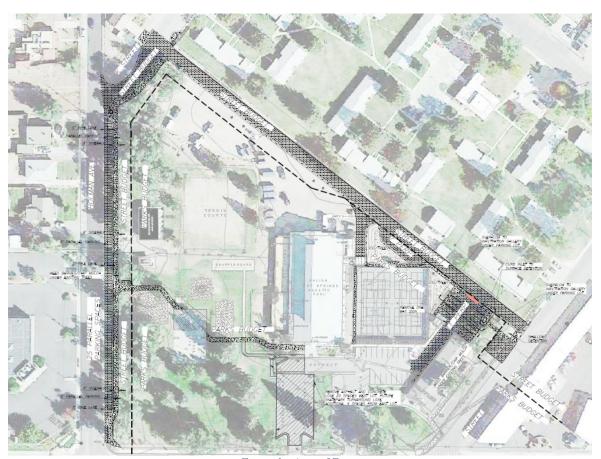


Figure 1 - Area of Focus