



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: New Bandstand for Sankey Park

Preferred Agenda: December 13, 2022

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Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: Sweet Home Parks

Towards Council Goal: Goals 1.d and 2.d: Parks Infrastructure Implementation and Community Awareness

Attachments: Sweet Home Park & Tree Committee New Bandstand Proposal

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to obtain direction from the Council regarding efforts to either replace the now-demolished Sankey Park Bandstand.

Background/Context:

As you are probably aware, the old Sankey Park bandstand was demolished in 2021 due to its dangerous condition and the infeasibility of rehabilitating it. At that time, the Council directed staff to work toward replacing it with a similarly sized structure that incorporated elements of the original.

Since that time, the City of Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee has discussed options and for replacement of the bandstand and is now making the attached proposal to the City Council.

The City currently has no budget for this project, however an adopted vision for the structure would be helpful in acquiring grants and donations that could fund the project.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City adopt a vision for the replacement of the Sankey Park Bandstand in order to increase opportunities for donations and grant funding?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Residents – Residents benefit from park amenities that add to their enjoyment of parks, such as bandstands and pavilions.
- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council is responsible for decisions that affect the available amenities at City Parks.
- City of Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee – The Park and Tree Committee is tasked with developing a capital improvement program for City Parks and making recommendations to the City Council regarding park improvements.

- City of Sweet Home Staff – City Staff are responsible for implementing the Council's vision and managing adopted capital improvement projects, as permitted by the annual budget.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The current budget does not allocate any funding toward this project. The Park & Tree Committee estimates in their proposal that a replacement structure would cost \$179,000.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution would provide desired park amenities in a safe, financially responsible way.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – Make no decision regarding a replacement bandstand at this time.
2. Adopt the Park and Tree Committee's Proposal as the City's vision for a replacement bandstand and direct Staff to include the project on the Parks Capital Projects List and work with the Park and Tree Committee to begin gathering donations and seeking grant funding for the project – With an approved vision for a replacement bandstand, it will be easier to seek donations and grant funding for the project. In addition, including the project in the Parks Capital Projects List would make it eligible for Parks System Development Charges and other funding in future City budgets.
3. Adopt the Park and Tree Committee's Proposal with specified changes as the City's vision for a replacement bandstand and direct Staff to include the project on the Parks Capital Projects List and work with the Park and Tree Committee to begin gathering donations and seeking grant funding for the project – The Council could make changes to the proposal and direct staff and the Park and Tree Committee to begin seeking funding.
4. Direct Staff to research other options.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2, Motion to adopt the Park and Tree Committee's Proposal as the City's vision for a replacement bandstand and direct Staff to include the project on the Parks Capital Projects List and work with the Park and Tree Committee to begin gathering donations and seeking grant funding for the project.