



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

February 11, 2021
Item 5

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND DISCUSS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT FOR 2020

SUMMARY

This report is submitted for informational purposes. It typically summarizes last quarter's landscape architecture projects, but since a report has not been provided for a year, this report covers all of 2020. The intent of the report is to inform the Commission of the status of ongoing landscape architecture projects for the period from January 2020 through December 2020. Items that are *italicized and* marked with this symbol ❖ denote new information since the last report.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss the Landscape Architecture Projects Status report for 2020.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is none.

LIONS WAYSIDE AND DELUCCHI PARKS

This project will result in the final design and construction of Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks. Initial construction drawings to construct the box culvert across Lions Wayside Park in the location of the current open channel were based on the Master Plan for Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks by R.J. Larson and Associates. The Master Plan proposed to cover a portion of the drainage channel through Lions Wayside Park, to relocate the band shell, and to provide a larger lawn area for concerts. The City was unable to obtain approval for the project as proposed from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and has been working for the last 6 years to determine a plan option that would be acceptable to the RWQCB.

Project Status: The City is coordinating with the RWQCB. The below tasks have been simplified to only show the last two years' worth of efforts.

- In mid-2018 the Regional Water Quality Control Board informed the City that none of the submitted plans would be approved due to impact to Kottinger Creek.
- The City hired Richard Larson of MIG to design concept plans that may be acceptable to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The City met with and reviewed the concept plans on September 4, 2018.
- Four schematic plans (shown below) for Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks were presented to City Council for review and discussion on October 2, 2018.
- On December 18, 2018, the City approved a professional services agreement with MIG in the amount of \$156,105 to update the Lions Wayside and Delucchi Park Master Plan.
- In early February 2019, the City purchased the properties adjacent to Lions Wayside Park at 4363 and 4377 First Street.
- City Council prioritized Wayside and Delucchi parks on March 19, 2019 when Council adopted their two-year work plan.
- The City met with the RWQCB in August 2019 to review concepts that should meet the requirements of the RWQCB.
- ❖ *The famous Blue Gum Eucalyptus (Eucalyptus globulus) in Wayside Park had a major branch failure so the City performed an inspection of the health of the tree and a resistograph to test for decay/fungus. It was determined that the tree had Sulfur Fungus and that there was a moderate chance that the tree would fail. The tree was removed in September due to safety concerns.*
- ❖ *In November 2020, the City held a zoom meeting with the consultant to discuss concepts that incorporated input from the RWQCB, added the newly purchased property, and factored in the loss of the Eucalyptus.*

PLEASANTON PIONEER CEMETERY

The Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery improvements consist of implementation of the Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan. The first phase was the construction of the Veteran's Memorial, the second phase included a storage and parking area, the third phase included entry and wayfinding improvements, and the fourth phase consisted of improvements to the south hill.

Project Status: Construction of the South Hill Improvements are complete.

- The Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan was adopted by City Council on November 18, 2014.
- The Veteran's Memorial grand opening occurred in concurrence with the Veteran's Memorial weekend celebrations on November 12, 2016.
- The conceptual design of the entry and south hill improvements was completed on May 21, 2018 and City Council approved the entry and wayfinding improvements in the mid-term budget as CIP 18750.
- Construction of Phase 2, the storage and parking area, was substantially completed in May and City Council accepted the project on August 21, 2018 after the completion of the maintenance period.
- On February 22, 2019, the City authorized their on-call consultant, Callander Associates, to provide construction documents for Phase 3 of the cemetery.
- City Council prioritized the Pioneer Cemetery Phase 3 improvements on March 19, 2019 when Council adopted their two-year work plan.
- The design development plans for the Entry and Wayfinding Improvements were submitted to and reviewed by City staff in April 2019.
- The 65% construction documents were submitted to the City on May 31st and the 90% construction documents were submitted on June 21.
- Bids were received and opened on August 8, 2019. Suarez and Munoz Construction was the low bidder at \$394,240.
- City Council approved the plans and specifications and awarded the bid to Suarez and Munoz Construction on August 20, 2019.
- The City authorized the consultant, Callander Associates, to proceed with the 4th phase of the cemetery improvements – the South Hill Improvement – on September 12, 2019.
- Construction for the Entry and Wayfinding Improvements began on September 16, 2019.
- Construction of the Entry and Wayfinding Improvements was substantially complete on December 11, 2019.
- The final design for the kiosk information panels was completed on December 31, 2019.
- ❖ *The new cemetery map and informational panels were installed in mid-January 2020.*
- ❖ *On January 21 City Council accepted the Entry and Wayfinding Improvements.*
- ❖ *The South Hill Improvements were advertised for bid in June and the City Council awarded the contract to Suarez & Munoz Construction on August 4, 2020 for the low bid amount of \$598,000.*
- ❖ *Construction began on August 31 and the project was substantially complete on January 5, 2021.*
- ❖ *The project is scheduled to be accepted by City Council on February 16, 2021.*

VALLEY TRAILS PARK

Valley Trails Park will be impacted by the improvements proposed for the Sycamore at Valley Trails housing project. The neighborhood has requested park improvements to

be constructed as part of the Conditions of Approval for the housing project. Improvements are proposed to include a new restroom, tot lot, and landscape improvements.

Project status: The design of the landscape improvements is currently underway.

- The plans for the development, including the plans for the park improvements, were approved in late June.
- The City received the developer contribution of \$177,800 on July 24, 2018 for the park improvements.
- The City requested a survey be completed of the tot lot area on September 18, 2018.
- A public outreach meeting for the Valley Trails neighborhood was held on Saturday March 2, 2019 to discuss the tot lot design. Approx. 15-20 residents attended the event. The main request was to relocate the tot lot closer to the existing playground for 5–12-year-olds and the proposed restroom. Residents also requested more shade.
- The revised tot lot design in the new location was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 9, 2019 and the Commission made a recommendation to proceed.
- The City Council approved the location of the tot lot and awarded a purchase order with Ross Recreation for the installation of the playground on June 18, 2019.
- Construction on the tot lot began on September 16, 2019.
- Notifications for the public outreach for the landscape improvements proposed for the park were sent out on September 23, 2019.
- Public outreach for the proposed landscape improvements at the park was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019.
- Construction of the tot lot was completed on October 11, 2019.
- ❖ *Two new benches were installed adjacent to the new tot lot in September 2020.*
- ❖ *The City began preparing construction documents for the landscape improvements in December.*

BASKETBALL COURT REPLACEMENTS

The basketball courts in all Pleasanton parks were analyzed to determine which courts required renovation. In 2018 the City resurfaced five courts (Tennis and Community, Meadows, and Tawny Parks). In 2019 the City resurfaced two courts (one at Meadowlark Park and one at Ken Mercer Sports Park). In 2020 the City resurfaced three courts (two at Orloff Park and one at Kottinger Village Park).

Project status: Construction of the basketball courts at Orloff and Kottinger Village Parks is complete.

- ❖ *The City prepared bid documents for resurfacing the basketball courts at Orloff and Kottinger Village Parks in May and June.*

- ❖ *The bid opening for the Basketball Court Resurfacing at Orloff and Kottinger Village parks occurred in July 2020. Two qualified bids were received and on September 1, 2020 City Council awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, Silicon Valley Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$281,172.*
- ❖ *Construction of the basketball courts began on September 21, 2020.*
- ❖ *Construction of the courts is complete and the project is scheduled to be accepted by City Council on February 16, 2021.*

BOCCE BALL COURT RENOVATION

The two bocce ball courts at Centennial Park were renovated.

Project status: Construction is complete.

- On October 25, 2018, the City authorized Callander Associates Landscape Architecture to provide design services for the renovation of the two bocce ball courts at Centennial Park to improve the drainage, lighting, shade, surfacing, and facilities and provide ADA access improvements.
- City staff met with the Bocce Committee on November 15, 2018 to discuss the proposed bocce ball court renovation project.
- On January 2, 2019, the City posted a survey regarding bocce court surfacing preferences. The survey closed on January 22, 2019 with 24 completed surveys.
- The City presented the conceptual design and survey results to the Bocce Committee on January 23, 2019 and received feedback regarding the design.
- In February and March, the City met with or spoke with various bocce ball court managers to determine maintenance requirements for various types of courts.
- City Council prioritized the bocce ball courts on March 19, 2019 when Council adopted their two-year work plan.
- The City compiled information received from the survey of bocce facility managers into a memorandum and presented the results to the Bocce Committee on April 30.
- On May 9, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed bocce ball court plans and recommended that the surfacing material preferred by the bocce league members, Boccecon, be used for the courts.
- In June, the City directed the consultant to start working on the construction documents for the bocce ball court renovation based on the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation.
- The design consultant submitted the 35% design development plans to the City on July 17, 2019.
- The consultant submitted the 90% construction documents to the City on September 12, 2019.
- The project was advertised for bid in October with a bid opening on November 14, 2019. A total of 5 contractors submitted bids for the project. Bids ranged from a low of \$334,695 to a high of \$374,355. The low bidder was Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc.
- On December 3 City Council approved the plans and specifications for the project and awarded the contract to Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc.

- ❖ *Construction of the bocce ball courts began on February 24, 2020 but was halted in March due to the pandemic.*
- ❖ *Construction re-started in May after restrictions were eased and was completed in September.*
- ❖ *City Council accepted the improvements on November 17, 2020.*

TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PARKING LOT

The City purchased the Alameda County Transportation Corridor (the old railroad right-of-way) through downtown Pleasanton in 2008 with a goal of continuing the regional trail and adding more parking to downtown. In 2017 City Council set aside \$2.2 million to improve the corridor between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street. In 2018 the City hired HMH Engineers to design the corridor and proceeded to reach out to adjacent property owners to discuss the project.

Project status: Design is complete, and project is about to bid.

- On January 9, 2019 the consultant, HMH Engineers, provided the concept plan to the City.
- The concept design was presented to the BPTC on February 25, 2019.
- The concept design was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 14, 2019.
- City Council prioritized the transportation corridor on March 19, 2019 when Council adopted their two-year work plan.
- On June 18, 2019 staff presented the conceptual plans to the City Council. The proposed design included a 140-stall parking lot with lighting and shade trees, a trail that was a minimum of 8-ft. wide, and associated site, landscape, and irrigation improvements. City Council directed staff to provide a trail that is a minimum of 9-ft wide.
- On August 16, 2019 HMH submitted a revised plan set that responded to the direction of City Council.
- The City reviewed comments with HMH regarding their 75% construction documents submittal in October 2019.
- ❖ *The City prepared agreements with adjacent property owners throughout 2020.*
- ❖ *The project construction was delayed by direction of the City Manger to time construction to begin in Spring 2021 due to budget concerns and unknowns associated with the pandemic.*
- ❖ *Plans will advertise for construction bid by mid-February, with bids due March 2021.*

ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

The City of Pleasanton prioritized an inclusive playground, also known as an all-abilities playground, as part of the Capital Improvement Program process for FY 2019/20.

Project status: The design phase of the project is about to be underway.

- In November/December 2019 City Staff reviewed design considerations and potential locations for an All-Abilities Playground in Pleasanton.

- ❖ *On January 9, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended locating the All-Abilities playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park.*
- ❖ *City Council approved the location of the All-Abilities playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park on September 1, 2020.*
- ❖ *The City advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design of a master plan for the All-Abilities Playground on September 16, 2020. Nine firms submitted for the master plan and the City held interviews in November.*
- ❖ *City Council approved the contract with RRM Design Group for the All-Abilities Playground Master Plan services on February 2, 2021.*

SKATEPARK

The City of Pleasanton prioritized a skatepark as part of the Capital Improvement Program process for FY 2019/20.

Project status: The City is interviewing design firms for the conceptual design and public outreach portion of the project.

- ❖ *In Fall 2020 City Staff researched potential skatepark locations and met with Fremont, Milpitas, and Newark staff at their respective skateparks to discuss the lessons they learned and the successes that they have had at their skateparks.*
- ❖ *On November 10, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended expanding the skatepark at Ken Mercer Sports Park.*
- ❖ *On December 1, 2020, City Council approved policy direction to begin the design process for a one-acre lighted skatepark at Ken Mercer.*
- ❖ *Staff advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the conceptual design and public outreach services for the skatepark on December 9, 2020.*

AUGUSTIN BERNAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

The City of Pleasanton prioritized a one-way downhill mountain bike trail as part of the Capital Improvement Program process for FY 2019/20.

Project status: Design is underway.

- *On October 8, 2019 City Staff met with three members of the mountain bike community to review the potential alignment of the downhill mountain bike trail at Augustin Bernal Park.*
- *In November City Staff created a GIS map that defined the existing trails that could be utilized for segments of the trail. The maps were utilized to discuss the project with experienced trail building contractors.*
- *In December, the City solicited a proposal for the design of the mountain bike trail.*
- ❖ *In February 2020, the City advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for environmental firms to conduct the environmental review required for the project. No firms submitted their qualifications due to the pandemic, so the City advertised again in April. Eight firms submitted their qualifications for the project.*

- ❖ *On August 4, 2020, City Council awarded the environmental contract to Dudek for \$45,810. At the same time, City Council awarded the design and construction contract to Action Sports Construction for \$49,000.*
- ❖ *Action Sports Construction was unable to meet their insurance obligations, so the City amended the contract with Dudek to provide trail design services. City Council approved Dudek's contract amendment on November 17, 2020.*
- ❖ *On December 9 City Staff met with Dudek to review the draft trail alignment and potential environmental concerns associated with the project.*

GARM'S STAGING AREA

The City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) in September 2016 regarding the construction of a staging area for hiking the Pleasanton Ridge at the end of West las Positas Blvd. along Foothill Road. The staging area will consist of a parking lot (approximately 75 stalls), restroom, picnic area, play area, a loop trail, and trail access to the ridge.

Project status: Project is in environmental review.

- On July 12, 2017, the City met with the East Bay Regional Park District in a kick-off meeting to review the preliminary plans for the Garms staging area.
- On August 16, 2017, City staff reviewed City comments with the District regarding the preliminary plan.
- On December 19, 2017, City staff met with the District and their consultant to review the new concept plan with changes based on the August 16, 2017, meeting.
- City received updated Garms concept plans on February 6, 2018.
- City had a Staff Review Board meeting regarding the new plan on February 8, 2018.
- ❖ *The City of Pleasanton and EBRPD held a Zoom meeting to discuss the status of the project in November 2020.*

MISCELLANEOUS PARK PROJECTS

The following is a list of small projects that fall into the categories of "routine replacement," "minor renovation" or "public art installation."

Minor Renovation:

Playground Renovation

Consistent with the City's ongoing playground replacement plan, the City is replacing three of the play areas at Ken Mercer Sports Park (two play areas for two-to-five-year-old children and one play area for five-to-twelve-year-old children), Tawny Park (one play area for two-to-five-year-old children and one play area for five-twelve-year-old children), and Vintage Hills. A separate agenda report is included in tonight's Commission meeting to discuss the playgrounds.

Public Art Installation:

Centennial Towers

The City is planning to renovate the Centennial Towers Plaza at Civic Park to address the problems with lighting, drainage, and grading.

- In early 2019 the City identified the names of the people and groups that had donated bricks for the plaza.
- In June, the City hired an electrical engineer for the electrical aspect of the project.
- ❖ *City staff prepared construction documents for the Centennial Plaza Renovations project in December 2020. The plans are being incorporated into the Transportation Corridor plans expected to go out to bid this month.*

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Any other action as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Gruber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Matt Gruber
City Landscape Architect