



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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June 10, 2021  
Item 5

**TITLE: REVIEW AND DISCUSS PARKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR  
JANUARY - MAY 2021**

### **SUMMARY**

The Parks Maintenance semi-annual report will be presented to the Commission that summarizes the quarter's activities. The report is intended to inform the Commission and community of the general nature of ongoing maintenance activities for the period, project work, and other maintenance related items during January to May 2021.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive a presentation on the Parks Maintenance activities from January to May 2021.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

None.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Parks Division has five park maintenance crews and one median, trails and open space crew. The “park” crews are comprised of four to five full-time employees that are responsible for all aspects of park maintenance in a geographic area. The “median” crew is comprised of two full-time employees with responsibilities throughout the entire city. Each crew submits monthly reports of significant maintenance events in their respective areas. This report is a summary of those events.

## **DISCUSSION**

Routine maintenance activities for January to May 2021 included: as-needed turf mowing, pesticide applications, fertilizer applications, mulch installation, tree removal, irrigation system repairs and programming, turf renovation, tree installation, plant installation, leaf removal, vandalism repair, stump grinding, storm clean-up, equipment maintenance, limited ball field preparation, bocce court maintenance, weekly play area safety inspections and weed abatement.

Project work for this time period includes: New monument sign installation at Heatherlark Park, vandalized trees replaced at Bernal Community Park, Main Street DG replenishment, garbage enclosure repairs at Amador Valley Park and pesticide posting sign installation.

The City’s tree trimming contractor, West Coast Arborist (WCA), worked in Districts 11, 12, 13 and 1, which includes east, south and northwestern Pleasanton.

The street median maintenance contractor, Terra Landscape, Inc., focused their efforts on regularly scheduled maintenance and Main Street color bowl plant replacement.

Listed below are highlights of additional work performed by Parks staff during this period:

### **Val Vista Park**

- Fencing was added to the maintenance shed and storage shed at the park to improve security. The maintenance shed has been broken into several times in the past two years.
- Slide repairs were completed and a new climber was installed on the 5-12 year old playground.
- Declining pear trees were removed near field two and replaced with ginkgo trees to match other recent tree installations.
- New steel edging was installed around the DG area by the community garden. New DG was also installed and the area mulched.
- Three aging irrigation controllers were removed and replaced with one new irrigation controller with cellular communication. This upgrade will improve reliability and eliminate an unreliable phone line.
- New trees were installed near the community garden.

### **Moller Park**

- Sixteen multi-trunk crape myrtles and six redwoods were installed along Foothill Rd. The new planting will provide some color in the summer and fills a void left by hazardous pine tree removals.
- Trees were pruned and underbrush cleared at the north end of the park near the senior living complex.

### **Cubby's Dog Park**

- Four self-closing gate hinges were replaced. Staff will be replacing the remaining hinges as time allows.

### **Heatherlark Park**

- New verbena were installed in the park along Northway Rd. to replace the society garlic.

### **Hansen Park**

- The fire damaged playground was replaced.

### **Ken Mercer Sports Park**

- Twenty-four declining redwood trees were removed from the park. The highest concentration of removals was located at the eastern edge of the park near the playground (phase 5).
- Playground replacement began at the eastern playground site.
- A storm drain was lowered and covered based on a request from Pleasanton Girls Softball League on GSB Field 2.

### **Bernal Community Park**

- Parks staff worked with a local Boy Scout Troop who helped with spreading mulch at Bernal Community Park. This was a great project with over 20 scouts volunteering for most of the day.

### **Library**

- Thirty flats of ivy groundcover were installed.

## **Main Street**

- A color bowl plant rotation was completed.
- A color bowl that was knock off its base by a vehicle was repaired.

## **Agustin Bernal Park**

- An extremely large coast live oak fell and blocked the trail. Parks staff along with assistance from WCA removed the tree and cleared the trail. The size and scope of the project necessitated closing the park for the day.
- Four new signs were installed to replace vandalized signs or to address areas that needed signage. The signs read “Hiking Trail Only – No Horses or Bicycles Allowed”.

## **Medians**

- A new irrigation backflow was replaced on Valley Ave. at Northway Rd. The previous backflow was leaking and beyond repair.
- New irrigation, water-wise grasses and an oak tree were installed at the Elmridge Ct. roundabout.
- A new cellular based radio hub was installed at Bonde Tank. This improves the reliability of the median irrigation controller communications and eliminates an undependable phone line.

## **Weed Abatement**

- All fire safety weed abatement was completed throughout the city. The major locations include: Castleridge Trailhead and the Alviso Adobe, Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail/Bernal Community Park and Martin Ave. Fire breaks were also disced at several locations including the Staples Ranch property.

## **Staffing Changes**

- Two retirements: Robert Cauthen – Lead Maintenance Worker Area 2 and Marty Maher – Lead Maintenance Worker Area 1.
- Three staff transitioned out of the division.
- Promotions: Victor Cazares was promoted to Parks Maintenance Supervisor overseeing contracts, medians and trails on April 5. Brandon Jones and Josh Callahan were promoted to Lead Maintenance Workers on May 24 for Areas 1 and 5, respectively.
- The division currently has six vacancies.

Although staffing was impacted for most of this reporting period, Parks staff and City contractors remained productive and completed numerous projects and maintained the City's parks and trails system.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION**

Any other action as determined by the Commission.

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