



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

July 13, 2023
Item 6

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS STATUS
REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022 – JUNE 2023**

SUMMARY

This report is submitted for informational purposes and summarizes the landscape architecture projects from the last three quarters. The report intends to inform the Commission of the status of ongoing landscape architecture projects for the period from October 2022 through June 2023. Items that are *italicized* and marked with this symbol ❖ denote new information since the last report.

For brevity's sake, only project tasks from the last two years are shown.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the landscape architecture projects status report for October 2022 – June 2023.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is no financial impact resulting from this report.

LIONS WAYSIDE AND DELUCCHI PARKS

The Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks Master Plan was adopted in 2014. Initial drawings for construction of the box culvert across Lions Wayside Park in the location of the current open channel were based on the Master Plan by R.J. Larson and Associates. The Master Plan proposed to cover a portion of the drainage channel through Lions Wayside Park, relocate the bandstand and 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 worked for the last eight years to determine a plan option that would be acceptable to the RWQCB. In December 2021, staff and their consultant presented a concept plan that was acceptable to the various regulatory agencies, including the RWQCB, and conducted public outreach for a year before presenting the final concept plan and outreach results to the City Council in February 2022.

*Due to concerns with potential project costs, City Council directed staff to cease working on the master plan and proceed with a project that can be delivered for the available budget – approximately \$1.9 million. The revised Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks renovation project will reflect the **community's prioritization and the importance of the bandstand and mature trees**, with improvements expected to include a new bandstand, walkways, seating, additional trees and upgrades to the existing park infrastructure including irrigation. The goal is to have the park renovations completed before the 2025 summer concert series.*

Project Status: *The City is working on revised concept plans that can be constructed for the available budget.*

- The City and its consultant met with the RWQCB on November 4, 2020, and again on May 8, 2021, to review the updated concept plan. The result of the meetings was that the updated conceptual plan was positively received but that more detailed hydrologic analysis and plans would be required for the agency to approve the plans.
- In October 2021, the City entered into a contract with Balance Hydrologics to prepare a preliminary creek design, hydraulic modeling and a design basis memo for Kottinger Creek for a detailed discussion with the regulatory agencies at the Army Corps of Engineers Interagency meeting.
- On December 7, 2021, staff and their consultants presented the hydraulic modeling, preliminary creek design and basis of design to the regulatory agencies. The agencies indicated that the design met their expectations and that the design would likely be approved if submitted as shown.
- On February 10, 2022, the conceptual plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and approval.
- On April 12, 2022, City Council reviewed the updated conceptual plan, expressed their support of the design, including the orientation of the Chan Henderson Bicentennial Band Stand and regional trail as indicated on the plan and directed staff to proceed with public outreach.

- At the end of May 2022, staff removed the shade structure for the Chan Henderson Memorial Bandstand due to safety concerns.
- A community survey regarding the design of Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks was advertised from May 11 – July 11.
- On May 14, 2022, staff set up a booth at the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. to obtain feedback from people attending the farmers’ market.
- On June 17, 2022, staff set up a booth at the Concert in the Park from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to obtain feedback from people attending the Summer Concert in the Park event.
- On June 22, 2022, staff set up a booth in Lions Wayside Park at the Railroad Avenue and Neal Street intersection across from the Meadowlark Dairy.
- On August 22, 2022, staff presented the project to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee (BPTC) for their review of the project and public comments.
- On September 8, 2022, staff presented the public outreach results and BPTC input to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- ❖ *On February 7, 2023, City Council directed staff to cease work on the updated master plan and instead focus on making park improvements for the budget currently available for the project – approximately \$1.9 million.*
- ❖ *In June 2023, staff began evaluating potential bandstand locations and park improvements that could/should be made without encroaching on the regulatory agencies’ jurisdiction while also addressing aging infrastructure challenges and public comments received during the outreach, including replacing the bandstand.*

TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PARKING LOT

The City purchased the Alameda County Transportation Corridor (the old railroad right-of-way) through downtown Pleasanton in 2008 with the 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: Project construction is nearing completion.

- A construction change order was added to the project to include the proposed Civic Park improvements as approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on August 12, 2021.
- In September 2021, four dead heritage-sized elm trees were removed from Civic Park.
- ❖ *The Phase 1 and 2 improvements were substantially completed on October 4, 2022. These improvements included the parking lot, wall, trail, lighting, railing, fencing, pathways, civic park plaza, grading, and associated irrigation and other site improvements.*
- ❖ *The project has not been accepted due to ongoing construction punch list items.*

SKATEPARK

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

Project status: The construction document phase of the project is underway.

- Concept design alternatives were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for feedback on August 12, 2021
- The City advertised the concept designs and project at the BMX Event held in downtown Pleasanton on August 21, 2021
- Concept design alternatives were presented to the Youth Commission on September 8, 2021
- The City presented the design alternatives to the public at the Farmer's Market on September 11, 2021
- The 2nd public workshop was held at Ken Mercer Sports Park at the proposed skatepark location on September 25, 2021. The turnout was good with two to three dozen adults/children stopping by throughout the 3-hour outreach period.
- A 2nd survey was posted on the same day as the public workshop.
- The concept designs, community input and in-progress community-wide survey #2 results were all presented to the City Council on October 5, 2021
- The skatepark conceptual plan was finalized and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval on January 13, 2022. The Commission approved the draft conceptual plan on a 4-2 vote.
- On March 15, 2022, the skatepark conceptual plan was presented to the City Council for review and approval. The City Council unanimously approved the conceptual plan and directed staff to complete the design of the skatepark through to biddable documents, but also directed staff to consider value engineering or other alternatives, such as phasing portions of the work, to reduce anticipated cost.
- On May 17, 2022, City Council approved a contract amendment with the design consultant, RRM Design, to complete the design of the skatepark with a targeted construction budget of \$6 million with \$5 million as the base bid and another \$1 million in bid alternates.
- On May 31, 2022, City Council allocated a total of \$2 million in funding for construction of the skatepark.
- On June 21, 2022, City Council allocated an additional \$1 million for construction of the skatepark, bringing the total skatepark budget to \$3 million.
- Staff held a construction design kick-off meeting with the consultant on August 2, 2022.
- ❖ *On March 15, 2023, the consultant submitted the 50 percent complete construction documents.*
- ❖ *On June 6, 2023, City Council adopted a resolution to approve the 2-year Capital Improvement Program budget, which included \$6.4 million in funding for the skatepark.*
- ❖ *Further information can be found at www.pleasantonskatepark.com.*

CRICKET

The City of Pleasanton prioritized cricket as part of the Capital Improvement Program process for FY 2021/22.

Project status: *Award of the construction contract for the cricket field is scheduled for the July 18, 2023, City Council meeting.*

- During the spring and summer of 2021, staff conducted research regarding cricket, spoke with other cities with cricket programs, and analyzed potential locations in Pleasanton for a cricket field.
- On November 18, 2021, staff recommended locating a cricket field at Muirwood Community Park as a near-term solution and at the undeveloped property for the future Staples Ranch Community Park as a long-term solution. The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the recommendation of locating a near-term cricket field at Muirwood Community Park and a long-term field at the future Staples Ranch Community Park site.
- Based on input received from the public and the Parks and Recreation Commission staff determined to hold further public outreach regarding the cricket field.
- Staff conducted community outreach for cricket at the farmer's market on February 5, 2022, and at Muirwood Community Park on February 12, 2022.
- On April 12, 2022, City Council considered additional feedback from the community and directed staff to identify a location at Ken Mercer Sports Park that could accommodate a cricket field.
- On June 17, 2022, staff posted a questionnaire regarding potential cricket field locations at Ken Mercer Sports Park. The advertisement ran through July 11 and 536 people responded to the questionnaire.
- On June 21, 2022, City Council allocated an additional \$250,000 for the cricket field project during the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Mid-Term Operating and Capital Improvement Program process, bringing the total project budget to \$500,000.
- Staff met multiple times with the sports organizations to obtain their input June – August.
- On August 11, 2022, staff presented the public outreach results to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC). The PRC recommended option 2.
- On September 6, 2022, City Council reviewed and approved the location of a cricket field at Ken Mercer Sports Park based on the PRC recommendation to locate the cricket field at option 2.
- Staff obtained a proposal for construction design services from one of their on-call landscape architecture firms to design the cricket field in late September.
- ❖ *On January 20, 2023, the consultant submitted 50 percent construction documents for review.*
- ❖ *The cricket project was advertised for bid in May.*
- ❖ *On June 6, 2023, City Council allocated another \$50,000 for construction of the cricket field based on the estimated project costs for a total project budget of \$550,000.*

- ❖ *Bids were opened on June 14, 2023. Six bids were received with a low bid of \$414,430.*
- ❖ *Further information can be found at www.pleasantoncricket.com.*

PICKLEBALL AND COURT RESURFACING

The City of Pleasanton prioritized pickleball as part of the Capital Improvement Program process for FY 2021/22, however no funding for the project was allocated because the City plans to install the pickleball courts as part of the City's annual court resurfacing project for FY 2022/23 and received Proposition 68 funding for a portion of the project from the State.

Project status: *Construction of the pickleball and court resurfacing project is complete.*

- During the spring and summer of 2021, staff conducted research regarding pickleball, spoke with other cities with pickleball courts and analyzed potential locations in Pleasanton for pickleball courts.
- On November 18, 2021, staff recommended converting some of the tennis courts at Muirwood Community Park to pickleball courts. The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the recommendation of converting two of the four tennis courts at Muirwood Community Park to pickleball courts.
- Based on input received from the public and the Parks and Recreation Commission staff determined to hold further public outreach regarding the pickleball court project.
- On December 16, 2021, staff submitted a Proposition 68 grant for \$227,000 to help fund the court resurfacing project at Muirwood Community Park, including the conversion of two tennis courts to six pickleball courts.
- Staff conducted community outreach for the pickleball courts at the farmer's market on February 5, 2022, and at Muirwood Community Park on February 12, 2022.
- In April 2022, staff prepared construction documents for the pickleball and court resurfacing project and advertised the project for bid in May.
- The bid opening for the project was held on June 8, 2022. Two contractors bid the project.
- On July 19, 2022, City Council approved the plans and specifications and awarded the construction contract to the low bidder, Mauri Concrete.
- Construction began on September 12, 2022.
- ❖ *Construction was completed on November 3, 2022.*
- ❖ *The City held a pickleball court ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 14.*
- ❖ *In March 2023, the City installed additional benches as well as some paddle racks and a board to keep track of who is up next on the courts.*

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: Construction is nearly complete.

- Dudek provided the draft 100 percent submittal for the trail alignment in June 2021.
- On June 28, 2021, Dudek submitted the administrative draft Initial Study
- On September 28, 2021, Dudek and the City held a Zoom meeting with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to determine permitting requirements as the proposed bike trail is in potential Alameda Whipsnake territory.
- In October 2021, based on the input from USFWS, the City and Dudek determined that the project was feasible from an environmental perspective with mitigation for the potential impact to the Alameda Whipsnake. Mitigation to include decommissioning more linear feet of existing “pirate” trails than linear feet of the proposed new trail.
- On December 7, 2021, City Council approved a contract amendment with Dudek to provide the necessary additional environmental and design services to update the plans based on the USFWS input.
- In February 2022, the Golden Eagle Homeowners Association stated their support of allowing the necessary trail easement through Golden Eagle property. The City then contracted with a surveyor to provide the map exhibit and legal description for the trail easement document.
- In March 2022, Dudek provided the final draft Initial Study and trail decommissioning plan for City review.
- In April 2022, Dudek completed the 100 percent trail construction plans and submitted the environmental documents to the State.
- The public comment period for the environmental documents for the Augustin Mountain bike trail project ended in June.
- ❖ *In November 2022, the City and the Golden Eagle Homeowners Association entered into a public access trail agreement for the portion of the proposed trail through Golden Eagle’s property.*
- ❖ *The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the trail project was circulated for public review on April 30, 2022, for 30 days.*
- ❖ *The trail construction documents were advertised for bid in November 2022. Sealed bids were opened on December 21, 2022, with a sole bid of \$265,217.*
- ❖ *On February 7, 2023, City Council approved the construction contract and adopted a resolution adopting the mitigated negative declaration for the project.*
- ❖ *On May 15, the contractor received environmental training from the biologist and construction began on the mountain bike trail.*
- ❖ *Construction of the mountain bike trail itself was substantially complete on June 29, although additional work is still occurring to decommission trails as required by the environmental documents and to address other pending construction items.*

LUND RANCH TRAIL

The Lund Ranch property is located on the east side of town to the east of Lund Ranch Road and adjacent to the Bonde Ranch Open Space. The approx. 168-acre property was donated to the City as part of the development agreement with the Lund Ranch property owner. The proposed trail in the open space surrounding the Lund Ranch development will be approximately 3 miles in length and will connect Sycamore Creek Way and Sunset Creek Lane through the hills and past the creek on the east side of the development up around to the North with the Bonde Ranch Open Space trails.

Project status: *The developer is currently constructing the development with the intention of installing the trails prior to completing construction of the development.*

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 Boulevard. 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: No update to report.

NEVADA STREET IMPROVEMENTS

During the 2019-20 CIP Workplan prioritization process the City prioritized and funded the proposed improvements for the section of Nevada Street between the Valley Humane Society and the Bernal Avenue/Nevada Street intersection. The project continues the street design of the Irby Ranch development. The proposed improvements include street widening, additional on-street parking, bike lanes, an extension of the trail constructed as part of the Irby Ranch development (to connect with the existing trail on Bernal Avenue to the BMX park and Shadow Cliff), sidewalk widening on the east side of Bernal between the intersection and trail connection and a linear park between the Valley Humane Society and Fire Station No. 1.

Project status: *Project design is complete, but the project is on hold until funding becomes available.*

- The City contracted with one of its on-call landscape architects, Callander Associates, for the conceptual design of the Nevada Street Improvements on February 19, 2021.
- The City held a kick-off meeting with Callander on March 5.
- City staff met with the Valley Humane Society and Zone 7 to discuss the proposed street and trail improvements in March and April.
- Callander provided a preliminary concept plan for the City to review on April 29.
- On June 16, 2021, City staff and their consultant held an on-site public outreach meeting to obtain feedback from the surrounding commercial and residential neighbors.

- On June 26, 2021, staff held another on-site meeting with some of the new Irby Ranch neighbors.
- On June 28, 2021, staff presented the project to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee.
- On July 8, 2021, staff presented the project to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- On August 17, 2021, City Council approved an amendment to the consultant's contract for design and bid support services, with changes to the project as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Callander Associates submitted the 35 percent complete construction documents for the City's review on November 12. Staff met with the consultants to go over plan comments on December 15, 2021.
- On February 25, 2022, the 65 percent complete construction documents were submitted to the City for review. Staff met with the consultants to go over plan comments on March 24, 2022.
- On July 19, 2022, City Council approved an amendment to the contract with Callander Associates for additional construction document services for the project.
- ❖ *On March 22, 2023, the consultant submitted bid plans for the project. The project has been placed on hold until funding becomes available.*

BERNAL COMMUNITY FARM

Based on the support of the community, the City agreed to explore the design of a community farm for Pleasanton residents at the Bernal property. In March of 2017, the City accepted the design of a community farm on Sub-Area 7 and Sub-Area 16 of the Bernal property and approved an agreement with M.D. Fotheringham to prepare a Bernal Community Farm Master Plan. Council adopted the draft master plan on May 1, 2018, and identified funding for the design of Phase 1 during the 2019-20 two-year CIP workplan process. The Bernal Community Farm Master Plan was adopted.

Project status: The City is currently working with the Master Gardeners on the first phase of the project.

- On June 21, 2022, City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Master Gardeners for a demonstration garden at the Bernal Community Farm site and authorized the Master Gardeners to proceed with the installation of a cover crop on a portion of the site.
- In August 2022, the City installed an approximately 2,500-square-foot temporary parking lot.
- ❖ *In late 2022, the City disked, ripped and added compost to the approximately 1-acre portion of the community farm scheduled for use by the Master Gardeners.*
- ❖ *In December 2022, the Master Gardeners seeded the area with a pollinator-friendly cover crop.*
- ❖ *The City held a cover crop kick-off event with the Master Gardeners on May 22, 2023, which was attended by the mayor and other council members.*
- ❖ *In May 2023, the compost hub was open to the public.*

MISCELLANEOUS PARK AND TRAIL PROJECTS

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

Playground Renovation (Minor Renovation)

Consistent with the City’s ongoing playground replacement plan, the City is replacing the play areas near the community garden at Val Vista Community Park (one for two-to-five-year-old children and one play area for five-to-twelve-year-old children).

- In August 2022, staff advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Design, Supply and Installation of Replacement Play Apparatus for Val Vista Community Park.
- Four playground design companies submitted qualifications packages for the Val Vista playground renovation project on August 31, 2022.
- Miracle Playsystems was chosen as the preferred design company in September.
- ❖ *Two conceptual designs were created and shared with the public for feedback at a community meeting and through an online survey in November 2023.*
- ❖ *The conceptual plans and public input was shared with the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 7, 2023. The Commission directed staff to proceed with the option preferred by the public with some modifications to address public comments.*
- ❖ *On January 7, 2023, City Council approved the design with updates per the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and awarded the contract to Miracle Playsystems.*
- ❖ *Construction began on June 5, 2023.*

Trail Renovation (Minor Renovation)

At the request of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee, staff made minor improvements to the Callippe Preserve Trail to improve wayfinding.

- ❖ *Staff designed wayfinding and trailhead signage to more clearly identify where the Callippe Preserve trail and trailhead were located. The signage was installed in May 2023.*

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