



Information Report

MINOR PLANNED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

Summary

The following list of projects is presented for information and no Commission action is needed. However, Commission comments would be appreciated. The presentation at the Commission meeting will include pictures of the sites.

Projects

A. Twin Pines Park Bathrooms

Currently the Twin Pines Park bathrooms are open 24 hours a day because there is no way to secure the building at night. This has led to a rash of graffiti, vandalism, and vagrancy. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning on installing gates on the bathrooms to close the facility at night. The gates will be open at sunrise and closed at sunset. The gates will reduce the Department's workload, reduce security risks for staff, and lead to the long term improvement of the bathroom facility.

B. Safety Fencing for Water Dog Lake Overlook

Currently, the overflow structure at Water Dog Lake serves as an overlook for visitors. The structure sits high above the water with an estimated 20 foot drop from the end of the structure into the water. Currently, there is no safety fencing on the bottom portion of the railing. This appears to be a safety issue and the Parks and Recreation Department plans to install safety fencing on the bottom portion of the railing.

C. Sign for Wakefield Park

Wakefield Park is a small pocket park near the Hallmark community. The park is currently unsigned and it appears few community members know that is a public park. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning on installing sign at the entrance to Wakefield Park. The sign will be a standard wood park sign using the Belmont color scheme.

D. Picnic Rentals at Alexander Park

Currently, Alexander Park has a large picnic area that could be used for party and picnic rentals. It appears that the park would get greater use and also generate revenue for the City. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning on pursuing Alexander Park for picnic rentals and will bring an item forth in the future requesting that the park be included in the inventory of rental sites.

E. Permits for Tennis Instruction

The Parks and Recreation Department is investigating making the City's two sites that include tennis courts available for permitted rental for tennis instruction. The two sites are Alexander Park and Hallmark Park. Anecdotal evidence indicates that these courts may already be used for tennis lessons without City permission. The Parks and Recreation Department does not maintain City courts for private gain and bringing these lessons into a permit situation is appropriate use of public facilities.