

MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager



DATE: April 13, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

THROUGH: Ashwini Kantak, Acting City Manager *Ashwini Kantak*

FROM: Matt Cano, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: **An Update on Parks Projects Funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Parks with Night Lighting**

As requested at the February 28, 2023, Capital Budget Study Session, this Information Memorandum provides information on the budget for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) parks projects as well as a listing of City of Milpitas park amenities with night lighting.

Background

In December 2021, the Mayor and City Council approved the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which identified key short and long term improvements necessary for the City's parks. On August 9, 2021, staff presented a prioritized list of recommended park improvements to the City Council to request American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for City parks. The Council subsequently approved the staff recommendations for improvements and allocated \$3.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and \$900,000 of General Funds, for a total of \$4.4 million for needed repairs and improvements to 20 of the City's 36 parks. The implementation of these repairs and improvements was intended to address immediate health and safety repairs and improve the condition of parks in critical and poor condition.

On January 11, 2022, staff revised the recommendation, removing the General Fund dollars from the project and funding the entire \$4.4 million from ARPA funds.

On April 5, 2022, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the application of \$224,543 in Per Capita Grant Funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation towards Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial Park. Additionally, approximately a balance of \$235,000 from Sandalwood Park Renovation design project will be used for the improvements at Sandalwood Park as part of the ARPA project. This brings the total budget for these 20 parks to approximately \$4.85 million.

At the February 28, 2023, Capital Improvement Program budget study session, Vice Mayor Chua requested information regarding the amount of funding dedicated to each park through ARPA. Additionally, the Vice Mayor requested a summary of the parks in the City with night lighting. Staff noted that the requested information would be sent to the entire City Council.

Analysis

Parks Projects funded by ARPA

To provide for greater flexibility for project completion and ensure that critical health and safety improvements could be addressed expeditiously, the budget was split into two project phases. Phase I of the project, delivered by the Public Works Department, is budgeted at \$1.34 million and was

awarded by the Mayor and City Council on December 6, 2022. A list of projects and specific funding for each project in Phase I is shown on Attachment 1. Construction for Phase I parks began at the end of February and is expected to be completed by the end of August 2023.

Phase II is under design and construction is expected to begin by Spring 2024 and complete by Spring 2025. The current estimated budget per project is shown on Attachment 1 of this memorandum. It is important to note that the budget amounts per park for Phase II may shift between parks as priority health and safety improvements are further identified during the design phase. Currently, the improvement needs at these parks exceeds the available funding. Staff is including add-alternates as part of the bid package to provide the opportunity for additional improvements to be included at the time of project award if additional funding becomes available.

Parks with Night Lighting

Ten (10) of the City's park location have sports fields and/or courts that have lighting, allowing for specialized use after parks close.

The following is a list of the City park locations with night lighting:

1. Browne Park Tennis Courts
2. Cardoza Park Softball Field
3. Cerano Park Tennis Courts
4. Dixon Landing Tennis Courts
5. Gill Park Softball Field & Tennis Courts
6. Hall Park Tennis Courts
7. Milpitas Skate Park
8. Milpitas Sports Complex (football field, soccer fields, volleyball court, little league senior baseball field)
9. McGuire Park Tennis Courts
10. Pinewood Park Tennis Courts

The new metro area park (currently referred to as McCandless Park) will have sports field lighting, bringing the total number of parks with sport lighting to 11. This park is anticipated to be open to the public in Summer 2023.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to progress the construction of Phase I improvements and design of Phase II. Phase II is expected to begin construction by early 2024.

Attachment 1: List of Projects with Funding

Attachment 1
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Parks Funding

Park Name	Phase I: Public Works Contract**	Phase II: Engineering Cost Estimate*	Total***	Park Condition
Sandalwood (7)		\$ 315,000	\$ 315,000	critical
Sinnott		\$ 490,000	\$ 490,000	critical
Starlite		\$ 560,000	\$ 560,000	critical
Strickroth		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	critical
Ben Rodger		\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	poor
Foothill		\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	poor
Hidden Lake		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	poor
Murphy		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	poor
Oliver Jones Memorial		\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	poor
Parc Metro West		\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	poor
Robert E. Brown		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	poor
Sunnyhills Augustine	\$ 372,269	\$ 200,000	\$ 572,269	poor
Cerano (6)	\$ 84,662		\$ 84,662	good
John McDermott (6)	\$ 33,647		\$ 33,647	good
O'Toole Elm (6)	\$ 17,770		\$ 17,770	good
Parc Metro Central (6)	\$ 100,741		\$ 100,741	good
Parc Metro East (6)	\$ 58,932		\$ 58,932	good
Pinewood (6)	\$ 192,990		\$ 192,990	good
Selwyn (5) (6)	\$ 152,952		\$ 152,952	good
Tom Evatt (6)	\$ 102,055	\$ 10,815	\$ 112,870	good
Improvement Estimate	\$ 1,116,018	\$ 2,905,815	\$ 4,021,833	
Eng. Design		\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	
Eng. Admin/Inspect		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	
PW Contingency****	\$ 224,525		\$ 224,525	
Total	\$ 1,340,543	\$ 3,505,815	\$ 4,846,358	

- (1) Engineering Cost Estimate are based on conceptual design that is subject to change as the design progresses.
(2) Public Works Contract includes \$224k state grant
(3) "Total" Column is the sum of the Engineering and PWs work and the allocation of the funds per park.
(4) Contingency for PW contract that has not been allocated to parks.
(5) Selwyn includes Council approved \$97k ARPA allocation on 2/21/23.
(6) Work at Parks identified in "good" condition are to address health and safety repairs such as play equipment and surfacing.
(7) Sandalwood Park Renovation, Project No. 5110 remaining design balance of \$235k will be used for park improvements.