



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 23, 2016

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Capital Projects Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of a number of Parks and Recreation Capital Projects.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) has a diverse capital program of park improvement and recreation enhancement projects. Over the course of every fiscal year, a number of projects are in various stages of development and construction. Depending on the complexity and availability of funding, many projects take a number of years to complete. This staff report provides a brief overview of the most active projects underway in Fiscal Year 2016.

#### Projects under Construction

The Department has three projects currently under construction. They include the Bohnett Park Playground, Oak Park Wading Pool Ramp to bring the pool in compliance with new Americans with Disabilities (ADA) regulations, and the Bird Refuge Stretch Area.

*Bohnett Park Playground:* The Department is installing a new playground at Bohnett Park, primarily for 5-12 year-old children. It replaces a playground installed more than ten years ago. In addition to the new playground equipment, the project includes reconfiguring the playground area, construction of a walkway in front of the playground, and relocation of picnic tables. These changes will allow for park access and field improvements to be designed in the future, as well as provide space for the addition of an adult fitness area. The estimated cost of the playground and minor site improvements is \$183,000.

*Oak Park Wading Pool Ramp:* The Oak Park Wading Pool includes the construction of a ramped entry into the pool, expansion of the concrete pool deck, and the addition of a

second gate. Construction will be complete by late May so that the pool can open on schedule for the summer season. Project design and construction costs total \$95,940.

*Bird Refuge Stretch Area:* The Commission reviewed and made findings for the Bird Refuge Stretch Area in December 2014. Over the course of 2015, the Department completed project design and Historic Landmarks Commission review, and secured project permits. The project includes three pieces of equipment, including a stretching bar, hip flex unit, and an air walker. The project required compliance with ADA standards for access to the equipment as well as an ADA compliance parking stall. Project construction costs are \$51,210. Project funds include a private donation of \$10,000, \$10,000 in PARC Park Improvement funds, and \$31,210 in City General Funds. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in May.

### Projects in Design Development

The Department has eight projects in various stages of design development. Since the Commission is familiar with the Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation, Cabrillo Pavilion and Bathhouse Renovation, Parks and Recreation Facility Sign Replacement Program, and the Municipal Tennis Center Playground and Site Improvements, this report outlines the work efforts under way for the renovation of Kids World, walkway improvements at Chase Palm Park, renovation of the Chase Palm Park restroom, and new bike racks at Los Baños.

*Kids World Renovation:* The Department recently contracted with Van Sande Structural Consultants to complete the engineering design drawings for Kids World Renovation. The project includes structural upgrades to the playground structure, replacement of play components, and playground safety and accessibility improvements. The Department has \$509,000 in capital funds to complete the project.

*Chase Palm Park Walkway Improvements:* Walkway improvements for Chase Palm Park will address safety concerns for pedestrians that walk along Cabrillo Boulevard between the roadway and the park. Extension of the park's walkways will encourage pedestrians to either walk in the park or cross the street to the sidewalk on the south side of Cabrillo Boulevard. It is anticipated that the project will receive Historic Landmarks Commission review in early April. The Department has \$128,000 in capital funds to complete the project.

*Chase Palm Park Restroom Renovation:* Similar to other restroom renovation projects, the primary focus of this project is to upgrade the interior of the restroom located on the beach side of Chase Palm Park. The Department will also be completing some exterior improvements, including fencing and gates, to address public safety concerns and discourage overnight camping and extended use of the park area around the restroom. It

is anticipated that this project will receive Historic Landmarks Commission review in early April. The Department has \$155,000 in capital funds to complete the project.

*Los Baños Bike Racks:* The Department is completing plans to install new bike racks and landscaping in front of Los Baños to support the many swimmers that use bicycle transportation to the facility. The bike racks require Historic Landmarks Commission review and approval. The project will be funded through a donation from the Friends of Los Baños.

#### Other Projects in Concept Planning

The Department has five other projects that are currently in concept planning. They include the development of a fenced off leash dog area at MacKenzie Park, renovation design plans for the Louise Lowry Davis Center, renovation plans for the Thousand Steps Beach Access, site improvements for Franceschi Park, and Parkway and Median Landscape Guidelines. The Commission will be provided with a status report on these projects once they are further underway.

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