



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2016
FROM: COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): NO **ITEM # 34**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive an update on Community Services projects.

BACKGROUND:

At the September 27, 2016 City Council Meeting during Council Communications, Council Member Brandman requested a staff report that highlights the recent improvements made to our park system during the summer and recent past and to touch upon the multitude of collaborations with outside organizations that has resulted in the completion of the projects. At the direction of City Council, staff has prepared a report as an informational item for City Council.

DISCUSSION:

To successfully deliver the many diverse projects requested by our residents, Community Services staff collaborates with private businesses, local school districts, other City Departments, non-profit agencies and both State and Federal granting agencies. The Department has been particularly successful in obtaining grant funding for our projects. During the past 10 years the Community Services Department has been awarded over \$30 million in grant funding for park-related projects.

The following list of projects is broken down by fiscal year and highlights the most recent projects beginning with the past summer to FY 12/13.

Summer of 2016

- Twila Reid Park Pickle Ball Courts – Project included the installation of three new pickle ball courts as requested by park users and the community at large.
- Twila Reid Park Field Restoration – Project consisted of the full renovation of existing softball/soccer field. The field was closed for over 100 days to enable contract forces to completely relevel and reseed the entire field whose turf was worn away from heavy use.
- Schweitzer Park Skate Facility – Installation of a 4,000 square foot skate park. The amenity had been requested by many parks users and the design was finalized during community input meetings.

- Palm Lane Park Skate Facility – Project consisted of the installation of a 4,000 square foot skate park. The project was requested by the community and the design was finalized through community input meetings.

The above park improvements were all funded by a \$500,000 donation by the Disneyland Resort.

- Ponderosa Park Skate Facility – As part of a comprehensive plan to revitalize Ponderosa Park, this first phase consisted of the installation of a 9,000 square foot skate park. A robust community input process resulted in the design of the skate park. The total project cost was \$630,000 which was funded through Park Developer Fees from residential development in the Platinum Triangle.
- Olive Hills Dog Park – Project consisted of the development of a one-acre dog park, new restroom building, and expansion of the existing parking lot. The parking lot expansion and new restroom building also greatly benefits the existing Olive Hills Tennis Courts. Total project cost was \$1,161,000 and the funding originated from Park Development Fees.
- Manzanita Park Building Restoration Project – This project consisted of the complete renovation of the existing community center building which was severely damaged by an arson fire in 2014. With the required relocation of The Boys and Girls Club from their former site on Broadway near City Hall, Community Services Department staff developed an agreement with the Club for their continued programming to the youth of Anaheim. Total project cost was \$1,321,000 and was funded by a combination of Park Development Fees and insurance funds from the fire damage.
- Little People’s Park – Project consisted of the complete renovation of all park amenities including a new gazebo and picnic areas, basketball court, decorative perimeter fencing, and irrigation and landscaping improvements. Through a series of community meetings, participants helped design the park and select its amenities. Total project cost was \$566,000 and was funded by Park Development Fees.

Fiscal Year 15/16

- Lincoln Park KaBOOM! Playground – Project consisted of the installation of a new playground in a park that previously did not have a playground. The project was coordinated by the KaBOOM! organization, funded by the Disneyland Resort and was supplemented with Park Development Fees. The total project cost was \$103,000.
- Circle Park – Project consisted of the creation of a new pocket park in a densely populated area of apartment dwellings. The park was constructed on a street island, formerly owned and maintained by the City’s Public Works Department. The park was a request by residents who lived in the neighborhood who participated in the design of the new park. The project cost was \$383,500 and was funded by Park Development Fees.

- Stoddard Park Restroom and Playground – This project consisted of the complete renovation of the existing restroom building and the addition of various playground amenities that were requested by the community. The project cost was \$651,500 and was funded by the Housing Related Parks Program grant from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Pelanconi Park Stream Restoration – Project consisted of improvements to the streambed to improve water flow and protect against erosion during storms. The project also provided for the installation of new native plant material. The project cost was \$400,000 and was partially funded by a \$196,288 State grant from the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program.
- Downtown Anaheim Community Center Outdoor Exercise Equipment – The project consisted of the installation of outdoor exercise equipment and shade structures that were requested by senior citizens who regularly recreate at the Downtown Anaheim Senior Center. Staff met with interested members of our senior community and sought input on the types of equipment desired which led to the final design. The project cost was \$300,000 and was funded by Park Development Fees.
- Coral Tree Park – This new park located at 917 East Katella Avenue is a .40-acre public park that is operated and maintained by the property management company for the residential development. The park includes an open turf area, playground area with rubberized surfacing and sand, with age-separated play equipment, barbecues, picnic tables, benches and bicycle racks. The project was funded and constructed through a development agreement as part of Wolff Company Platinum Gateway and Platinum Vista Apartment Community.
- Renewable Farms Aquaponics Project – Through a license agreement with a non-profit entity, Renewable Farms, an aquaponics farm was built on unused City property at the former Urban Forestry Yard. Under the terms of the agreement, in exchange for the use of the land the City receives 20% of the produce produced at the site for distribution to needy families in Anaheim. Also as part of the agreement, the City is afforded volunteer opportunities and job training for Anaheim youth through our Project S.A.Y. Program. The farm sells its organically grown produce to businesses in our community who desire organically grown products. This project was developed at no cost to the City.
- Anaheim Hills Turf Removal – Over 26 acres of turf was removed and replaced with native and drought-tolerant plant material. The total project cost was \$2,100,000 and was funded by a grant through the Metropolitan Water District and City of Anaheim Public Utilities Department.
- Sage Park Restroom and Play Area Improvements – Project consisted of the replacement of the existing restroom building and playground. The project cost was \$1,065,000 and was funded by a grant through the Housing Related Parks Program from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

- Lincoln Park; Higher Ground Program – Community Services Department staff worked with staff from Higher Ground, a non-profit youth development organization, to allow the organization to install modular trailers on a relatively unused portion of the park with the goal of providing afterschool programming for elementary school age youth. Higher Ground has also “adopted” the park and helped to improve the baseball field and the overall condition of the park. This was accomplished at no cost to the City.

Fiscal Year 14/15

- Twila Reid Park KaBOOM! Playground Improvements – In the largest Playground Improvement project that the KaBOOM! organization has ever undertaken, this project replaced the outdated playground installed in 1991 with new equipment. Over 600 volunteers helped erect multiple playground spaces with equipment. The project cost was \$375,000 and \$250,000 of the total cost was funded by the Disneyland Resort.
- La Palma Dog Park – The City’s first Dog Park was installed on the east portion of La Palma Park. The amenity is extremely popular and has been recognized as one of the best dog parks in Orange County. The project cost was \$365,000 and was funded by Park Development Fees.
- Miraloma Park and Family Resource Center – This project delivered a new park and Family Resource Center to a neighborhood where no park amenities previously existed. The total project cost was \$ 6,158,800 and the acquisition, design, and construction were funded by several grants including two Federal Grants from the Housing 108 Loan Program and Community Development Block Grant, and a Proposition 84 Grant from the State of California.
- Paul Revere Park – Project consisted of the development of a new 1/2-acre park in the Guinida Lane priority neighborhood. The land was obtained by the City’s former Community Development Agency. The total project cost was \$725,500 and the construction was funded by a Federal Community Development Block Grant and a State Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.
- New air conditioning system in the West Anaheim Youth Center – An air conditioning system was added to the existing West Anaheim Youth Center. The project cost was \$181,500 and was funded by Park Development Fees.

Fiscal Year 13/14

- Schweitzer Park Restroom – Project consisted of the total renovation of the existing restroom building. The project cost was \$357,200 and the improvements were funded by a grant through the Housing Related Parks Program, made available from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Woelke-Stoffel House – Project consisted of the replacement of the roof and balcony of the historic Woelke-Stoffel House combined with the exterior painting of the structure. The total project cost was \$170,000.

- Modjeska Park KaBOOM! Playground – The project consisted of the complete replacement of the existing playground which was first installed in 1988. The project cost was \$80,000 and was primarily funded by the Disneyland Resort, supplemented by Park Development Fees.
- John Marshall Park KaBOOM! Playground – The project consisted of the replacement of the existing playground which was first installed in 1999. The project cost was \$80,000 and was primarily funded by the Disneyland Resort, supplemented by Park Development Fees.

Fiscal Year 12/13

- Stoddard Park KaBOOM! Playground – The project consisted of the replacement of the existing playground which was first installed in 1991. The project cost was \$80,000 and was primarily funded by the Disneyland Resort, supplemented by Park Development Fees.
- Schweitzer Park KaBOOM! Playground – The project consisted of the replacement of the existing playground which was first installed in 1997. The total project cost was \$120,000 and \$65,000 was funded by the Disneyland Resort.
- Palm Lane Park Playground replacement – The project consisted of the replacement of the existing play equipment which was originally installed in 1989. The project cost was \$123,300 and was funded by Park Development Fees.

The Department's aggressive capital development program will continue with the delivery of the following projects in the next 18 months:

- Euclid and Sunkist Library Renovations – The renovations are geared towards making better use of the public space and include enhanced network connections and ADA improvements including new restrooms. Total project costs are \$1,090,600 which is partially funded by Community Development Block Grant.
- Ponderosa Park, Family Resource Center, and park improvements – This project includes the construction of a new 22,000 square foot community center that contains office space, flexible classrooms, a gymnasium, dance room, center programmable courtyard, and activity rooms dedicated to youth programming. Park improvements include water-spray park, public garden, new restroom building, play area, picnic area and various other community requested enhancements. Total project costs are \$13,374,000.
- Edison Park Improvements – This project involves the installation of a lighted perimeter exercise trail with exercise equipment, new volleyball courts, and many other improvements requested and designed by community members. Construction cost is \$455,500, which is partially funded through a grant from Orange County Partnerships to Improve Community Health (OC PICH), a local non-profit agency, totaling \$193,061.

- Pioneer Park Restroom and Trail Improvements – The project consists of replacement of the existing restroom, installation of a lighted perimeter exercise trail, and an exercise area. Construction cost is \$1,097,189, which is funded partially by a grant through the Housing Related Parks Program, made available from the California Department of Housing and Community Development totaling \$901,966.
- Founders' Patio and Mother Colony House Retrofit – The project consists of the installation of a patio cover and the structural retrofit of the Mother Colony House. The project cost is estimated at \$370,000.
- Miraloma Vehicle Guardrail – The project involves the extension of the vehicle guardrail along Miraloma Avenue and a portion of Sunshine Way as requested by the community. Total project costs are \$53,495.
- Anaheim Coves Northern Extension – The project consists of the installation of a nature park along the west side of the Santa Ana River with a Class 1 bike trail and a separate hiking and riding soft trail. The estimated project costs are \$2,500,000 which will be partially funded by two grants: Active Transportation Program, \$832,000; and Urban Greening Grant, \$901,966. This project also requires the collaboration with three property owners; Southern California Edison, the Orange County Water District, and the Orange County Flood Control District. All three property owners have consented to allow the park development on their property.
- Brookhurst Community Center Patio and Lobby Improvements - This project includes the replacement of an existing patio and the creation of a formal lobby area. The project cost is estimated at \$380,000.
- Ronald Reagan Park and Sycamore Park Play Areas – This project consists of the replacement of the play areas on both parks which have outlived their useful life. A General Fund allocation of \$385,000 was granted to complete this project.
- Pearson Park Cactus Renovation – This project entails the removal and installation of various cacti material with estimated project cost of \$100,000. The project will improve and preserve this historical amenity.
- Aloe Greens and Aloe Promenade – The City has entered into a development agreement with private developer, A-Town, to construct two parks within their residential project. The two parks combined total 1.8 acres which will be dedicated to the City as public parks. The parks will be operated and maintained by the property management company for the residential development. The final Master Plan includes an open turf area, playground area, art plaza featuring a water feature, shade structure, picnic tables, landscape, and various hardscape amenities.
- Jacaranda Park – The City has entered into a development agreement with Jefferson Stadium Park to construct a park within their residential project. The park will be 1.1 acres which will be dedicated to the City as Public Park. The park will be operated and maintained by the property management company for the residential development. Elements of the park include shaded bench and table seating, a basketball court, bocce ball courts, outdoor workout equipment, dog use spaces, and passive gathering areas with turf and shade trees.

The following projects are in the planning stage:

- The YMCA Project on land west of Ross Park – In a collaboration between the City and the Anaheim Family YMCA, the two parties have entered into an agreement to lease unused land to the YMCA for the purpose of a planned outdoor athletic field complex to be used primarily for soccer. The site will also have buildings capable of housing office and meeting space. This is the first phase of a larger YMCA plan to ultimately build additional buildings on the site, including a gymnasium and a pool. Plans are in the development stage.
- Agreement with the Anaheim Elementary School District for the Potential development of a joint use agreement for land obtained by the District to build an elementary school to serve residents in the Platinum Triangle. The City entered into an agreement with the District to reimburse the District for costs pertaining to their due diligence investigation as they look to possibly obtain land located on Howell Street, north of Katella Avenue, in the Platinum Triangle. If successful, the District could obtain land which could be used through a joint use agreement with the City for needed park space in the Platinum Triangle. The park space would be large enough for lighted athletic fields, parking and other associated park amenities such as tot lots, restrooms, etc.
- Additional KaBOOM! Park Projects – The City was recently notified that in conjunction with the KaBOOM! Organization, the Disneyland Resort will donate funding for the replacement of five additional playgrounds in parks where playground equipment is old and does not meet National Playground Safety Standards. The first project will be at Imperial Park which will be undertaken this winter, and the other four sites will be completed by early 2019 . The other parks are Juliana, Pearson, Barton, and Willow.

The Community Services Department is proud of the many diverse projects that have been, and will be delivered to Anaheim's residents and those who visit our City. The strong relationships we have forged with private, public, and governmental organizations have helped to produce collaborations which have delivered needed recreational amenities to Anaheim.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

This report has no impact to the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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