



STAFF REPORT

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: September 9, 2024

To: Park and Recreation Advisory Board
From: Charlie Fredericks, Streets and Parks Manager
Subject: Park Update

Babcock Park:

- **Ballfield Restoration:**
The damage to the ballfield caused by the flood is scheduled to be repaired soon. Repairs will involve removing all of the outfield turf, bringing in new soil, and re-sodding. Additionally, the infield material will be removed, the subbase re-graded, and replaced with new ballfield material. The estimated timeline for completion is two to three weeks.
- Seeding and sodding of the areas surrounding the new building should be completed soon, as well as a handful of small tasks. The outdoor and indoor picnic tables and chairs are expected to arrive within the next couple of weeks.

General Parks:

- **Park Projects Webpage:**
Staff has developed a park projects webpage for the City website, which will serve as a central hub for all parks-related projects and information. Residents can visit the webpage to find information or provide feedback on upcoming projects. For example, information on the Riverside Lions playground concept designs will be available on the website, and yard signs will be posted near the playground to guide users on how to participate in the feedback process.
- **Sechler Park:**
The Board will receive an update on the long-range planning process during the regular agenda. Additionally, staff have completed the task of painting flag football field lines in the outfield areas of the baseball fields. Other improvement tasks upcoming include repairs to scoreboards, safety netting, and turf areas throughout the park. These repairs are planned for later this fall after the park is less busy.
- **Trail Maintenance:**
Staff are working on preparing a contract for miscellaneous park trail maintenance, primarily focused on eliminating willows and other roots causing bumps in the park trails.

Mandatory Board and Commission training is scheduled for October 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. As a result, the regular Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is tentatively canceled, unless urgent agenda items arise. This decision is intended to minimize the impact of non-meeting required events on board members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie Fredericks, Streets & Parks Manager