

**Memorandum**

**Memorandum No: 23-166**

**Date:** November 8, 2023

**(To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From:** Ryan Henderson, City Manager



**Re:** Status of Parks Capital Improvement Projects (Fourth Quarter Update)

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Anna continues to see our needs for park and recreation facilities expand in the community. The city's capital improvement plan reflects this expansion as the City Council has allocated significant funding towards the design and construction of new facilities and features. Staff intends to provide quarterly updates on the status of all active park and recreation capital projects and park planning initiatives.

**Slayter Creek Park – Splash Pad**

The project is complete within the warranty period. Staff is coordinating with the contractor on a few maintenance needs which have been identified, including the replacement of a handrail and the replacement of the fabric on the large shade structure along with warranty work on a limited number of mechanical components.

**Slayter Creek Park – Skatepark**

The pump track and bowl are complete, and the contractor is focusing on concrete pours for the street skate area. The design firm had a test skater and test biker on the course November 3. If the weather holds, the project should be substantially complete by the end of November or first week of December. There is the potential for a soft opening in mid-December.

**Slayter Creek Park – Lighting, Landscaping, & Irrigation Improvements**

The City Council approved the award of the lighting project last month. The lighting equipment should be onsite toward the end of November. Landscaping Plans are complete, and the bid is live on IonWave. Bids for the landscaping and irrigation scope close November 15 at 2pm. Staff are planning to present the project at the December 12 City Council meeting to award the contract. Funding for the lighting, landscaping, and irrigation improvements are included in the FY24 CIP budget.

**Slayter Creek Park – Parking Expansion & Sports Courts**

The parking lot construction is complete and trees are being planted in the parking lot islands with anticipated completion early this month. The basketball courts have been poured and tendons have been

stretched to create the post-tension slab. The contractor is preparing the site for the pickleball courts to be poured in the coming weeks.

The sports court and parking lot expansion project is expected to be substantially complete in early January. The final court surface for the basketball and pickleball courts cannot be installed until the slab surface temperatures are consistently above 50°, so the final surfacing will be installed in the spring. The contractor is trying to get the tennis courts resurfaced before temperatures fall below the threshold. Staff are working with the contractor on striping options for the courts so the courts can be used through the winter.

#### **Slayter Creek Park – Practice Field Lighting**

The lighting project is complete. Staff received the full operating manual last week and have taken over control of the lighting system.

#### **Slayter Creek Park – Restroom Addition**

The design is complete, and the project is currently advertised for bid on IonWave. Bids for the project close November 15 at 2pm. Staff is planning to present the project on the December 12 City Council meeting to award the contract. Funding for the project is included in the FY24 CIP budget.

#### **Slayter Creek Park – Fitness Court Shade Structure**

Staff has scheduled a meeting with the contractor to discuss project logistics. We are awaiting a project schedule and will provide a more specific timeline for completion upon receipt.

#### **Yank Park Improvements**

The concrete path around the playground is partially complete. Staff are working with the contractor to double check the concrete slab transition was formed and installed per plans. The half basketball court has been poured and tendons have been stretched to create the post-tension slab. Currently, the project is scheduled to be substantially complete at the end of this month. The final court surface cannot be installed until the slab surface temperatures are consistently above 50°, so it will be installed in the spring. Staff are working with the contractor on striping options for the court, so it can be used through the winter.

#### **Natural Springs Park Improvements**

The parking lot surface is complete and the contractor poured the sidewalks last week. Currently they are completing fine grading along the property line between the park and the daycare. The total project is scheduled to be completed at the end of this month.

#### **Pecan Grove Trail**

Trail design is 75% complete. Design is beginning on the pedestrian bridge over Slater Creek, which will connect Pecan Grove to the existing trail in Park Place. The geotechnical engineer was scheduled to complete soil borings along the creek on October 26 but has postponed the work until November 6 due to wet weather and soft soil. The project is on-track for a late-winter/early spring bid.

#### **Wayfinding Signage for City Parks**

Staff are working with the wayfinding consultant to put together a scope for the design of additional park signage. The project will be for wayfinding signage to direct neighbors to nearby parks, and to design signage within the parks based on the wayfinding study. This work will be included in a design contract

which will be brought to the City Council at a future meeting. Once design is complete, a vendor will be selected for manufacturing and installation.

### **Upcoming Projects & Initiatives**

- Natural Springs Park Playground – Staff is preparing a request for proposals to invite vendors to bid the project with a design challenge and community build component.
- Anna Town Square Park Design – Staff is working with the selected consultant to develop a scope of services for the design of the park, including a master plan and phase 1. The contract is expected to come to the City Council for approval in January.
- City Park at Skorburg Anna Ranch Park Naming – Staff discussed options and received feedback from the Park Board Liaison (Councilman Carver) and an Anna Historical Society representative (Councilman Baker) and are presenting options to the Park Board at their November meeting. The Park Board will make a recommendation to the City Council, which is expected to be on the December Council Meeting Agenda for discussion and consideration.
- City Park at The Woods at Lindsey Place Park Naming – Staff discussed options and received feedback from the Park Board Liaison (Councilman Carver) and an Anna Historical Society representative (Councilman Baker) and are presenting options to the Park Board at their November meeting. The Park Board will make a recommendation to the City Council, which is expected to be on the December Council Meeting Agenda for discussion and consideration.

Attachments:

**Exhibit 1 – Slayter Creek Pump Track**

**Exhibit 2 – Natural Springs Park Parking Lot**

**Exhibit 3 – Yank Park Basketball Half Court**

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Exhibit 1



Exhibit 2



Exhibit 3

