



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Park and Recreation Commission

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MAY 15, 2023**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PARKS DIVISION UPDATE ON REID PARK'S OUTDOOR CONDITIONS**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive a Parks Division update on Reid Park's outdoor conditions.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission provide feedback on Reid Park's outdoor conditions and receive the report for file.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On August 15, 2022, residents of the Northside, and Reid Park Little League members, attended the Park and Recreation Commission meeting and stated concerns regarding Reid Park's outdoor conditions. At this meeting, the Parks Division presented on their deferred parks maintenance budget and discussed staffing levels to complete all assigned areas.

On January 30, 2023, Vice-Chair Friedlander requested an update on Reid Park.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Parks Division maintains the city parks systems with 31 full-time equivalent park maintenance operations staff that comprises of maintenance workers, supervisors, crew leaders, and specialists, as well as contracted maintenance services.

The Division ensures that routine inspections, repairs, and services are provided to Reid Park. There are numerous unexpected maintenance needs that will be addressed as funds are received and as staff can be scheduled to complete such assignments.

Since August 2022, the following items have been replaced or repaired:

1. Repaired the non-operational drinking fountains - \$1,500
2. Replaced approximately 25 broken parking stops - \$750
3. Added additional lighting to back ballfield; 1 new pole bracket and 4 fixtures - \$9,000
4. Replaced missing light standard near restroom/rugby field - \$9,000

5. Re-topped playground rubber surfacing - \$106,000
6. Replaced and painted damaged backstop boards at all fields - \$3,000
7. Added receptacles to ballfield 2 - \$1,500
8. Repaired vandalized tennis court lighting (2 instances) - \$5,000
9. Repaired vandalized walkway lighting near rugby field - \$1,500
10. Replaced vandalized snack bar lighting (2 instances) - \$2,500
11. Repaired ballfield light wiring (4 instances) - \$1,500
12. Replaced failed ballfield lighting breaker (2 instances) - \$3,000
13. Overseeded ballfield 2 (2 instances) - \$2,000
14. Rodent control and repaired turf damage at all fields - in Contractor's specifications

Due to the high volume of vandalism and age of the restroom, it needs to be completely replaced, including the sewer system. The project is included as a priority on the Department's unfunded project list, including approximately \$8,000,000 in projects throughout Reid Park.

The Division has collaborated with Reid Park Little League to ensure fields were ready for the upcoming season. Additionally, Reid Park Little League was recently given the greenlight to paint a mural on the snack bar which will bring pride to their league and the park.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This action contributes to **Strategic Priority 1 – Arts, Culture and Recreation**, and **Goal 1.3:** Improve parks, recreational amenities, open space, and trail development, and fulfill critical lifecycle and facility maintenance needs, and **goal 1.4:** Prioritize safety at parks, trails, arts, cultural and recreational facilities.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Maintaining clean and safe parks, facilities, and amenities benefit the community overall. With over 50 natural and developed parks, all within the community have access to the City of Riverside's park system.
2. **Equity** – Public parks are open to all to utilize and good maintenance ensures a safe and well-maintained park.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Ensuring routine maintenance of parks, trails, open spaces, recreational amenities, and facilities, prevents more expensive repair costs.
4. **Innovation** – The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department seeks opportunities for funding and grant opportunities to assist with deferred maintenance costs when available.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Ensuring routine maintenance of parks, trails, open spaces, recreational amenities, and facilities, ensures the parks and recreation system is sustained for future use.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. Funding for repairs and replacements are included in the Department's budget.

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Attachment: Presentation