



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: JULY 13, 2015

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

ITEM NO:

SUBJECT: PARKS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

ISSUE:

The issue before the Park and Recreation Commission is a monthly update on the Parks Division's activities and maintenance functions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive and file the monthly update on the Parks Division's activities and maintenance functions.

BACKGROUND:

Park and Trail Maintenance

Arlington Heights Sports Park

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) performed an irrigation audit at the park. The purpose of the audit is to measure efficiency of the irrigation system and to help identify areas of improvement. We expect to receive the results of the audit later this month.

Arlington Park

The pool building floor was sandblasted just prior to the summer swim season to create a non-skid surface, and reduce potential slip and fall incidents.

Bergamont Park

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Bobby Bonds Park

An HVAC contractor was called out to assist with emergency repairs to a failed air conditioner in one of the second floor suites.

A missing lens was replaced on a lamp in the César Chávez Community Center auditorium.

Bordwell Park

Centro de Niños: An HVAC contractor was called out to assist with emergency repairs to a failed air conditioner unit that services the kitchen and part of the office area.

A broken irrigation mainline was repaired.

Fairmount Golf Course

1. During the past month, 3,215 rounds of golf (daily average of 104) and 1,311 buckets of balls were sold; there were 1,675 golf cart rentals. Merchandise and drink sales in the pro-shop totaled over \$2,200. Total revenues for the course during the past month were over \$46,000.
2. A vehicle came off the adjacent freeway off-ramp and through the chain link fence on the 4th fairway. This is the third such incident since the City re-opened the course in 2013. California Highway Patrol responded, and the overturned vehicle was removed from the course. Staff made repairs to the chain link fence.
3. A large Eucalyptus tree dropped a limb on the fence behind the #2 green. The tree maintenance contractor removed the limb, and staff repaired the fence.
4. The course hosted a portion of the annual Council Regatta event. The Mayor and City Councilmembers competed in a long-drive contest, and pitching and putting contests.

Fairmount Park

1. In preparation for the Council Regatta event, repairs were made to the dock behind the Izaak Walton building. The repairs included new side rails to prevent boats from slipping under the dock and installation of a ladder provided by the sailing group to ease egress.
2. In preparation for summer concerts and other events, planters throughout the park were weeded and detailed, new annual color was planted at the Boathouse, and the roses were pruned in the Rose Garden.
3. Repairs were made to the wrought iron fence that encloses the locomotive, after a vehicle incident involving a nearby light pole that caused the pole to fall onto the fence.
4. Repairs to the “Mori 2” well pump began in late June. Staff expects to have the pump repaired and fully operational by mid-July.

Harrison Park

Irrigation mainline repairs were made on five occasions during the past month.

Janet Goeske Senior Center

Staff installed new raised planters on an existing concrete slab behind the senior center. A broken concrete slab was removed and replaced with a new in-ground planter box.

La Sierra Park

Area power failures caused refrigerators and freezers in the senior center to fail. Parts in several units were replaced on two occasions.

Martha McLean-Anza Narrows Park

Portable toilets were placed in the park, in anticipation of large crowds for the 4th of July fireworks show.

Mt. Rubidoux

The Department was awarded a \$93,000 grant through the California State Parks Department's Habitat Conservation Program. The grant will be used to repair the firebreaks and other unpaved trails on Mt. Rubidoux, and to provide Santa Ana River Trail support amenities at the base of Mt. Rubidoux, near the back of Carlson Park. A small portion of the grant funds will be used to stabilize the historic waterfall at Carlson Park. The local plasterers' union apprenticeship program has offered to provide volunteer labor to help repair the waterfall, and their hours will contribute to the required dollar-for-dollar match required for the grant.

In preparation for the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, CalFire crews cut firebreaks on the mountain and staff staged new sand for the fireworks contractor.

Orange Terrace Community Park

Repairs were made to worn areas of the playground rubberized surfacing.

Reid Park

The red curbs were repainted throughout the park.

New wire was installed to the pool lights and deck receptacles, to replace old, worn wire. New security lighting wall packs were installed on the pool building, to replace lights that were no longer working properly.

As part of the warranty program, Musco replaced 90 capacitors in the park's security and ball field lighting system.

The irrigation booster pump was shut off pending repairs to the motor, which would not stop running.

Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo

The Slem family donated a new decorative bench in memory of Aleck and Goldie Zikratch, who were fast-pitch softball players in Riverside in the 1930's and '40s, and long-time residents of Tequesquite Avenue.

Sycamore Highlands Park

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Taft Park

A cracked barrel roller was removed from the playground. A replacement piece was ordered and will be installed upon receipt.

Villegas Park

A broken irrigation mainline was repaired.

Pools

The drain lines at Arlington and Villegas Pools were hydro-jetted, in preparation for the summer season.

Miscellaneous

1. The floors were scrubbed and waxed, and the carpets were cleaned in all community

and senior centers.

2. Roofing repairs are underway at La Sierra, Nichols, and Reid Parks. The gym roofs on all three buildings were pressure-washed, repaired, and resealed, and the tile roof areas were repaired and broken tiles were replaced. Funds were identified in the recently completed Villegas Park improvement project to repair roof leaks on the community center that were outside of the original project area (the fitness/boxing area, and in between the multi-purpose room restrooms and the kitchen). City Council award of the change order to perform this work is pending, and Staff expects the work to start later this summer.
3. To keep up with the additional trash generated by the summer lunch program, an additional pickup day was added to the refuse service provider's Purchase Order.
4. A cycle of weed abatement was completed on the Buena Vista Trail, and the 7-mile Trail.

Vandalism Repairs

1. Staff reported 19 hours of graffiti abatement, and the landscape maintenance contractor continues to average three hours per day of graffiti abatement in the contracted parks. The approximate cost for labor and materials for graffiti abatement during this reporting period was \$4,000.
2. Stolen P-traps on the park restroom sinks were replaced at Patterson Park. Staff fabricated and installed metal shields to cover the new P-traps in an effort to deter future vandalism. Repair costs were approximately \$300.
3. Broken glass was vacuumed out of Arlington and Hunt Pools on five occasions during the first two weeks of the pool season.
4. Cut chain link fencing at Sippy Woodhead Pool at Bobby Bonds Park was repaired.
5. Vandals broke into the cart barn at Fairmount Golf Course on three occasions, and two line trimmers and a backpack blower belonging to the landscape maintenance contractor were stolen. A heavy duty chain and lock were installed in an effort to deter future vandalism. One of the incidents occurred during regular business hours. The building is kept constantly locked and alarmed, but the vandals cut the lock and tore the alarm keypad from the wall to try unsuccessfully to shut it off. Fencing behind the building was cut twice and subsequently repaired. The repair costs and value of the lost equipment was approximately \$1,200.
6. A burned toilet seat at Ryan Bonaminio Park was replaced.
7. A vandalized lock on the Reid Park women's restroom was repaired.
8. Feces and urine were cleaned from the ground outside the doors at the Arlington Park restroom building on a daily basis. The restrooms are open during the day for summer programming, and secured at night either by the Recreation Division's aquatics staff or the Parks Division's night lockup staff.
9. A backflow prevention device was stolen from Fairmount Golf Course. The backflow was located on the Market Street side of the course, and vandals broke the lock on the

enclosure and cut the copper pipes. The backflow was replaced at an approximate cost of \$500.

10. Repairs were made to vandalized locks on the backflow enclosure at Carlson Park, and the Musco lighting control box at Hunt Park.
11. A stolen wheel stop was replaced in the Don Derr Park parking lot.
12. Broken conduit was removed from the old restroom building near Stewarts Boathouse at Fairmount Park, after vandals cut it looking for copper wire.
13. Stolen rose bushes were replaced at the Riverside monument sign in front of Carlson Park.

Work Orders/SRs/Alternate Workforce Programs

Parks Division staff responded to 152 calls from the public, and 107 new 311 Call Center-generated service requests (SR), 30 of which are pending action. Of these new SR's, 17 were graffiti reports, all of which was removed, 9 were water reports (irrigation or drinking fountains), and 81 were for lighting or vandalism repairs. The division has 356 active work orders, and received 159 new work order requests in the past month. Staff completed 165 work orders during the past month.

Water Conservation

Staff is continuing work on the CalSense irrigation systems, to bring more of the existing systems online. The following parks were brought online during the previous month and are operating on daily weather data:

- Doty Trust Park – 1 controller
- Hunt Park – 1 controller
- Hunter Hobby Park – 4 controllers
- Lincoln Park – 1 controller

A new booster pump was installed at Nichols Park, to improve efficiency of the irrigation system. A CalSense controller was ordered and Staff expects to install it later this month.

Staff continues to prioritize repairs of water leaks found at toilets and drinking fountains. During summer programming, this is often a daily occurrence, and staff is quickly dispatched to clear overflowing toilets, shut off/repair drinking fountains, and re-seal fixtures.

Training

During the past month, staff attended the following trainings:

- Defensive Driver
- Heat-illness Prevention
- 2015 ESRI Conference (advancements in GIS)
- "Ice Bear" HVAC equipment demonstration
- Updates to Finance/Purchase Division policies

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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