

Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission 2023 Priorities and Recommendations

The following priorities and budget recommendations were chosen during our March PRT Commission meeting and align with our mission to promote, create, and maintain a quality, accessible, and welcoming park system. Our outdoor parks and trails continue to be our focus and we are encouraged by the enthusiasm community members and City Council have shown in support of park and trail projects. We feel emphasizing these areas will continue to support our goal to create a sustainable and resilient tree canopy, trail network, community spaces, and parks.

New Construction and Park Projects

- Continue and complete all phases of Mohawk Park
- Plan ahead and initiate redesigns of the following parks (listed in order of priority):
 - Waterworks Park - Recommend moving forward with redesign to begin construction to align with the Rushton Elementary School reconstruction project timeline
 - Broadmoor Park
 - Streamway Park - If funds allow per grant approval

Trail Updates and Maintenance

- Broadmoor Trail Resurfacing
 - Expedite this project due to safety and accessibility concerns
 - Understanding costs, recommend completion in 2023 to maintain previous quotes and cost projections
- Maintain current trails while planning ahead for future projects
- Support expanding our trail network to connect our community trails and encourage access to parks, neighborhoods, and community businesses

Fundraising

- Anticipate the need for additional funding to complete Mohawk Park
 - Share and promote opportunities for community members and businesses to financially support Parks and Recreation projects including donations to the Mission Charitable Fund
- Consider drafting legislation/policy to allow fundraising and potential sponsorship options to fund Parks and Recreation projects

Maintenance Considerations

- Maintain current structures, tree canopy, and facilities with an emphasis on items that are safety concerns
- Proactively budget for future maintenance and preservation needs

Park Engagement, Experience, and Education

- Develop and increase landscaping, trees, and gardens in our parks
- Plant native species that assist with plant and canopy diversity including but not limited to: pollinator gardens, rain gardens, tree planting, and low maintenance green areas
- Add art installations and consider educational gardens for beautification and opportunities for interactive play and education for all ages, as well as other gardening/environmental programming to involve the community in parks beautification

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