

Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board

Agenda

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Louisville City Services

739 S. 104th St.

7:00 PM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Staff Updates
5. Board Updates
6. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
7. Playground Replacement Project, Elephant and Keith Helart Parks –Open House Review
8. Sundance Park Study – Introduction and Program Discussion
9. Continued Discussion on Subdivision Entry Landscape Capital Improvement Program Prioritization
10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

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Minutes

Thursday September 05, 2019

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1. Roll Call: PPLAB members present: Shelly Alm, Dave Clabots, Laurie Harford, Ellen Toon, Parks Superintendent and Staff Liaison: Dean Johnson, City Council Liaison Susan Loo, Allan Gill Parks Project Manager
2. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes: Unanimously approved
4. Staff Updates:
 - A. Laurie Harford and Ezra Paddock are up for Open Government Training.
 - B. The Outdoor Athletic Amenities Subcommittee will be sending out a public survey to figure outdoor amenity needs in the City.
 - C. PPLAB is still planning to discuss herbicides in January. Discussion around leaving desirable weeds could be a part of this conversation.
5. Board Updates:
 - A. November: Three ballot items: 1. Measure regarding cannabis grow facilities with 15% tax on facility; 2. TABOR – recreation taxes were over-collected, ballot measure to keep tax collected; 3. Measure asking if citizens would allow cannabis grow facilities in Louisville. Lastly, the Fire District has a ballot measure.
 - B. Transportation Master Plan: contact Planning Director with comments.
 - C. Council would like to update the sign code. Currently signs are not allowed in medians and public right of ways, but citizens tend to put up signs illegally. Staff will evaluate allowing signs in some areas.
 - D. General Fund Budget: expenditures are exceeding revenues in recent years. Budget reserve funds are making up the difference.
 - E. Parcel O, the Sams Club property: General Development Plan pulled a measure to develop residential property. No current plans for improvement.
 - F. The every 4 year citizen survey is coming up in 2020. PPLAB will be asked to consider questions to add to the survey.
6. Public Comments on Items Not on Agenda
 - A. Citizen group attended with suggestions for the “Little Dog Park”, a part of the dog park at Community Park: Marianne Shillingsford, Elizabeth Koehler, Laura Lynn Berggren, Warren Merlino, Cheryl Merlino, and Debby Fahey.
 - 1) Dog parks are a wonderful place to gather as a community of pet owners and forge networking relationships and friendship. The group would like to see some

improvements to the Little Dog Park to foster greater community and make it a more popular destination for citizens of Louisville.

- 2) Little Dog Park is hot and aesthetically uninteresting. Gravel size and shape hurts small dog' paws.
 - 3) Bringing little dogs into the big dog section can cause accidents and be dangerous to little dogs and their owners. Having an aesthetically pleasing little dog park would create a safe place for owners and pets.
 - 4) Suggestion to add greenery, shade and more places to sit.
 - 5) Having a more accessible place to gather with pets and citizens could be an asset to the community.
 - 6) Water is needed for the little dog park.
 - 7) There is currently a large red ant colony in the area, posing a hazard. Discussion around red ant removal.
 - 8) Louisville is on a 2 year budget cycle; improvements for the dog park area are slated for 2023. Suggestion to bring topic to incoming Council and get involved in the park design for Cottonwood Park.
- 7. Design Build Services for Median Landscape Renovations, 70% Update:**
- A. Median project was awarded to Designscapes Colorado and Design Concepts for \$275,000 in 2019 and \$275,000 in 2020.
 - B. Priorities and objectives:
 - 1) Work with what we have rather than reinventing the wheel.
 - 2) Inspect irrigation systems
 - 3) Begin and end each corridor with a focus on a pop of color in the form of annual plant beds
 - 4) Tree removal/replacement; placement of new trees, variety a trees.
 - 5) Vegetation removal/replacement
 - 6) Keep budget considerations in mind
 - 7) Schedule: 8 week period for construction, starting with Via Appia
- 8. Sid Copeland Water Treatment Facility Building Addition and Tree Replacement – Information/Courtesy Update**
- A. 900 square foot addition to existing administration building
 - B. Construction planned for early 2020
 - C. Two trees will be removed to allow for construction; 4-6 trees will be planted in their place. Placement consideration given to existing utilities and views from neighbors.
- 9. Continued Discussion on Subdivision Entry Landscape Capital Improvement Program Prioritization.**
- A. Postponed for October meeting
- 10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- A. Sundance Park Master Plan Open House
 - B. Playground Replacement Capital Project Discussion
 - C. Continued Discussion on Subdivision Entry Landscape Capital Improvement Program Prioritization
- 11. Meeting Adjourned 8:46 p.m.**

Memorandum

To: Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board
From: Allan Gill, PLA, Park's Project Manager
Date: October 3, 2019
Re: Playground Replacements Project, Elephant and Keith Helart Parks – Open House Review

Information and Summary:

The playgrounds at Elephant Park and Keith Helart Parks are older and replacement parts for the play equipment are no longer available. Both playgrounds have access issues and do not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The goal of the playground replacements project is to replace the old and out-dated playgrounds with new playgrounds that are inviting, fun, meet or exceed ADA requirements and create a positive first impression of Louisville's parks system.

City Council approved the playground replacements project contract for Elephant Park and Keith Helart Park at their July 9 meeting. The contract has been awarded to the design-build team of HPM Inc. as the contractor and The Architerra Group as the landscape architect.

An open house for each park was scheduled on Saturday September 28 for neighbors and City residents. The conceptual drawings in your packet were presented at the open houses to gather ideas and generate discussion about the future parks and what they might look like.

On Monday September 30 staff is planning to meet with the design-build team to review the information collected at the open houses and bring that information to the board for further discussion.

Funding:

The City's bi-annual budget currently includes funding of \$280,000 in both 2019 and 2020. The budget includes design, construction and all other aspects of the project.



Rope Net Climber



Twist Climber



Tube Slide



Sliding Pole



5-12 Play Structure (Shown on plan)



2-5 Play Structure (Shown on plan)



Dual Bay Swing Set (Shown on plan)



Spinner



Seesaw

ELEPHANT PARK

CONCEPTUAL PLAYGROUND LAYOUT - CONCEPT A - POST & DECK PLAY EQUIPMENT



Overhead Spinner



5-12 Rocker



2-5 Rocker



Monkey Bars



5-12 Net Climber (Shown on plan)



2-5 Play Structure (Shown on plan)



2-12 Inclusive Spinner (Shown on plan)



2-5 Spinner (Shown on plan)



2-12 Climber (Shown on plan)



Dual Bay Swing Set (Shown on plan)

ELEPHANT PARK

CONCEPTUAL PLAYGROUND LAYOUT - CONCEPT B - ADVENTURE



Frog Play Sculpture



Turtle Play Sculpture



Fish Play Sculpture



Existing Elephant Play Structure
(Shown on plan)



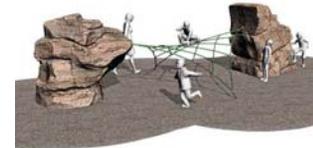
Bear Cub Play Structure
(Shown on plan)



Crocodile Play Structure
(Shown on plan)



Humpback Whale Play Structure
(Shown on plan)



Boulder & Net Climber
(Shown on plan)

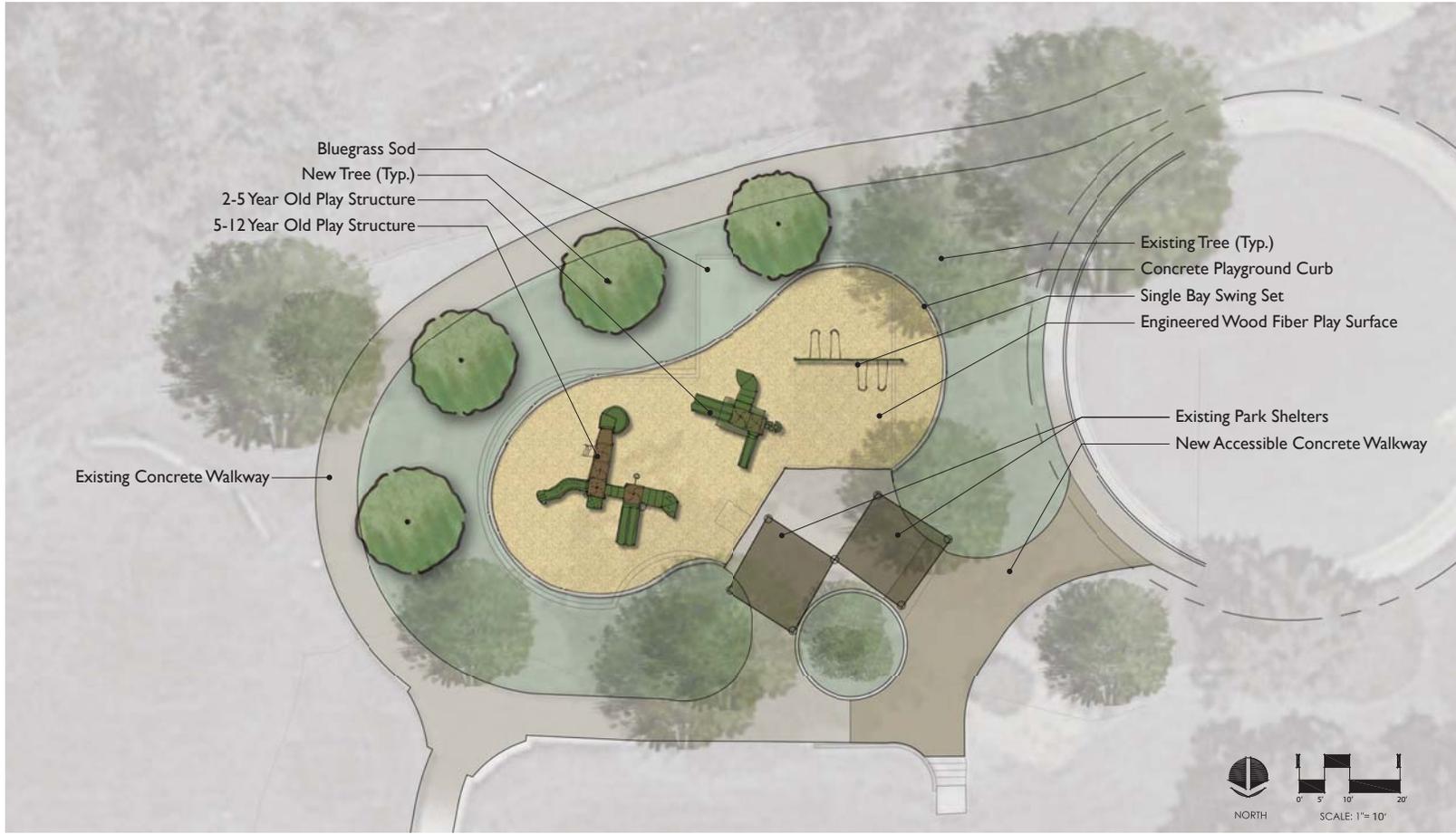


Climbing/Stepping Boulders
(Shown on plan)

ELEPHANT PARK

CONCEPTUAL PLAYGROUND LAYOUT - CONCEPT C - AN AL





Snail Rocker



Dragonfly Seesaw



Incline Crawl Tunnel



Ground to Deck Climber



2-5 Year Old Play Structure
 (Shown on plan)



5-12 Year Old Play Structure (Shown on plan)



Double Bay Swing Set (Shown on plan)



Climbing Net



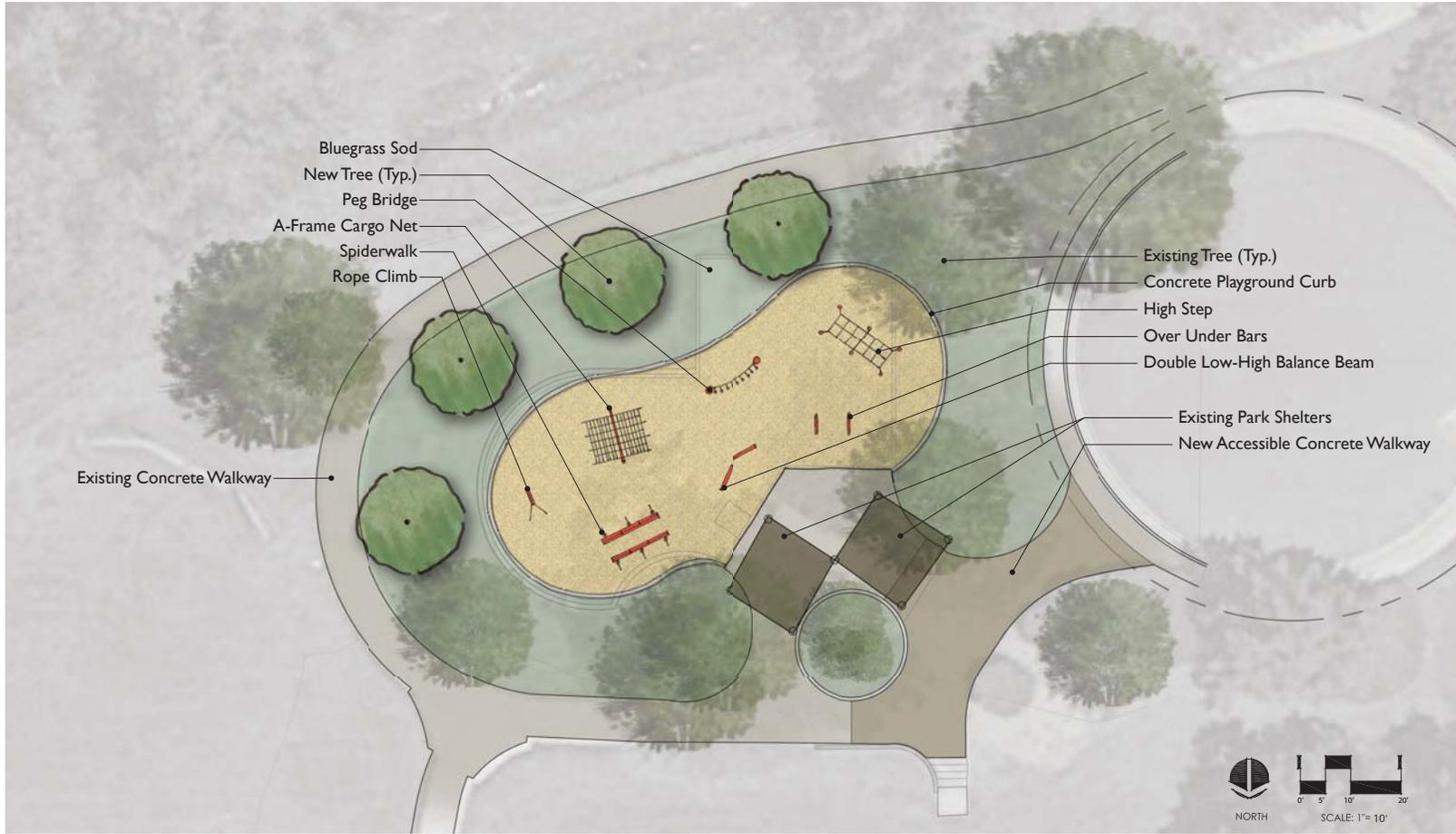
Tunnel Slide



Overhead Challenge Ladder

KEITH HELART PARK

CONCEPTUAL PLAYGROUND LAYOUT - CONCEPT A - POST & DECK PLAY EQUIPMENT



HyLo Climber



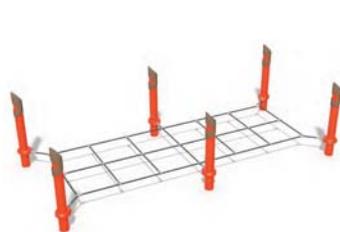
Satellite Pod Walk



Tight Rope



Over Under Bars (Shown on plan)



High Step (Shown on plan)



Peg Bridge (Shown on plan)



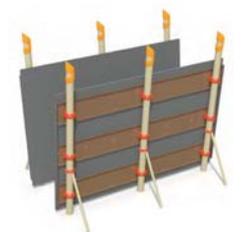
A-Frame Cargo Net (Shown on plan)



Rope Climber (Shown on plan)



Low-High Balance Beam (Shown on plan)

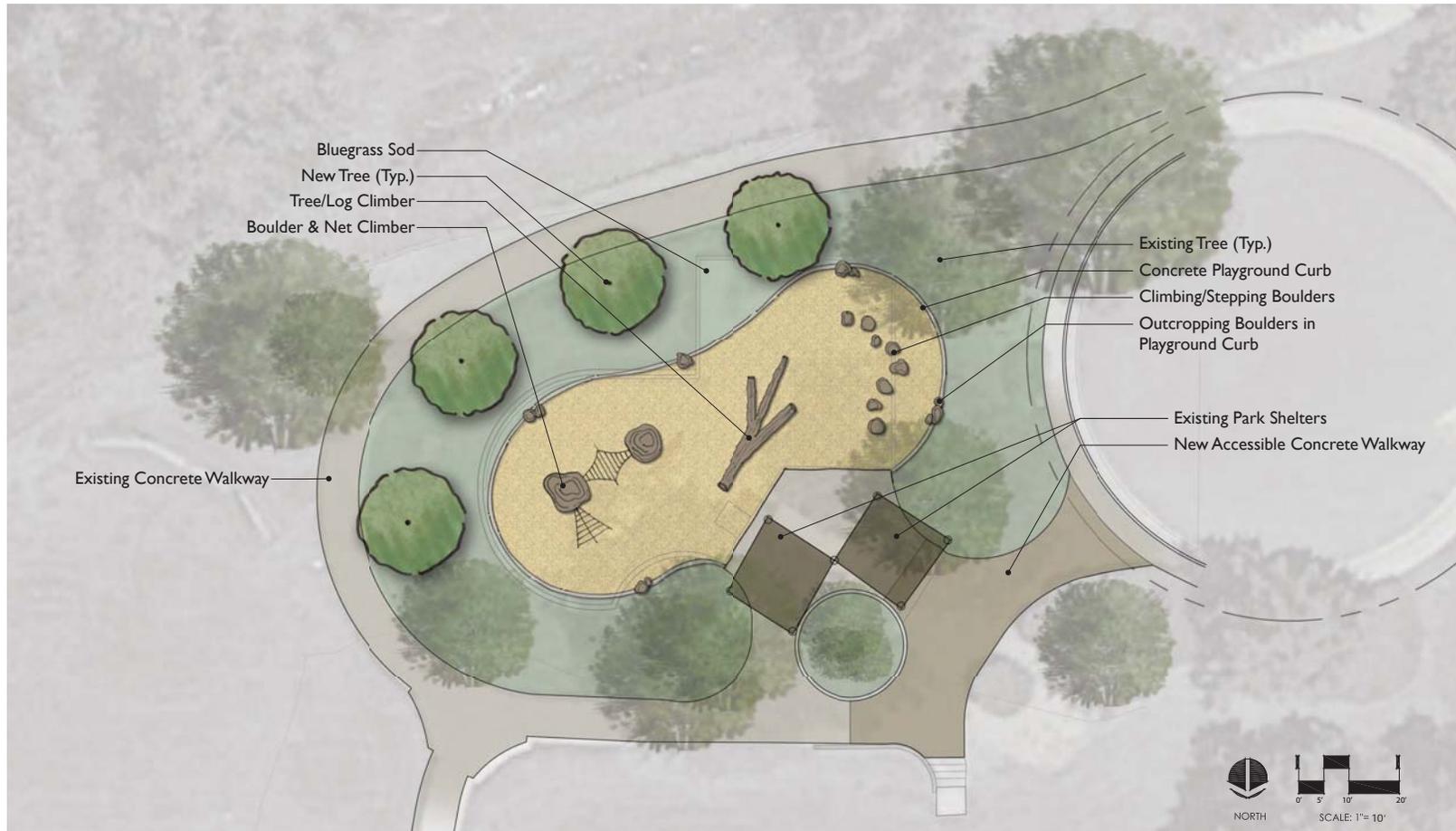


Spiderwalk (Shown on plan)

KEITH HELART PARK

CONCEPTUAL PLAYGROUND LAYOUT - CONCEPT B - OBSTACLE COURSE





Nature Play Structure



Tree/Log Climber (Shown on plan)



Climbing/Stepping Boulders (Shown on plan)



Boulder & Net Climber (Modified version shown on plan)



Walking Logs/Beams



Log Tunnel

KEITH HELART PARK

CONCEPTUAL PLAYGROUND LAYOUT - CONCEPT C - NATURE PLAY

Memorandum

To: Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board
From: Allan Gill, PLA, Park's Project Manager
Date: October 3, 2019
Re: Sundance Park Study – Introduction and Program Discussion

Information and Summary:

When Sundance Park was developed in the mid-1980's it was seeded with a native turf type species called buffalo grass. As buffalo grass is considered xeric in nature, the irrigation system was designed only to be used for establishment. Over time adjacent property owners never took to the look (buffalo grass browns out without water) and requested that the City keep the water on. Since then, Park staff has continued to water the site and has tried to maintain a look, closer to a bluegrass park rather than a native site without a proper irrigation system or bluegrass. Homeowners new to the area are often confused as to why the turf on site is broken in to patches of green and brown.

The intent of this current planning effort is to understand the needs and desires of the residents/users that live adjacent to and those that use the area. This project would incorporate a public process with the Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board and adjacent neighbors/park users to develop a study, which outlines steps moving forward for this site. Once a concept plan is developed, staff could then work towards improvements: be it working towards establishing a bluegrass park or reestablishing native grass. Also as part of this process, park amenities shall also be discussed which may include but are not limited to:

- Benches
- Disc golf
- Additional Trail Connections
- Maintenance of plant material
- Other items

Next Steps:

- Assess the current condition of the irrigation system
- Assess the current health and vitality of trees and shrubs on site
- Gather initial thoughts from PPLAB
- Engage adjacent neighbors/users to gather their input
- Develop potential phased approach to improvements (this could include the need for a larger scale, masterplan or actual improvements that would need to be included in future budget requests.)

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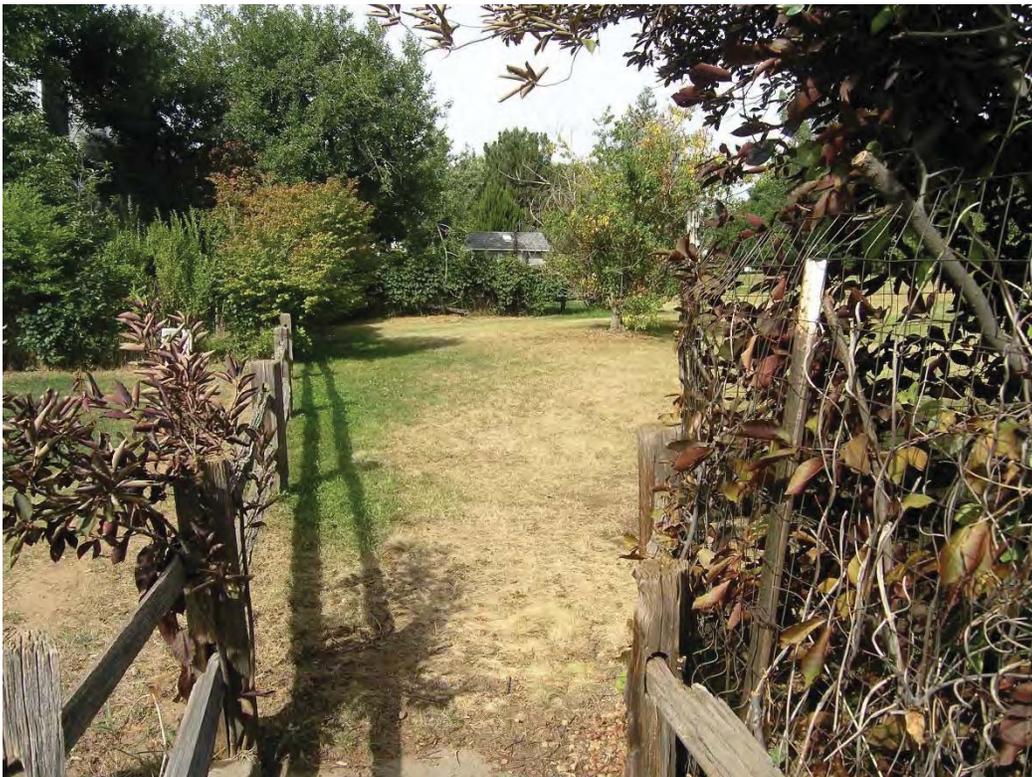
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To: Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board (PPLAB)
From: Dean Johnson, Parks Superintendent
Date: 9/25/19
Subject: Subdivision Entry Landscape Capital Improvement Program Prioritization Discussion

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to prioritize the subdivision entryways for possible landscape renovations in 2020, based on the approved program goals.

Background:

Funding for this program has been approved for planning to occur during 2019, with a \$7,000 budget, followed by construction to occur in 2020, with a \$57,000 budget. Based on the program goals and site needs, more than likely the approved funding will support multiple subdivision entryways for renovations occurring in 2020.

Program Guidelines

These main components or guidelines are essentially considered the Subdivision Entry Landscape Renovation Program.

- Prioritization of entryways for landscape renovations will occur through PPLAB.
- All subdivision landscape entry designs will be approved by PPLAB.
- Replacing or repairing subdivision signs will not be funded nor is a part of this CIP/program. If in disrepair, PPLAB recommends removal.
- Annual planting replacements (flowers) will not be a part of this program.
- If it currently does not exist, utilities will not be added, i.e., water. Plant material will not be added to entryways that currently do not have irrigation.

Two types of design concepts for landscape renovations will occur: simply, those designed with water and those without.

1. Landscape Renovations With Water – design will include a plant palette approved by PPLAB which will focus on minimal shrubs, trees if appropriate, and aggregate mulch.
2. Landscape Renovations Without Water – design will focus on a selection of aggregate mulch and boulders if appropriate.

Prioritization

Attached is a map (which is not all inclusive of all needs) to aid in the discussion of possible subdivision entry renovations occurring in 2020. Goal will be to prioritize the first five.

Next Steps:

Once prioritization has been completed, the next step will be the development of construction and bid documents. The number of entryways renovated in 2020 will be determined by the amount the approved funding can support based on future bids received.

Possible Subdivision Entry Renovations

(Map Not Inclusive of All Needs)



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TENTATIVE* Board Items Calendar

(updated September 25, 2019)

November 7, 2019	December 5, 2019	January 9, 2020
<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Master Plan • Revisit park scorecard to help determine capital improvement “wish list” <p>Updates/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Review of 2019 and 2020 PPLAB Goals <p>Updates/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Current Use of Herbicides in Parks • Election of Officers <p>Updates/Discussion from the Board:</p>
February 6, 2020	March 5, 2020	April 2, 2020
<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <p>Update/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Updates/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Project Requests Review <p>Update/Discussion from the Board:</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Update/Discussion from the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Project Requests Review <p>Update/Discussion from the Board:</p>

*All items are subject to change.