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PRESENTER:

Jeff Bransford, Park Development Manager

SUBJECT:

May Park Project Updates

DISCUSSION:

1. Mission Hill Park (Phase 2)

- Description: Deliver additional site improvements based on Master Plan and Preliminary Design, including observation tower, meeting space, elevated walkway, trails, additional parking, and other amenities.
- Phase: Final Design (Design Build delivery method)
- Status: Schematic Design underway. Draft materials to be presented at Open House on Thursday, May 30 from 5:00-6:30pm at City Hall.
- Target Completion: Fall 2025

2. Zipp Family Sports Park (Phase 1)

- Description: Construct Phase 1 improvements, including four baseball fields, four softball fields, four convertible soccer fields, parking, and maintenance building.
- Phase: Construction
- Status: In progress. Rough grading substantially complete. Utility installation underway.
- Target Completion: Spring 2025

3. Field of Graves Memorial

- Description: Construct memorial garden with memorial, landscaping, seating, and interpretive signage to memorialize early German settlers.

- Phase: Design
- Status: Archeological assessment completed in mid-February. Awaiting final report and direction from Texas Historical Commission (THC). Design process will continue based on the outcomes of the archeological assessment.
- Target Completion: TBD, pending final design and project funding.

4. Alligator Creek Trail (West Segment)

- Description: Construct 1.1 miles of hard surface trail, connecting to Goodwin Lane and Oak Creek Estates neighborhoods. This segment is part of the larger Alligator Creek corridor and is coordinated with the Great Springs Project.
- Phase: Final Design
- Status: 100% plans are complete. Preparing for solicitation.
- Target Completion: Summer 2024

5. Alligator Creek Trail (East Segment)

- Description: Develop a hard surface trail system east of I-35 along Alligator Creek within City, TxDOT, and private property. The corridor is envisioned to connect Timmerman Park, Resolute Hospital, and the Creekside area.
- Phase: Preliminary Design
- Status: Ongoing coordination with TxDOT and adjacent landowners.
- Target Completion: TBD, pending final design and project funding.

6. Dry Comal Creek Trail (Segment 1)

- Description: Develop Segment 1, connecting Landa Park to Walnut Avenue. This segment is part of the larger Dry Comal Trail corridor and is coordinated with the Great Springs Project.
- Phase: Final Design / Acquisition
- Status: Land acquisition ongoing

- Target Completion: Fall 2025

7. Dry Comal Creek Trail (Segments 2 & 3)

- Description: Develop Segment 2, connecting Walnut Avenue to Loop 337; and, develop Segment 3, connecting Loop 337 to Altgelt Lane. This segment is part of the larger Dry Comal Trail corridor and is coordinated with the Great Springs Project.
- Phase: Preliminary Design
- Status: Preliminary design underway, expected to be complete Summer/Fall 2024. Staff and design team walked corridor May 7.
- Target Completion: TBD, pending final design and project funding.

8. Landa Lake Dam and Spillway Improvements

- Description: Improve dam and spillway to address hydraulic inadequacies identified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).
- Phase: Final design and solicitation
- Status: 100% design finalized. New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (EDC) approved funding of \$1.0M for construction on April 18. Solicitation expected to open this month. Construction planned to begin late 2024.
- Target Completion: Spring 2025

9. Last Tubers Exit Improvements

- Description: Perform safety and accessibility improvements including a new underwater platform and accessibility accommodations.
- Phase: Final design and solicitation
- Status: 100% design finalized. New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (EDC) approved funding of \$1.2M for construction. Solicitation opened May 8. Construction planned to begin November 2024.
- Target Completion: Spring 2025

10. Park and Recreation System Master Plan

- Description: Conduct update to the 2017 Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan. The plan will identify community needs as well as prioritize capital and operational improvements.
- Phase: Contract negotiation
- Status: Preferred consultant identified. Council scheduled to consider contract award on May 28.
- Target Completion: Fall 2025

11. “Northwest Park” Master Plan

- Description: Develop site master plan (including concepts and schematic design) for new parkland acquisition at FM 1102 and Conrads Lane.
- Phase: Solicitation
- Status: Request for Qualifications closed April 25, with 15 responses received. Staff are reviewing and scoring submissions. Finalists will be invited to submit full proposals.
- Target Completion: Fall 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A