



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Doug Story, Community Services Director
DATE: April 4, 2023
SUBJECT: Update on Stewart Park Improvement Project – Capital Improvement Project P-10

Description Provide an update on the status of the Stewart Park Improvement Project. Strategic Plan Level 3, Target 5, Goal 6

Background and Analysis:

On April 5, 2022, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with PlaceWorks for landscape architecture and engineering design services for the Stewart Park Improvement Project. Staff began meeting with PlaceWorks weekly to discuss the project and began working on Community Outreach strategies to ensure community involvement in the planning and design stages of the project.

On June 27, 2022, a digital survey was released to the community in order to compile feedback from residents on park usage, amenities, design features, inspiration for themes, and ideas for future events to be held in the park. Staff began advertising for the survey and worked on the Fourth of July event, which was held at Stewart Park; to ensure plenty of community involvement and interaction with the survey in order to gather as much data as possible. At the conclusion of the month-long survey period over 800 community members were surveyed. The results of the survey were presented to the City Council on August 16, 2022, and the direction was given to come back to City Council with options for design.

On November 1, 2022, Placeworks presented two preliminary design alternatives “Celebrating Beaumont” and “Peaks and Creeks”. The designs were inclusive of input gathered from the community and the inspirations provided from the survey results. The key takeaways that influenced the design were the inclusion of a splash pad and playground as central elements, emphasize accessibility and shade, create space for events, and to make the park a destination. The following considerations were also presented for discussion:

- Design Inspirations
- Existing Conditions

- Design Alternatives
- Circulation and Use Diagrams
- Conceptual Designs
- Examples of Materials and Elements
- Large Event Implications

Discussion of the design revolved around how the design would impact operations for the Cherry Festival.

During initial designs regional utilities were contacted to discuss proposed plans and implications for the project. SCE, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD), and Riverside County Flood Control were some of the agencies contacted to discuss preliminary designs. During conversations with BCVWD the discussion of a current easement that exists on Tenth Street were had and presentations of options began. Staff and the design team at Placeworks presented options at a BCVWD board meeting on options for designs of park elements over the easement. The BCVWD board responded to the options and after that meeting the City Attorney’s office clarified that the owner of the property may continue to use the property to the extent that its use does not unreasonably interfere with the use of the easement or the ability to maintain their facilities.

Staff has spoken with the Placeworks design team and have ensured that no structures, footings, buildings, or play equipment exist over the water line easement. Current recommendations would have safety surfacing, some concrete sidewalk or pathways, and grass/plant material over the easement. Each of these items would still allow the BCVWD to gain access to their water line for maintenance or repairs if needed.

Staff is meeting with the design team in regard to the submitted 30% plans and will continue to move forward with design as proposed, as well as take into consideration comments and direction from City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$175.

P-10 Stewart Park Redevelopment & Skate Park Project Accounting Summary		
Funding Summary		
Funding Year	Funding Source	Amount
20/21	CFD	\$2,250,000
20/21	GENERAL FUND	\$4,750,000
22/23	Community Park DIF (close P-01)	\$1,024,853

Total Project Funding = \$8,024,853				
Budget Summary				
Project Component	Budget	Encumbered	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management Preliminary Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental Design	\$7,300	(\$7,300)	(\$2,030)	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Permits	\$700,000	(\$697,886)	(\$220,662)	\$2,114
Equipment	\$7,313,453	\$0	\$0	\$7,313,453
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$4,100	(\$4,078)	(\$4,078)	\$22
Project Summary Totals	\$8,024,853	(\$709,264)	(\$226,770)	\$7,315,589

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the presentation. Discuss and give direction to staff.

Attachments:

- A. Design Examples