

To: Members of the Arenas, Parks, and Recreation Advisory

Committee

From: Phil Jacobs, Parks & Forestry Supervisor

Meeting Date: October 22, 2019

Subject: Report APRAC19-018

Parks and Urban Forestry 2019 Update

Purpose

A report to provide an update on Parks & Urban Forestry for 2019, through a presentation by the Parks and Forestry Supervisor.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC19-018 dated October 22, 2019, of the Parks and Forestry Supervisor, as follows:

That a presentation by the Parks & Forestry Supervisor on the 2019 Parks and Urban Forest work activities be received.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC19–018.

Background

On October 22, 2019, the City's Parks and Forestry Supervisor will attend the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting to provide an update on the 2019

Parks and Urban Forest work activities. Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of:

- 114 Parks with the addition of the 4 new Parks, two in the new Mason Homes subdivision (Round-about-Park and Broadway Park), one in the Jackson Creek Meadows subdivision called Jackson Creek Meadows Park, and one on Ireland Dr. called Ireland Park.
- 61 playgrounds that are inspected monthly, repaired as required, safety surfaces are either tilled 3 times per year and EWF is raked as needed. Humber Park swings were moved to Dixon Park. Jackson Creek Meadows Park received a new playground and James Stevenson Park received a new playground to replace the swing set.
- 9 Parks had accessible improvements made by installing accessible asphalt pathways, accessible benches, and changing out sand for Engineered Wood Fibre (EWF) to make the safety surface accessible.
- 18 rectangular fields are inspected annually, the grass is cut weekly, turf is over seeded, rolled, and fertilized twice annually, holes or depressions are repaired as needed, irrigating the premier fields is done 3 times per week, all posts, nets, bleachers are inspected and repaired as need annually.
- 25 ball diamonds & 10 premier diamonds are inspected annually. Infields, backstops, home plate and pitcher's mound, grass cutting, line painting, ball diamond dragging is done daily or weekly. Fencing is inspected and repaired as needed.
- Parks maintains 65 display gardens within the city each year.

APRAC will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

Submitted by,

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