

**Community Services Commission  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
6:00 PM - Regular Meeting  
AGENDA**

**City of Huntington Beach  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
Council Chambers, Lower Level**

STAFF:  
CHRIS SLAMA, Community Services Director  
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Recording Secretary



COMMISSIONERS:  
JAY KREITZ, Chair  
MICHELLE SCHUETZ, Vice-Chair  
JOE CARCHIO, Commissioner  
LISA KEMMERER, Commissioner  
JANIS MANTINI, Commissioner  
KRISTA STERUD, Commissioner  
DICK THIEL, Commissioner

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Community Services Commission welcomes public comments on all items either on this agenda or of community interest. Three (3) minutes per person, time may not be donated to others. Commission on this date can take no action on any item not on the agenda. This is the time to address Commission regarding items of interest or agenda items other than public hearing meetings.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Minutes - Request approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes.

**DIRECTOR'S ITEMS - Not Agendized**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. Prince Park Memorial Plaque – Staff

In memory of Fallen Officer Leslie J. Prince, a group of citizens along with the family of Officer Prince, and the Huntington Beach Police Department, would like to erect a memorial plaque which will display a photograph of Officer Prince and a narrative describing his service and sacrifice to the Huntington Beach community.

**Recommended Action(s):** Approve for recommendation to City Council the design concept, wording, and placement of a bronze monument plaque and pedestal adjacent to the standard park identification sign at Prince Park in honor of the park's namesake, Fallen Officer, Leslie J. Prince.

**Alternative Action:** Do not approve the design concept, wording, and placement of a bronze monument plaque at Price Park and direct staff on how to proceed.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 2020-2021** – Community Services staff will provide an overview of the proposed draft Capital Improvement Park projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 submitted to City Administration for consideration.
2. **Current Projects Continuing** – The following projects are continuing from the approved 2019-2020 CIP budget period:
  - a. **Community Center Improvements** –
    - i. Interior improvements at Murdy Community Center. Murdy and Edison Community Centers were constructed in the early 1970's. Modifications are needed in order to improve accessibility, safety and energy efficiency of the lobby areas and activity rooms. Staff will provide an update regarding the progress on this project to date, and estimated timeline for completion.
    - ii. Edison Community Center improvements will carry over into Fiscal Year 20/21. Construction will be scheduled to begin in early November, 2020.
  - b. **Murdy Park Field Improvements** – Improvements to and addition of lighted practice field, as well as four new bocce ball courts. Staff will provide an update on this project and timeline for completion.
  - c. **Huntington Central Park Restroom Improvements** – Staff will provide an update on those restrooms that have been completed, are in process, and upcoming.
  - d. **Eader Park Play Equipment** – As previously discussed with Commission, many play units in the City are coming to the end of their life expectancy and are in need of replacement. Eader is on the replacement priority list and requires updating to meet ADA requirements. The new playground equipment for Eader Park has been ordered, and anticipated installation is 4-6 weeks.
  - e. **Sports Complex Turf Fields** – There are four artificial turf fields at the Huntington Central Park Sports Complex. The arena field was replaced in Fiscal Year 14/15, turf field #3 was replaced in Fiscal Year, and turf field #1 was replaced in Fiscal Year 18/19. Field #2 was the final field to be replaced and has been completed.
3. **LeBard Development Improvements** – Staff is working on a final list of items to be completed by the developer before the City accepts the park and public right-of-way improvements.
4. **Little League Usage Agreements** – Staff is working on establishing new license agreements with Huntington West Little League and Sea View Little League. Staff anticipates taking the agreements to City Council for approval in March, 2020.
5. **Rodgers Seniors' Center Re-Use** – The conceptual plan previously approved by Commission will be presented to City Council for consideration at their study session meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (Monday, February 17 is a legal holiday).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Huntington Central Park Committee – Commissioner Mantini will provide an update on the HCP Committee meeting held prior to the Commission meeting.

## **STAFF AND MEMBER COMMENTS - Not Agendized**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission is Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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**MINUTES**



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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kreitz called to order at 6:02 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Sterud.

## **ROLL CALL**

Carchio, Kemmerer, Kreitz, Schuetz, Sterud, Theil, Mantini

## **PRESENTATIONS - None**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gloria Alvarez spoke regarding the property at 17th Street and Orange Avenue. Ms. Alvarez would like to see the space returned to a park.

Fran Varga spoke regarding her disappointment in the charrette workshop, the use of the old Rodgers Seniors' Center site, and the desire for green space.

Chris Varga spoke regarding the use of the property at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site. Mr. Varga felt that a park should replace the previous senior center and felt parking spaces are unnecessary in a community park. Mr. Varga also commented on the squirrels at Bluff Top Park.

Barbara Robinson spoke in favor of a park at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site. Ms. Robinson said more green space and less parking would be favorable.

Sid Spinak spoke regarding the Bluff Top Park improvements. He would like to see the park more functional for visitors.

Ralph Bauer was in favor of a downtown passive park. Mr. Bauer provided a handout with ideas for enhancing Central Park.

Rene Burton spoke in support of returning the Rodgers Seniors' Center site to green space and a passive park.

Bridget Johnson spoke regarding concerns with the charrette workshop held at the Rodger Seniors' Center site. Ms. Johnson felt that RJM paid little attention to the budget. Ms. Johnson is in support of green space.

Garrett Postiff spoke in support of green space at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site.

Amory Hanson spoke in support of keeping the facilities at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site, and felt that the parking lot could be developed as open green space. Mr. Hanson thanked Marie Knight for her efforts on this project and wished her well in her new position with the City.

Lisa Marin attended the charrette workshop and spoke in opposition of the Police Department use at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site.

Dave Sullivan attended the charrette workshop on the future use of the property at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Orange Avenue. Mr. Sullivan is in favor of a park with a parking lot.

Natalie Wong asked who the City was looking for as far as residents. If it is families, then Ms. Wong felt a park would help to retain families with children. Ms. Wong also recommends the park so that school age children could be picked up at the park instead of the commercial businesses located across the street.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval requested for the October 9, 2019 Community Services Commission meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carchio moved to accept the minutes as presented with Commissioner Schuetz seconding the motion.

**Ayes:** Carchio, Kemmerer, Kreitz, Mantini, Schuetz, Sterud, and Thiel

**Noes:** None

## **DIRECTOR/MANAGER ITEMS**

Slama thanked Knight for helping him with the transition to Director of Community Services. Knight announced that this would be her last meeting as she transitioned into her new position in the City Manager's Office working on organizational development.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- 1. Rodgers Seniors' Center site Reuse Charrette Workshop Information Review** – Slama introduced Chief Handy, who thanked the Commission and Committees for their assistance in hosting the workshop on the temporary use of Rodgers Seniors' Center site by the Police Department (PD). Chief Handy reported that a new site had been located that may better fit

the needs of the community and the department. Therefore, PD no longer had designs to use the Rodgers Seniors' Center facilities on a temporary basis.

Slama provided an overview of the information obtained by RJM for the future use of the Rodgers Seniors' Center. The presentation included the history on the direction by City Council and the development of the new senior center. Slama then provided a breakdown of the charrette meeting, the public input process, and the report provided by RJM. Slama reviewed the diagrams designed by the public at the charrette workshop and the bubble diagrams developed by RJM, including the Consensus Plan and Proposed Plan.

Commissioner Mantini asked how many parking spaces were included in the plan. Slama said 21 is required due to the existence of the assembly hall. She asked if there were enough spaces for the American Legion to continue to meet on site. Slama said at times it would be a tight fit, but there is the option of street parking. There should not be an issue for their monthly meetings. Commissioner Mantini asked about tot lots. Slama said the tot lot(s) would be appropriate for ages 2-12. Commissioner Mantini also asked about seating within the park. Slama said that seating was not discussed at the workshop.

After listening to the public comments, Commissioner Thiel asked if more meetings would be considered to allow additional input from the public. Slama said Commission would have to direct staff to do so. Discussion ensued on the desires of the public and if another meeting would be beneficial. Commissioner Kemmerer agreed that time for more input might be appropriate. Further discussion included comments regarding the parking lot, the attendance, and the size and need of green space versus a tot lot or other activity spaces. Slama reported that over 100 residents attended the charrette workshop. He also said that if the assembly hall remains, then parking spaces would have to remain. Knight reported that the notice went to over 1,800 residences. Additionally, Knight informed the Commission that if a tot lot were included in the plan, by law it must meet size standards. Slama noted that the tot lot could be added in the future. Chair Kreitz recounted the task before the Community Services Commission with the culmination of the charrette and report from RJM.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schuetz moved to approve the Rodgers Seniors' Center site reuse conceptual diagram as presented in the presentation without the tot lot at this time, and forward to City Council for their consideration. Commissioner Mantini seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Kemmerer, Kreitz, Mantini, Schuetz, Sterud, and Thiel

**Noes:** Carchio

**Abstain:** None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** - In an effort to keep commission informed, the following are updates on major projects/issues:

1. **Bluff Top Park Phase I - Railing Improvements** – Slama introduced Tom Herbel, Interim Director of Public Works and Scott Smith, Beach Maintenance Supervisor, and would be available for questions regarding the Bluff Top improvements. Slama provided an overview

of the park improvements. A \$1.7 million State grant was available for the project. Slama discussed the current needs, including asphalt pathway, access to parking meters, enhancement to path intersections, and replacement of guardrail. The first phase addresses only the guardrail and subsequent needs would be address in the future as Phase 2.

Slama informed the Commission that this item was informational only. Improvements have to go through the Design Review Board (DRB) for approval. The slide show provided images of the railing when newly installed, and in the current state of deterioration. Slama discussed the design options for consideration and costs associated with each option -- making note of the pros and cons of each type of material. Slama further reported on the future improvement needs, including the path expansion, traffic improvements, and possible extension of the sidewalk for ADA accessibility to curb metered parking. Slama concluded with the approval process required through the DRB at their meeting on November 14, 2019. The application submittal deadline is January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Thiel asked if the railing would be water-sealed from the elements. Scott Smith confirmed that the material would be pressure treated.

Commissioner Mantini asked if resin based material was considered. Smith said yes, but it does not hold up as well. After 10-15 years, it deteriorates. Mantini asked about walkway safety, stating that there should be a buffer so that the walkway was not against the curb. Slama responded that staff was looking at other cities for options.

2. **Murdy Park Improvements Update** – Slama provided an update on the improvements taking place at Murdy Park. Completion was anticipated in 4-5 weeks. There was significant turf renovation, which typically takes about 90 days to establish. Slama noted that this was the first renovations since the facility opened in 1972. The renovation started November 4, 2019, and estimated the reopening in spring, 2020. Once Murdy Community Center is completed, the next facility to undergo improvements would be Edison Community Center.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Huntington Central Park Committee**

Committee Chair Mantini reported that staff presenting an update on the Brindle/Thomas property lease. Additionally, the Committee reviewed Central Park projects and approved the CIP for 2020/2021.

## **STAFF AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Slama reported on the job opening for the Parks Development Coordinator. He hopes to have someone onboard by January 2020.

Commissioner Carchio congratulated Slama and Knight on their new positions, and thanked Knight for her service to the Community Services Department and the City as a whole.

Commissioner Schuetz commented as a reminder that the renaming of the Rodgers Seniors' Center as 17<sup>th</sup> Street Park had already gone before the Parks Naming & Memorials Committee and was



turned down. Commissioner Schuetz also inquired about the American Legion's use of the Rodgers Seniors' Center building for their meetings. Slama said that the only issue would have been if the Police Department had used the building on a temporary basis. Since they have chosen to go in another direction, it would not affect the Post 133.

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION**

Commissioner Schuetz asked for the following items to be agendized: 1) Parking increases on event days, and 2) provide a recommendation to City Council for concerts on the beach. Knight said that the items were not under the purview of the Commission. Discussion ensued. Schuetz asked for more clarification on the subjects. Knight said that staff would speak with the City Attorney's office for clarification.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

# **CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

## **REQUEST FOR ACTION**

**MEETING DATE:** 2/12/2020

**SUBMITTED TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

**SUBMITTED BY:** CHRIS SLAMA, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

**PREPARED BY:** LIEUTENANT DAVID DERESZYNSKI, TRAFFIC AND SPECIFIC EVENTS OFFICER

**SUBJECT:** APPROVE FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL THE DESIGN CONCEPT, WORDING AND PLACEMENT OF A BRONZE MONUMENT PLAQUE AND PEDESTAL AT PRINCE PARK IN MEMORY OF FALLEN OFFICER LESLIE J. PRINCE

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**Statement of Issue:** On April 6, 1979, Prince Park was dedicated and a wooden sign was erected to memorialize Fallen Huntington Beach Police Department Officer Leslie J. Prince who was killed in the line of duty on December 1, 1974. Over time, this wooden sign deteriorated beyond repair. On January 25, 2020, a new concrete standard park identification sign was erected in its place.

Over the last year, the Huntington Beach Police Department has been recognizing its fallen police officers and a fallen K-9 in several ways. It started with a project to erect a Fallen Officer Street Sign at the location where each of the two Huntington Beach Police Department officers were killed. It culminated with a memorial at the Police Department front desk where a picture and story of each fallen officer was prominently placed in the front lobby.

Every year on the anniversary of the fallen officer's passing, the Department, its members, and the community, remember the sacrifice made by these valued employees.

Members of the community, the family of Fallen Officer Leslie Prince, and the Police Department, would like to erect a small plaque which will display a photograph of Officer Prince and a narrative describing his service and sacrifice to the Huntington Beach community.

**Funding Source:** Funding for the plaque and pedestal base will be privately funded. No public funds will be used.

**Recommended Action(s):** Approve for recommendation to City Council the design concept, wording and placement of a bronze monument plaque and pedestal adjacent to the standard park identification sign at Prince Park in honor of the park's namesake, Fallen Officer, Leslie J. Prince.

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**Analysis**

In examining the memorial sign options within the City, a group of interested citizens viewed the plaques at Baca Park and Carr Park. During this process, the group learned about the standards, protocols, and history of Community Services Commission decisions and actions with respect to park signage. The group has submitted a proposal they feel is consistent with other memorial signage in parks previously approved by Commission and allows for this fallen Huntington Beach Police Officer's story to be viewed by anyone visiting the park.

The proposal is to have a steel framed pedestal, powder coated black, embedded in a small concrete footing between the newly erected Prince Park standard identification sign and the concrete sidewalk.

Mounted to the angled portion of the pedestal, would be a 14 inch by 12 inch bronze plaque with an image of Officer Prince along with a narrative of his service and sacrifice.

**Environmental Status:** N/A

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Enhance and Maintain High Quality Services

**Attachments:**

|  | No. | Description  |
|--|-----|--|
|  | 1.  | Proposed Plaque Design and Wording for Fallen Officer Prince |
|  | 2.  | Image of Pedestal  |

RCA Author: Lieutenant David Dereszynski

PROPOSED PLAQUE DESIGN AND WORDING  
FOR FALLEN OFFICER, LESLIE J. PRINCE

# **ATTACHMENT #1**

Officer Leslie James Prince  
1948-1974

On November 16, 1974, Officer Prince and his partner, Officer Steve Ekstedt, were assigned to assist a traffic officer with traffic control at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue. There had been a power failure which caused the street lights to go out and the traffic signals to malfunction, resulting in a lack of lighting.

Shortly after his arrival, Officer Prince took up a position in the intersection to direct traffic. Additional officers were deployed around the intersection and the scene was well controlled. A short time later, Officer Prince was struck by a speeding DUI driver who entered the intersection against the direction of officers. Officer Prince was thrown onto the hood of the vehicle, carried for a distance, and rolled into the street when the vehicle came to rest. Officer Prince was treated at the scene by paramedics and transported to the Huntington Intercommunity Hospital, where on December 1, 1974, he succumbed to his injuries.

Officer Prince was survived by his wife Lynda and infant son Michael, his parents Lawrence and Zelpha, and siblings Robert and Donna.

14.00"

12.00"

# Officer Leslie James Prince

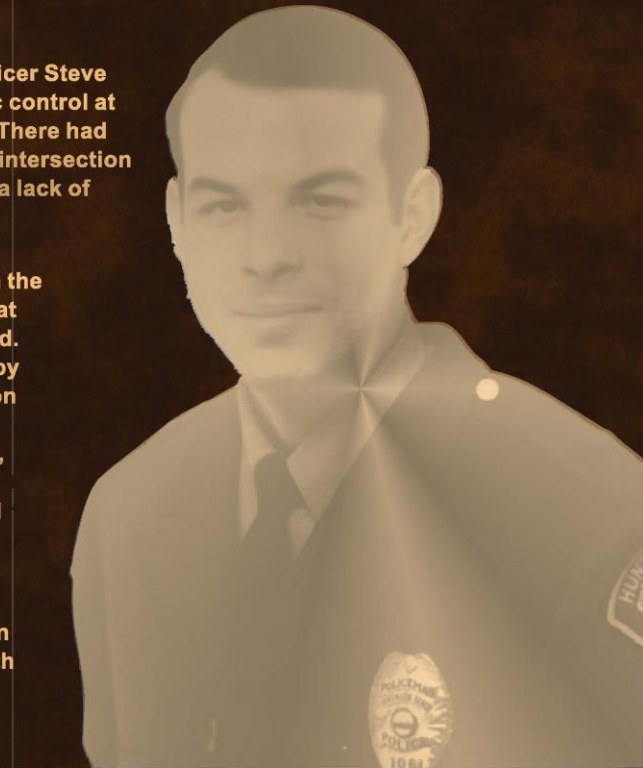
1948 - 1974

At the time of his death, Officer Leslie James Prince was a four-year veteran with the Huntington Beach Police Department. He served as a uniformed patrol officer from 1970 until his death in 1974. Officer Prince died in the line of duty at the age of 26, after having been struck by a vehicle, driven by a 26-year old male, who was subsequently arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and vehicular manslaughter.

On November 16, 1974, Officer Prince and his partner, Officer Steve Ekstedt, were assigned to assist a traffic officer with traffic control at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue. There had been a power failure, which caused the traffic signals at the intersection to malfunction. The intersection was dark as a result of a lack of illumination attributed to the power failure.

Shortly after his arrival, Officer Prince took up a position in the intersection to direct traffic. Other officers were deployed at the intersection as well and the situation was well controlled. After only a short period of time, Officer Prince was struck by a speeding pick-up truck, which had entered the intersection against the direction of another officer. Officer Prince as thrown onto the hood of the vehicle, carried for a distance, and rolled into the street when the vehicle came to rest. Officer Prince was treated at the scene by paramedics and transported to the Huntington Intercommunity Hospital, where on December 1, 1974 he succumbed to his injuries.

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STEEL PEDESTAL SAMPLE

# **ATTACHMENT #2**



## **Post Mount**

Black painted aluminum brackets are attached to the back of the plaque with machine screws. An aluminum square post bolts into the bracket at a 45° or 90° angle. Plaques over 24" wide require two posts. Posts are available in heights of 6' or 8'. A 1"-wide post is recommended for plaques up to 250 square inches, 1-1/2" for plaques up to 450 square inches, and 2" for plaques up to 720 square inches.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP)  
2020-2021

# **INFORMATIONAL ATTACHMENT #1**

**DRAFT FY 20-21 COMMUNITY SERVICES****PROPOSED PARK DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

|   | <u>AMOUNT</u><br>FY 20-21 | <u>AMOUNT</u><br>FY 21-22 | <u>AMOUNT</u><br>FY 22-23 | <u>AMOUNT</u><br>FY 23-24 | <u>TOTAL</u>     |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>NEW PROJECTS</u></b>  |                           |                           |                           |                           |                  |
| 1 Blufftop Park Trail Improvements<br>(Turf mitigation, enhance landscaping, access ramp/stairway railing)  | 1,150,000                 | 1,150,000                 |                           |                           | 2,300,000        |
| 2 Bushard Playground Equipment Improvements<br>(Installation of new playground equipment/site improvements)   | 130,000                   |                           |                           |                           | 130,000          |
| 3 Central Park Group Picnic Area Improvements<br>(Repurposing picnic shelter area & adjacent playgrounds)   | 1,146,000                 |                           |                           |                           | 1,146,000        |
| 4 Circle View Playground Equipment Improvements<br>(Installation of new playground equipment/site improvements)   | 240,000                   |                           |                           |                           | 240,000          |
| 5 Glen View Park Playground Improvements<br>(Install new playground units/turf renovation)  | 250,000                   |                           |                           |                           | 250,000          |
| 6 Harbour View Clubhouse Rehab and Reconfiguration<br>(Ph I includes preparation of design scope to address ADA, aging equipment)<br>(Ph II construction)                               | 30,000                    | 500,000                   |                           |                           | 530,000          |
| 7 LeBard Park Improvements<br>(Installation of new playground equipment/turf/irrigation/walkways)   | 550,000                   |                           |                           |                           | 550,000          |
| 8 Park Master Plan Five-Year Update<br>(February 2016 - original date)  | 30,000                    |                           |                           |                           | 30,000           |
| 9 Rodgers' Senior Center Redevelopment-Pending City Council Direction<br>(Redevelopment of site, including parking, walkways, turf)   | 925,000                   | 875,000                   |                           |                           | 1,800,000        |
| 10 Schroeder Park Improvements (total project - \$981k)<br>(Ph I includes new tot lot and access walkways)<br>(Ph II includes construction of new walkways, lighting, turf/landscaping) | 300,000                   | 681,900                   |                           |                           | 981,900          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4,751,000</b>          | <b>3,206,900</b>          | <b>0</b>                  |                           | <b>7,957,900</b> |

**PRIOR APPROVED CONTINUING PROJECTS**

|                                      | <u>Prior</u><br><u>Approved</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Central Park Restrooms             | 2,350,000                       |
| 2 Murdy-Edison Building Improvements | 2,420,000                       |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>4,770,000</b>                |

**FUTURE PROJECTS**

|                            |                |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 Carr Park Improvements   |                | 1,521,200        | 1,471,250        | 2,992,450        |
| 2 Drew Park Rehabilitation | 50,000         | 1,106,550        |                  | 1,156,550        |
| 3 Edison Park Improvements | 75,000         | 1,500,000        | 1,425,000        | 3,000,000        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>125,000</b> | <b>4,127,750</b> | <b>2,896,250</b> | <b>7,149,000</b> |