

**Bastrop Parks and
Public Tree Advisory Board Meeting**
Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8800



AGENDA – December 2, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS**
 - 2A. Parks and Recreation Report
 - 2B. Bastrop State Park Report
 - 2C. Recreation Report
 - 2D. Bird City Coalition Report
 - 2E. Council Liaison Report
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Board, please submit a fully completed request card to the Board chairperson prior to the beginning of the meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, city Boards cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, city Boards are limited to making a statement of specific information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to city staff for research and possible future action.

It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty, and/or integrity of the Board, as a body or any member or members of the Board, individually or collectively, nor any members of the city's staff. Accordingly, profane, insulting, or threatening language directed toward the Board and/or any person in the Board's presence will not be tolerated.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the November 4, 2021 regular meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Update and discuss Julius Thomas Memorial Park
5B. Update and discuss Pickle Ball
5C. Update and discuss Graffiti Wall
5D. Update and discuss Parks Master Plan
5E. Update and discuss Mobile Vendors in Fisherman's Park
5F. Update and discuss TPWD Grants

6. UPDATES

- 6A. Invitation for input from Board Members related to issues for possible inclusion on the next meeting agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenience that is readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org. Said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting is convened.



Victoria Psencik, Deputy City Secretary



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2A

TITLE:

Parks and Recreation Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

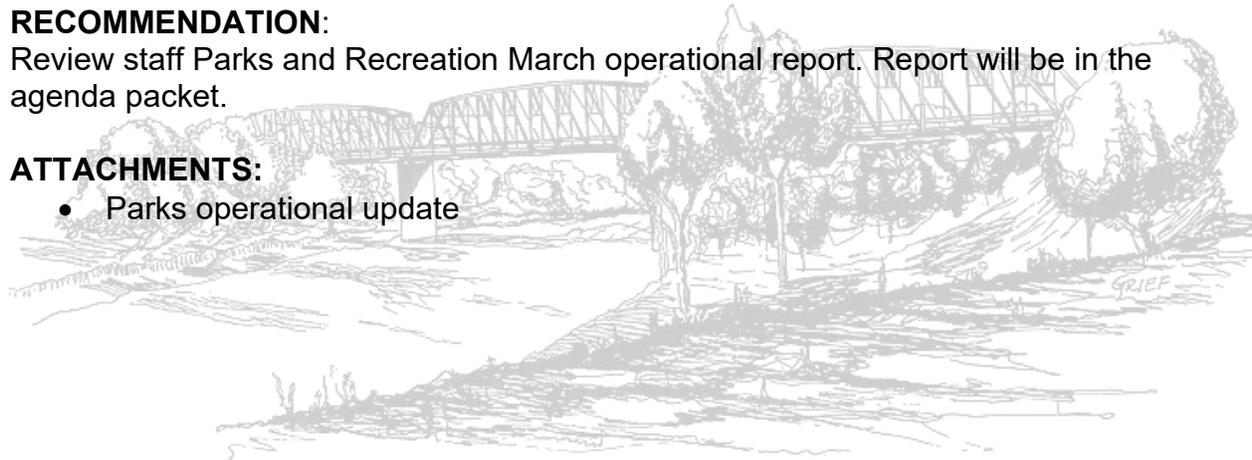
Thomas Martinez, Crew Leader Parks & Recreation
Curtis Hancock, Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION:

Review staff Parks and Recreation March operational report. Report will be in the agenda packet.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks operational update



Parks

- Parks crew set out new banners for Old Iron bridge this month with new pole brackets.
- Staff prepped Main St. for the Veterans Day Car Show by setting out American flags on poles and mulching the trees downtown.
- The crew also assisted with the car show by providing traffic control and trash collections.
- Parks also chipped wood debris under the 150 bridge along the Riverwalk.
- Staff removed an ash tree in Fisherman's for public safety.
- On the 20th Parks and Street & Drainage employees worked with the Disc Golf group at Bob Bryant to clear 4 & ½ more holes for the disc golf course.
- In preparation for the Christmas season and the parade, staff set out Christmas banners, bows and wreaths on Main St. along with Santa's Mailbox.







STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2B

TITLE:

Bastrop State Park Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Jamie Creacy, Park Superintendent, Lost Pines State Park Complex
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bastrop State Park Operational Update



OPERATION UPDATE NOVEMBER 2021

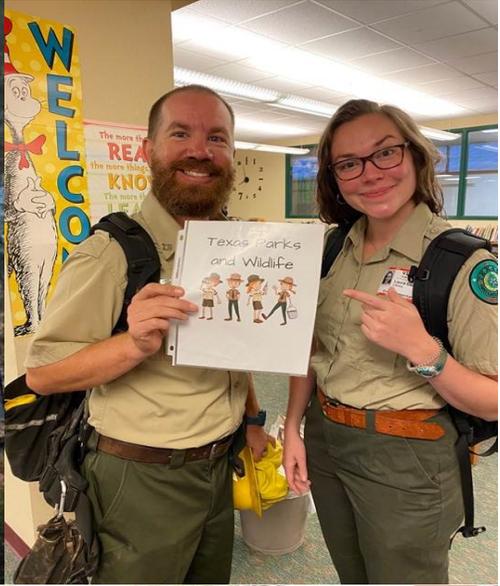
BASTROP STATE PARK REPORT:

Bastrop State Park Updates:

- 1,130 acres of Lost Pines Forest treated with prescribed fire in November – we will be looking for additional burn days as we move into December
- Bastrop State Park Rangers participated in the Emile Elementary career day
- Golf Course Area Public Use Plan paved hiking/biking trail project making good progress. Old cart paths are being torn out, forms for new trails are being placed and concrete pouring will begin after Thanksgiving
- Bastrop State Park Lake dam project is on schedule and going well
- TxDot continues work on culvert repair project along Park Road 1A and will begin along Park Road 1C the week following Thanksgiving
- Interpretive Programming is in full swing – check the Bastrop State Park Facebook and Website for ranger programs
- Bastrop and Buescher State Parks are Hiring – Customer Service Representatives, Office Manager, Maintenance Rangers

Jamie Creacy

**Park Superintendent
Lost Pines State Park Complex
Bastrop & Buescher State Parks
512.321.1673 ext. 3**





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2C

TITLE:

Bastrop Recreation Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Terry Moore, Bastrop Recreation
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

NA

ATTACHMENTS:

Recreation Report





November 23, 2021

Parks Board Report

Skate Clinic – Success! Chris White led a great 6 week program. Academy Sports + Outdoor donated helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads for the kids for safety. Community comments were very encouraging. There have been requests for other wheeled programs in the future.



The Fire Department partnership with the Rec Center continues to be beneficial. They will be adding a treadmill to the fitness center soon.

Open house was November 20. Such fun! There was a full house with demo classes, chair volleyball, prizes and giveaways. We had 13 new members join that day.





Respectfully submitted by: Terry Moore



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2D

TITLE:

Bird City Coalition Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Kerry Fossler, Board Member
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bird City Coalition Report





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2E

TITLE:

Council Liaison Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Dock Jackson, Council Liaison

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Council Liaison March report and/or comments.

ATTACHMENTS:

NA





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the November 4, 2021 regular meeting.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Sandy Holder, Public Works Technician
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

- (a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.
- (b) The minutes must:
 - 1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
 - 2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, amend, or correct the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5A

TITLE:

Update and discuss Julius Thomas Veterans Memorial Park

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Julius Thomas was born on March 14, 1947, in Bastrop Texas. He was drafted into the Army to serve his country during the Vietnam War. He began his tour on May 2, 1967. Mr. Thomas had the rank of Corporal, attached to the 9th Infantry Division, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry, C Company.

During his service in the Vietnam War, Army Corporal Thomas was reported missing and ultimately declared dead on January 12, 1968.

Corporal Thomas is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 34e, Line 39.

Army Corporal Julius Thomas Commendations:

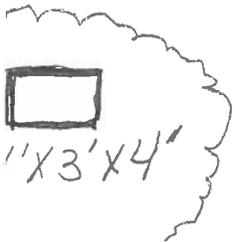
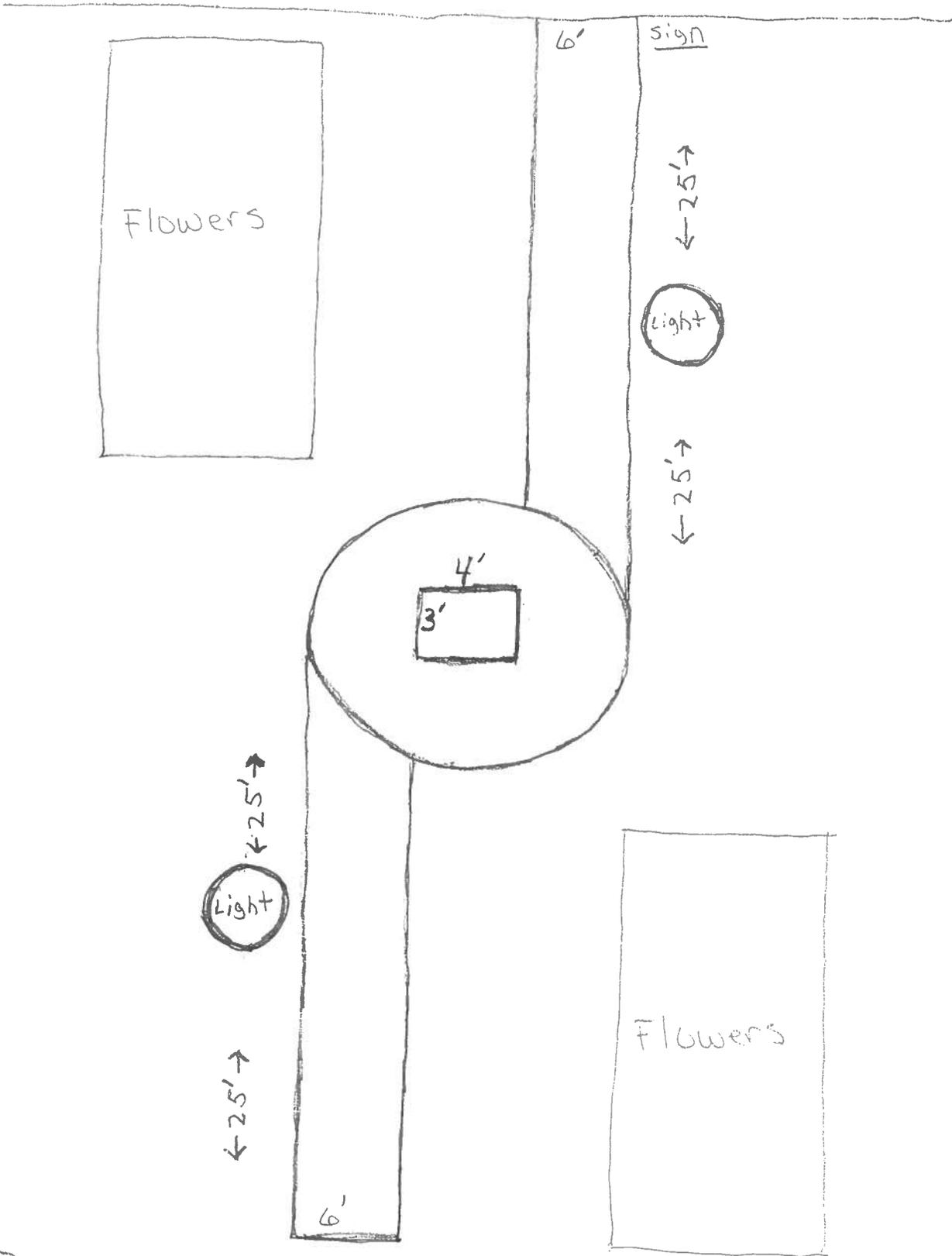
- Purple Heart
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Marksmanship Badge
- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Army Presidential Init Citation
- Vietnam Gallantry Cross
- Army Good Conduct Medal

Corporal Thomas is among the 27,016 American Gold Star casualties recorded with close ties to Texas. We honor the men and women of Texas who gave their all for their country. May their example of courage and sacrifice guide us to be strong and responsible in our lives as citizens of the world. Through honest daily actions, we honor them.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Layout of the Park

MLK





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5B

TITLE:

Update and discuss on Pickleball.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City has converted the tennis court at Fisherman's Park into four (4) pickleball courts. Pickleball is on the rise in Bastrop, it common to have 18 or 19 players show up to play.

During the October 26th Council meeting, Dani and Gary Moss requested the city to consider providing pickleball courts. The Mayor suggested the request be taken to the Parks Board.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

The Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board serves in an advisory role to the City Council and may make recommendations for actions to be considered as related to the parks.

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5C

TITLE:

Update and discuss Graffiti Wall in Fisherman's Park

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

During the October 26th Council meeting, Rhian Nicholson requested the city to consider providing a Graffiti Wall in Fisherman's Park.

Graffiti was started in the late 1960's in Philadelphia by two artist named Cornbread and Cool Earl.

Graffiti has a lot of cons but it also has its pros. Graffiti is seen as a type of art to some people and as vandalism to others.

Cons:

- Can be viewed as vandalism
- It is illegal unless they receive permission
- Vapors from the spray paint are released into the atmosphere
- The cost to remove
- Graffiti can be used by gangs to mark their territory
- Curse words & inappropriate images
- It is technically destroying someone property

Pros:

- It's a type of art
- It's a way for artists to express themselves
- It gives life to a blank wall

POLICY EXPLANATION:

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FUNDING SOURCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5D

TITLE:

Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Bastrop will be updating its Parks Master Plan. We have completed a grant application from St. Davids. We are also exploring other funding opportunities.

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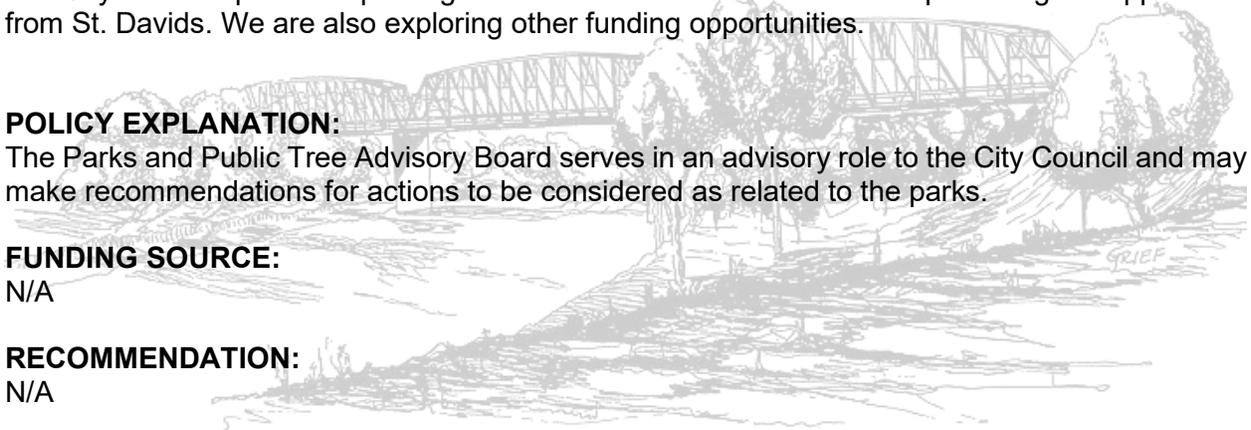
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RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5E

TITLE:

Update and discuss Mobile Vendors in Fisherman's Park

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On Thursday, July 7th Ann Franklin received a call from Ryan Walker. Mr. Walker is interested in having a mobile business in Bastrop. The business would be in a bus, and he would like to be in Fisherman's Park across from the new Skate Park. Mr. Walker will be selling skateboards and all related equipment.

We do have one vendor in Fisherman's Park currently and do allow mobile vendors in the park for special events. I believe this could be the start for developing area in the park for mobile vendors if approved.

At the September Parks Board meeting, the Board approved moving forward. We are still waiting on the proposal from Ryan Walker.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5F

TITLE:

Update and discuss on TPWD Grants

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Bastrop received a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to help construct Bob Bryant Park. At some point, after the park was constructed, the City added the water treatment plant and water wells to supply water to that growing section of the City. Because of this addition, the City violated the agreement with TPWD, thus making us ineligible to receive any future grant funding for Parks related projects. To clarify our position, Rebecca Gleason, Curtis Hancock, Jeff White held a virtual meeting with TPWD representatives Amy Grossman and Dan Reese on Thursday, November 18. The conversation included land conversion for Bob Bryant, questions related to parks master plan and future grant opportunities.

Following that original meeting, Curtis Hancock and Jeff White met with Amy Grossman from TPWD on Monday, November 22nd at Bob Bryant Park. The discussion included the potential areas of the park that factored into the City's noncompliance. This included the fenced areas of the water well, treatment plant, and access road. The final area will be defined by TPWD. To re-enter into compliance, the City of Bastrop will need to perform a land conversion of parkland. The City of Bastrop will need to identify replacement land that is equal or greater value to the areas in Bob Bryant Park. The land can be newly acquired or previously owned land but must not be currently used as a park or for recreational purposes or dedicated as parkland. This rules out the tract of land known as Pecan Park, due to the current trail and amenities. The next steps are (1) receive the exact area of Bob Bryant Park that will need to be replaced, (2) review current and future land options that could be converted, (3) conduct an appraisal of both tracts of land, (4) inform TPWD of appraisals, and (5) complete the process of dedicating the new area as parkland.

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