

Director's Report
For
February 13, 2013

Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

A. Projects

1. Laurel Clark Fountain
 - a. Communication was submitted to Council asking for approval to enter into a three year service agreement for both mechanical and chemical services of the LC Fountain. The three year agreements will fix labor costs and allow for limited material cost increase for the term of the contract.

2. Parks Paving Projects for 2013
 - a. Chavez parking lot rehabilitation
 - b. ADA asphalt upgrades – parks not yet determined
 - c. Graceland Cemetery
 - d. Zoo – area not yet determined

3. Painting of Handrail at Gaslight Pointe
 - a. Phase II of III will begin in June. Park benches and trash cans will also be painted.

4. Lockwood Softball Diamond
 - a. The diamond restoration is schedule for late August of 2013.

5. Douglas Park Softball Lighting Replacement
 - a. The project is set to begin the 1st week of March.

6. Bryant LED Lighting
 - a. The project will begin on Monday the 11th of March.

7. Chavez Roof Replacement Sections 5 & 10
 - a. The project is set to begin the 1st week of March.

8. Playground Equipment Replacement
 - a. Burke/Miller & Associates has been selected as the equipment supplier. Equipment will be ordered by the end of February.

9. ADA Updates for 2013
 - a. ADA updates for West, Hantschel & Hamilton will be completed this year.
 - b. Total PRCS facilities that are 95% ADA compliant or greater = 57 or 55%.

10. Cemeteries
 - a. **Mound:** We have requested that Mark Mattes AIA be hired to finalize plans and specifications for the new ADA restroom. Construction would begin early September.
 - b. **Graceland:** The Graceland pond restoration has been shifted to DPW/Wastewater for a 2013 restoration project.
 - c. We have requested Mark Mattes AIA be hired to finalize plans for Section 23 plots. The plot would be certified and marked by an engineering firm.

11. Golf Courses

- a. We will be meeting on Feb 8th to coordinate the two stream bank restoration projects and the tee & green restorations. Project is set to be bid on in April & construction will begin the 1st week of August.

12. Wustum

- a. No Update

13. Zoo

- a. No Update

B. Recreation

1. A mailing went out for our Adult Volleyball and Basketball City Tournaments.
 - a. Women's VB will take place on Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9.
 - b. Men's VB will take place on Sunday, March 10.
 - c. Men's Basketball will take place on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 1, 2 & 3.
2. Registration has begun for Adult Summer Softball, Sand VB and Tennis.
3. New program fees and park charges have been entered into our Rectrac system.
4. The Snow Sharks program is winding up its tenth season. The final trip is scheduled for February 21st. All scheduled trips were taken despite postponements due to weather.
5. PRCS is again participating in the Milwaukee Bucks charitable ticket program. We have received tickets for two games this season. We are using the CORI website and the community center outlets to try to maximize use of the donated tickets.
6. The Youth Hoops basketball program is entering the final week of competition. Tournament games have started, and the finals will be played at Chavez Community Center on Sunday, February 10 starting at 12:30 pm.
7. The Annual Free Throw Contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 23 from 10 am-12 pm at the Cesar Chavez Community Center.
8. Programs in the Works
 - a. Spring Break Basketball Camp, Spring Break Recplex Trips, Spring Fever Instructional Scrimmage Program, Hershey Track and Field, Playgrounds, Movies in the Park, Lake F/X, Art Camp, etc.
 - b. A Safety Committee (made up of PRCS Staff) was created to help with training, safety awareness and customer service.

C. Parks

1. A total of eight sidewalk snow removal operations occurred during January. No alley operations were scheduled due to the 4" snow fall policy.
2. Litter removal in the parks has continued due to the milder winter.
3. Crews are removing the underbrush at Dekoven Woods to open up the area. There are several months of work to go.

4. Crews began chipping the main entrance road of the Dog Run now that there is some frost on the ground. This project will continue during February.

D. Community Centers

1. Dr. MLK

- a. The Annual King Day Celebration at King Center was held on Saturday January 12, 2013. The program consisted of a light lunch and various performances from students from the area. A total of 85 people were in attendance.
- b. The youth sewing class is going well. There is a push to increase attendance. Those who have attended have made hand bags. The next project is making a shirt. Five female students are currently enrolled in the class.
- c. The adult sewing class is going very well. There are eight participants each Thursday.
- d. The King Day chess tournament has been moved to Tuesday, February 9 2013.
- e. Mr. Hardy has been conducting youth indoor tennis lessons in our gym. Unless we find access to a funding source, the program will come to an end.
- f. The GED program was able to graduate 22 students during the 2012 school year. The program was renewed for the 2013-2014 school year.

2. Humble Park

- a. Staff held a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, January 21. Over 60 youth attended and had a dinner of spaghetti, corn bread, and other refreshments.
- b. Staff also wrote and delivered a newsletter and to the surrounding area to promote center programming.
- c. Beginners pickle ball is now held Tuesday - Thursday from 1:00-3:00 pm. A third day was added due to the number of participants.
- d. We met with Dan Gross from AARP tax service on January 17th. Free tax service will once again be available all day at Humble Park on Wednesdays starting February 6.

3. Cesar Chavez

- a. PRCS Youth Basketball concluded most of its earlier grades regular season games on Saturday, January 26. Some teams still have one game to play and grades 5th – 8th start the annual end of the year tourney the weekend of February 2. Attendance has picked up and all gyms have been packed. Championship games will start at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

4. Bryant

- a. Plans for Juneteenth 2013 are under way. I have spoken with the representatives of Caron Butler about his donation to the event.
- b. Our Community Choir (AZ Program) is growing and doing well. It is our plan to have them perform in the Black History program.

c. The Black History program is scheduled for February 24 from 3-6pm. It is our plan to present the children's work in the Arts program.

d. On January 25, staff scheduled a pizza party as an open enrollment for the community choir and ceramics classes.

e. Staff scheduled recruitment for AZ Programs at Mitchell Middle School during lunch period. Approx. 50 students showed interest and took flyers home with them.

f. Girl Scouts held their cookie pick up and sales. This was a good way of introducing new participants to the center.

g. The tax program sponsored by AARP is set up and started on February 5.

h. The onsite energy assistance program is going well; the community is showing up to get the assistance needed from this program.

i. We are looking at taking some of our youth to the Light Wire Theater. This event is scheduled for February 23 at 10:00 am. The goal is to take at least 15 youth for this wonderful experience.

5. Tyler - Domer Community Center

a. Youth hoops went well on Saturdays at the center. The center is scheduled to have 2nd thru 4th grade boys and girls games. February 2 was the date of the last scheduled games.

b. Zumba is going strong on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We have anywhere from 50 to 100 participants.

c. Staff have started a 50 and over pickle ball program. The days vary depending on wants and needs of participants. It is the fastest growing sport right now and is programmed at 3 of our community centers to meet the needs of all level of players.

d. Community organizations that continue to use the building on a weekly basis are: Narcotics Anonymous, Youth for Christ, Park High School transitional program, and developmentally disabled from Careers.