

**Director's Report
For
April 18, 2012**

Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

PROJECTS

1. Fountain Update
 - a. *General Construction:* The site work is expected to complete by Wednesday, April 11. This includes all of the concrete around the fountain, sidewalks, curb, concrete roads and the concrete underlayment for the red pavers. The building exterior painting is not expected until the week of April 16.
 - b. *Asphalt:* The asphalt plants could open early & they have assured us that this project is first on the list for asphalt. The project fence will come down as soon as the asphalt is in place for the grand opening.
 - c. *Electrical:* The power is up & operating in the building. All the pumps and motor controls are connected; however have not been operated. Presently the electrician is on track to be complete on April 17.
 - d. *Fountain Mechanicals, Plumbing & HVAC:*
 1. The trench to the fountain is closed and all but two of the connections have been made at the fountain location. Those connections will be completed after the concrete is in place next week.
 2. All of the mechanical components are on site. Three of the five pumps have been mounted and piped. The filter is in-place, piped and wired. All connections and piping is expected to be in-place and wet by April 17. On April 20 the manufacturer's representative for the filter will be on site to do the initial start up. On April 23, the factory representative for Crystal Fountains will be on site to operate the entire system. The pumps, fountain spray heads and lighting will be programmed and synchronized.
 3. The majority of the plumbing is complete. All the fixtures are in the building, some are mounted. Plumbing is on track to be complete by April 26.
 4. The only HVAC in the building are exhaust fans – all will be in place before April 23.
 - e. *Building Commissioning:* Absolute Mechanical has a one year contract for the daily maintenance of the fountain. DuBois Chemical is the vendor for the chemical service for the 2012 season. Safety signage for the chemical & mechanical rooms will be ordered next week.
2. Approval was given to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Industrial Roofing Services (IRS) to provide engineering, construction documents and construction management for Roof Replacement Sections 5 & 10 at the Chavez Community Center for \$3,000. Total project budget: \$45,000.
3. Approval was given to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Nielsen Madsen & Barber to provide engineering, construction documents and construction management for asphalt improvements at Johnson Park Road, Lincoln Parking Lot & Pershing Parking Lot for \$20,060. Total project budget: Johnson Park (\$83,000), Lincoln Parking Lot (\$33,000) & Pershing Parking Lot (\$35,000).

4. Approval was given to waive formal bidding and authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with H & K Sports Fields for the renovation of Lincoln Park Baseball Diamond. Total project budget: \$27,000.
5. Approval was given for final payment for Contract 22-11 for Masonry Restoration at Tyler-Domer Community Center. Total project cost: \$81,350.

PARKS

1. Earth Day is actually scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Park staff has been working with Gateway, SC Johnson & Volunteer Center on Earth Day Projects. Currently, Meyers Park through Pershing Park, North Beach, Colonial Park & DeKoven Center are targeted areas.
2. Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 27 starting at 10:00 am at Franklin Park. You are all invited to attend the celebration with PRCS Staff & Walden HS Students.
3. Tree planting and grass cutting started two weeks early due to the weather.
4. The piers at the Pershing Park Boat Launch went in on Tuesday, April 10. One or two lanes will be closed until the cement slabs are repaired.
5. The snow fence at North Beach will be coming done for the summer season. This will allow the leveling of the sand to begin.

RECREATION

1. The Pershing Boat Launch Concession Stand agreement was sign by Caleb Robinson of Top Dog Hot Dog. Anticipated opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 5. Caleb will be selling season passes.
2. The North Beach Concession Stand agreement was signed and the anticipated opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19.