



Parks Commission Meeting

December 21st

Division Report: Operation

Deputy Director: Justin Dorsey

"A City In A Park"

Maintenance:

- Worked with Development Crew on repairs to the River Trail at Murray Park.
- Parks Maintenance continued to mulch leaves in parks.
- Contractor is mulching leaves and cleaning up assigned parks.
- All maintenance crews performed a cleanup of homeless camps at the Rock Creek Trail area.
- Bathrooms and water fountains were winterized by the Landscape crew.
- Maintenance crews are starting a deep detail cleanup of parks including parking areas.
- Trails Coordinator held 4 volunteer events to work on trails.
- Riverfront crew continues improvements and maintenance in the Riverfront, downtown and MacArthur areas.

Urban Forestry:

- Focused on Western Hills working around Playground

Design Division:

- Kanis Park - Basketball Court Development and Low Water Bridge Construction – Meet with the construction team to assisting in coordinating project progress and park operation
- Western Hills Park - Observing the contractors construction progress and reviewing additional project components such as the prefabricated restroom for order and scheduling
- Crump Park – Completed coordination with vendors on the installation of park amenities for the football field, spray pad and parking lot
- Develop preliminary designs for park and facility additions, amenities and development for projects such as, New Entry for Dunbar Gardens, sculpture design for Murray Park, design for Daisy Bates sculpture at Riverfront Park
- West Central Community Center - Design and order signage for sculpture, design and order general and monumental signage for park projects, such as, Pankey, Southside and Ninth Street Parks
- Cheatem Park – Power wash and paint outdoor basketball courts
- War Memorial Golf – Acquiring marker plaque for historical designation



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Design Division (cont.):

Upcoming:

- Kanis Park - Basketball Court Development and Low Water Bridge Construction - Observing the construction progress and reviewing contractors coordinating
- Western Hills Park - Observing the construction progress and reviewing contractors coordination with the playground installation and associated walks and plazas
- Project Purchase Orders – Create requisitions and purchase orders for components and materials for ordering, installation and construction for new projects for staff and facilities
- Several parks - Design and order general and monumental signage for various park projects
- Hindman and Boyle Parks - Design and Bid various projects – Parking lot paving projects, install accessible walks and trails
- Dunbar, Southwest and Stephens Community Centers – repair and resurface indoor basketball courts
- Rebsamen Tennis Center - Resurface tennis courts
- Outdoor Playing Courts – Clean and resurface outdoor courts
- Donation or Memorial Benches – coordinate with citizens order and installation of memorial benches

Operations/Improvement:

- Rain has been a big issue with the construction crew.
- Work on Banana Sculpture Plaza on River Trail @ Murry Park
- Western Hills Playground (Grading and sidewalk)
- Repaired 2 gates and replaced 1 at Hindman Park
- Worked on Trail improvements at Rock Creeks

Safety/Training:

- December's safety education and training was focused on the fact that we are in Flu season – and this Flu season has seen a significant increase in influenza infection rates that outpaces every year going back ten years. The focus is on prevention – such as getting the Flu vaccine; isolate if sick (included are knowing the difference between whether one is afflicted with Flu or the Cold); response rate is 22% so far this month.
- Next month's (January 2023) safety education and training will begin the year by focusing on the negative trends identified by safety data during year 2022 (1) slip/trips leading to falls; (2) sprain/strains (due to generally improper lifting techniques); and (3) vehicle accidents/incidents. Safety education and training will be targeted to the divisions exhibiting these trends

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