



"A City In A Park"

## Division Report: Operation

Deputy Director: Justin Dorsey

# Parks Commission Meeting

**January 2025**

## • Highlights and Achievements

- Urban Forestry: Planted 10 Willow oaks, 16 Zelkova's and replaced a Chinese Pistache at the 2<sup>nd</sup> St grass lot. Replaced Maple in traffic circle at Allsopp Promenade. A large dead tree was removed at Westchester. Also removed a large dead tree at First Tee entrance. Removed large fencing pile at Reservoir Park. Removed old light poles on the ground at Kanis Baseball Field. Removed the old fencing at Reservoir Park. Removed several dead trees requested by Traffic Engineering.
- Mowing Crew: Setup for grand opening at Kanis Park, cleaned park and new areas, detailed parking lots, cleaned bathrooms. Mulched leaves at Union, Remmel and several other parks.
- Horticulture: Cleaned out and trimmed flower beds at Kanis Park, construction contractor had let them grow over. Continuing irrigation winterization. Reset Interstate field 5 for Central High Softball team practice.
- Trail Crew: Repaired washed out areas on River mountain Trail system using mini ex and hand tools. Most of the damaged areas are now repaired. Repaired and cleaned up Backwoods Trail.
- Downtown District: Landscape and tree trimming on Main Street corridor. Trimmed up trees, cut down stumps and refreshed beds. Purchased and put up the Christmas tree for City Hall Parks office. Removed furniture, installed a whiteboard and large screen in Parks offices. Cleared Cindy Island trails
- Allsopp Restroom and Pavilion Roofs are being re-roofed in upcoming weeks. Certa Pro is painting the Chimney this week then the roofs will be done.
- Centre on 12th – ITB is going out 1/2/24 and will go 21 days.
- Dunbar Roofing – Board Approved. Ketcher has the contract and is being pushed to get this back to City Attorney office before the end of the week.
- East Little Rock Construction – Classrooms are being worked on. Discovered the roof is leaking. Ketcher Roofing is working on a solution. I have also asked them to price the entire roof for us to consider.
- Kiwanis trail paving – Awaiting a date to do the install of solar lighting.
- MacArthur Pond repairs: Rented Trackhoe on site for digging of pond. The new Pump was installed yesterday, this is completed.
- South Side Restroom Roof Completed.



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- Stephens HVAC unit is ordered. PO was done by Amanda Jones. 10 weeks lead time. Working with Lockeby to look at additional fencing to fortify this unit.
- Stripping of Parking Lots in Progress after the first of the year: Big Dam Bridge, Boyle Park, Brodie Creek, and Otter Creek.
- SWCC Renovation – NTP issued for 12.6.24. Painting and Gym floor Renovations are in progress. Renovations to the Banquet Hall will be after the first of the year.
- Stephens Community Center – Work is progressing. Change order issued for extension to 2.2.24 due to Millwork being delayed. Some minor issues with the epoxy and a section of the Gym floor are being addressed.
- Two Rivers Paving – 12.16.24 NTP for 12.17.24. Project will start 1.16.24 and will last approximately 2 weeks. We will need to announce the trail will be closed.
- Wakefield Restroom – ITB is complete, It has been submitted for advertising
- West Central – 12.17.24 Preconstruction complete. NTP will be for 1.6.24 to begin demo and first cuts of ball field.
- Stephens Community Center – Work is progressing. Partition installed 12.4.24. The progress meeting moved to 12.11.24 at 11am.