

Park Planning Capital Project Update May 2012

Argo Dam Walkway

- An engineering consultant completed a feasibility study of widening the walkway over Argo Dam.

Bluffs Park

- Plans are underway to create a new entry at the recently purchased Elk's property. A public meeting was held February 15 at City Hall to discuss the project. Work will take place in Fall, 2012.

Buhr Park

- The entry road and parking lots are being renovated to replace deteriorated surfacing and improve stormwater drainage. New pathways to connect the facilities in the park and improve pedestrian circulation are a part of this project. Construction is underway and is being phased to allow the facilities to remain open during construction.

Forest Avenue Plaza

- This plaza is located next to the Forest Ave parking structure. Funding was contributed by the developer of 601 Forest and Zaragon II to improve the plaza. Work is being done in conjunction with the DDA. Two public meetings were held and improvement items prioritized.

Gallup Park

- Design for renovation of the livery, the entry road and pathway, and the dock area is complete. The goals for the project include improving barrier free access and safety and will include redesign of the entry to the Livery, new barrier free docks for boating and fishing, renovation of the meeting room, and barrier free upgrades around the facility. A \$300,000 grant was received to implement the project, but we are still waiting for the grant agreement.
- A second grant was awarded by the MDNR to do preliminary engineering to renovate the boat launch. Design is underway.

Hunt Park

- Access steps were constructed along Daniel Street next to the retaining wall. The project is complete except for planting on the slope.

Island Park

- The Greek Revival Shelter and the historic bridge are being restored to address deterioration due to wildlife and water damage. The project includes replacement of all the wood trim and repair of the concrete. The roof was replaced. The project is under construction, with the trim replacement complete. Finish painting and stucco work is scheduled to be complete by June.

Landscaping at Recreation Facilities

- A major donation was received for tree and landscape work, and an RFP was released for a designer to provide planting plans for landscaping companies to

plant and maintain flower beds at the recreation facilities. A consultant was chosen to do the design for these areas and will start work shortly.

Leslie Science and Nature Center

- A stormwater and pedestrian circulation master plan was developed to improve the pathway system, comply with the ADA, and decrease impervious surfaces. Work will include construction of a barrier free path to the raptor enclosures.

Placid Way Park

- Improvements will include replacement of the play area, as well as additional park furniture and landscaping. The project was approved by City Council and work should start in June.

Riverside Park

- The entry pathway and park road (Canal Street) will be improved to create better separation between pedestrians and vehicles and to replace the deteriorated asphalt. The parking lot will be relocated to the northwest side of the park to remove it from the floodway. The work will be done in conjunction with repair work to Canal Street by Public Services and is tentatively scheduled for July.

Senior Center

- The project includes construction of a new restroom and renovation of two existing restrooms to make them barrier free. The project under way and is scheduled to be complete by the end of May.

Skate Park

- A grant was received for design and construction of a Skate Park in Veterans Memorial Park. Design proposals were received and a consultant will be chosen by the end of May.

South University Park

- Improvements will include a pathway through the park, landscaping, and a refurbished ½ basketball court. The project is scheduled for City Council on May 16th.

Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena

- A solar shade structure on the pool deck is being funded by a grant from the Energy Office. The project is complete except for the solar panels, which is currently under construction.
- The concrete plaza adjacent to the ice arena (north of the existing entry plaza) has been converted to a rain garden to accept water from the arena roof. The project is being handled by Systems Planning and the County Water Resources Commission and being funded through the State Revolving Loan Fund.
- The roof over the ice arena has been leaking, and repairs will be scheduled for summer, 2012.

West Park

- There have been several issues with the underground storm system that was constructed as part of the renovation project. These are being addressed and will

be resolved during May/June 2012. Public meetings were held in January and February to inform the public of progress and receive input.

- The tennis courts are currently under construction. Paving of the courts will take place the week of May 7, weather permitting. The asphalt needs to cure for one month before color coating, so will not be playable until June.
- The historic pergola as well as the planting and sitting area on Miller Ave is being renovated. Construction is underway.