



Memo

To: Clay Pearson, City Manager

From: Andrea Brinkley, Project Manger

Cc: Trent Epperson, Assistant City Manager
Susan Polka, Director of Engineering
Skipper Jones, Assistant Director, Projects
Chris Orlea, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: April 12, 2016

Re: Independence Park Phase 1

4/14/16

To: Mayor and City Council members
Information on an upcoming design contract for 2007 Bond improvements at Independence Park. Trent

Background:

The Independence Park Phase 1 project was approved in the 2007 Bond and was included in the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Program. The park is located at the corner of Pearland Parkway and John Lizer Rd., with an entry at the intersection of Liberty Drive and John Lizer Rd. The park is one of the City's oldest and most recognized parks and holds the second highest utilization of all City park facilities. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan rates improvements to this park as a high priority. This project seeks to bring amenities up to the standard that is required by use, safety or age. Overall emphasis on improving outdated amenities, and increased programming for passive recreation, programming for families, fitness, non-sports activities and special events for all city parks facilities was highlighted by the Master Plan, all of which are being addressed with Phase 1 improvements at this park.

This phase starts the transformation of the park from an active recreation park into a passive recreation park, with active recreation activities such as youth sports moving to new facilities which better support those uses. The existing soccer field use will be relocated to Hickory Slough Sportsplex to allow for the addition of new park elements. Other uses such as the outdoor swimming pool, pool house, dog park and tennis courts will remain and are not included in this phase of improvements.

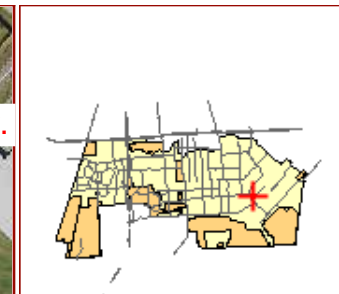
The scope of Phase 1 improvements include the re-orientation of the park entry to Pearland Parkway, a small amphitheater stage and sloped berm seating area for special events, relocation and replacement of the playground as an accessible all-inclusive play area, additional parking, improvements to electrical and lighting, minor architectural detail additions and resurfacing of the courts at the existing pavilion, fiber connectivity and landscaping.

A professional services contract for design of Phase 1 improvements will be presented to Council for consideration on April 25th.

Schedule:

Design	May 2016 – March 2017
Bid / Council Award	February – March 2017
Construction NTP	March – April 2017
Construction Completion	March 2018

Independence Park Ph 1



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