

# Departmental Presentations Little Rock Parks and Recreation





## I. OPERATIONS

- Expanded Maintenance: Improve parks maintenance from Class “C” to Class “B”.
  - Current Park Inventory: Over 6,000 acres and 59 parks.
  - Class C: Allows parks to be mowed 1 to 2 times per month.
  - Class B: Will allow parks to be mowed 2 to 3 times per month.



- **EXPANDED MAINTENANCE**
- **Staffing:**
  - **Full Time (24 positions)**
    - 9 Vacancies (8 filled)**
    - 15 New Positions (1 filled)**



- **ADULT LEISURE CENTER**

- **Staffing:**

- **Full Time**

- **One (1) Recreation Supervisor**

- **Part Time Activity Supervisors**

- **(Personnel to be hired the first quarter of 2013)**



- **OTTENHEIMER CENTER**
- **Staff: Currently Existing**
  - **Small amount of funds allocated for Utilities, Supplies, maintenance and contracts.**



- MACARTHUR MUSEUM OF ARKANSAS  
MILITARY HISTORY
  - Staffing:
    - One Full Time Position  
Outreach Coordinator (currently advertised)



- WEST CENTRAL SPORTS COMPLEX

Projected Operation Date: 2014



## Department Summaries

### II. 2012 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements

- Adult Leisure Center
- Annual Park Upgrades
- West Central Community Center and Pool
- War Memorial Park
- MacArthur Park
- Natural Steps Ball Complex
- Otter Creek Park
- Western Hills Park
- Crump Park
- Trails
- Ottenheimer Center
- Expanded Maintenance



- Adult Leisure Center: \$3 million
  - Funding sources from insurance and tax proceeds
  - Rebuilt center will have 15,000 square feet of similar spaces in previous structure with emphasis on better communication technology and programs for 25 to 45 year old population set

**Architect and Contractor hired and working through construction documentation.**

**Construction to begin July 2012, building occupied in spring 2013**



- Annual Park Upgrades: \$4.5 million over 10 years
  - Funding upgrades for all parks facilities as well as accommodating ADA requirements

Currently reviewing priority and implementation strategy.

Park improvements will be implemented after funds accumulate to sufficient level



- **West Central Community Center and Pool:**  
**\$6 million**
  - Community Center will have approximately 24,000 square feet and provide life style, leisure and educational choices for families. Also, an outdoor pool facility is planned.  
**Request for qualifications are under draft for hiring of an architect and contractor**  
**Surrounding lands are under investigation for acquisition to lend towards center's expansion.**  
**Construction target: 2014**



- War Memorial Park: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Continue to implement War Memorial Park Master Plan improvements:

Improve Coleman Creek, complete 1 mile trail loop, construct roundabout, upgrade entrance off of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, acquire additional lands



- MacArthur Park: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Continue to implement MacArthur Park Master Plan Improvements.

**As Sales Tax funds are accumulated, they will be used to continue implementation of the park master plan which include: Pond reconfiguration and construction of amphitheater, improvements to game courts, play area, open fields and trails.**



- Natural Steps Ball Complex: \$500,000 over 10 years
  - Continue implementation of Master Plan which calls for nine new soccer fields supported with new restroom and concessions building, trails, pavilions, fishing piers and park amenities

Applying for LWCF grant.

Currently seeking a community partnership to assist in master plan development.



- **Otter Creek Park: \$500,000 over 10 years**
  - Allows for construction of two additional soccer fields, pavilions, parking, restroom and concessions building as well as expanding fishing pond

**Working with LR Futbol Club to coordinate improvements.**

**Park amenities to be developed as funding becomes available**



- Western Hills Park: \$1 million over 10 years
  - Continue to work with public to prepare a master plan for a comprehensive development. Potential improvements can be soccer and baseball fields, open play fields, pavilions, trails, fishing piers and supporting amenities.



- Crump Park: \$1 million over 10 years
  - Study and design new pond facility to expand fishing opportunities and aesthetic impact

Implementation pending accumulation of funds



- Trails: \$1.5 million
  - Utilize funding to leverage as grant match for Arkansas River Trail



## Ottenheimer Center: \$54,000

- Provides for initial purchase of furniture and IT equipment

Final completion of the facility is underway involving civil work, painting, finish work and furnishing.

Opening Date: July 9, 2012



- Expanded Maintenance: \$250,000
  - Sales Tax revenue of \$250,000 was provided to purchase mowers, trucks, trailers and other equipment to support additional personnel and workload. Many pieces of equipment have already been coordinated and purchased by the City's Fleet Services Department, and we expect the remainder of equipment to be received by later summer.