

Departmental Presentations
Little Rock Parks and Recreation

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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 (9 filled)

15 New Positions

5 Currently Filled

10 Vacant



- **THE CENTRE AT UNIVERSITY PARK**
 - **Staffing:**
 - **Full Time**
One (1) Recreation Supervisor - Filled
 - **Part Time Activity Supervisors**
(Personnel to be hired Spring of 2013)



- **OTTENHEIMER CENTER**

- **Staff: Currently Existing**

- Small amount of funds allocated for Utilities, Supplies, maintenance and contracts.

UPDATE:

Center operational as of August 25, 2012



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



- **WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER**

Projected Operation Date: 2014 –
Staff will be hired in 2014.



Department Summaries

II. 2012 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements

- The Centre at University Park
- 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



- **The Centre at University Park: \$3,220,000**
 - 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

UPDATE:

Construction is currently underway. Estimated construction time is 8 months.



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

UPDATE:

Currently reviewing priority and implementation strategy.

Park improvements implemented as 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.

UPDATE:

Issued RFQ for Architect and Construction Manager – due October 2, 2012.

Surrounding lands are under investigation for acquisition to lend towards center's expansion. Construction Target: 2014 11



- 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 12th Street, acquire additional lands

UPDATE:

On-going.



- 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.

UPDATE:

On-going.



- 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

UPDATE:

LWCF grant under consideration.

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

UPDATE:

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.

UPDATE:

On-going.



- 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

UPDATE:

On-going.



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

UPDATE:

Bids for repair of River Trail landslide currently being advertised.



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 in July 2012

UPDATE:

Completed as of August 25, 2012