Departmental Presentations
Little Rock Parks and Recreation
Wednesday, September 19, 2012
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)
CITY OF LITTLE ROCK

• WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

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


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 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