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 (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
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- Staffing:
  - One Full Time Position
    Outreach Coordinator (Filled)
• 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:**

▪ 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:**

Selection committee currently reviewing proposals for architect and construction manager

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 as needed

  **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:**

Biddable documents for repair of River Trail landslide currently underway.
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