Recreation Commission Agenda and Report

General Order of Business

1. Preliminary
   A. Call to Order
   B. Salute to the Flag
   C. Roll Call
2. Consent Calendar
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Communications
5. Staff Presentations/Ceremonial Items
6. Action Items
7. Commission Referrals
8. Commission and Staff Communications
9. Adjournment

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council Chambers will not be open for February 3, 2021 meeting of the Recreation Commission. The meeting will be conducted remotely via video/teleconference.

The Public may watch and/or participate in the public meeting by joining the meeting through the Zoom Videoconference link provided below. The public may also join the meeting by calling the below listed teleconference phone number.

Submission of Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments at the February 3, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting, you may either: (1) submit your comments by email prior to the meeting, or (2) by Spoken Public Comment during the meeting.

How to submit Public Communications/Public Comment by email prior to the meeting:
Send an email to tleung@fremont.gov by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number and meeting date in the subject line of your email, or specify that it is not related to an agenda item. Emails will be compiled into files by agenda item number, distributed to the Recreation Commission and staff, and published in the City's Agenda Center on www.fremont.gov. Electronic comments on agenda items for the Recreation Commission meeting may only be submitted by email. Comments via text and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) will not be accepted.

How to provide Spoken Public Comment during the meeting: The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Whether you participate online or by phone, you may wish to "arrive" early so that you can address any technology questions prior to the start of the meeting.
How to provide Spoken Public Comment during the meeting (cont.):

1) By online:
   - Recreation Commission Zoom Webinar: [https://zoom.us/j/95154008217](https://zoom.us/j/95154008217)
     a. Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+.
        Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Mute all
        other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause an audio feedback.
     b. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you
        that it is your turn to speak.
     c. When the Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raisehand.” Speakers
        will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
     d. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

2) By phone:
   - 833-430-0037 (toll free)
   - Webinar ID: 951 5400 8217
   - Click*9 to raise a hand to speak, via phone.

Order of Discussion
Generally, the order of discussion after introduction of an item by the Chair will include comments and
information by staff followed by Recreation Commission questions or inquiries. The applicant, or their
authorized representative, or interested citizens may then speak on the item. At the close of public discussion,
the item will be considered by the Recreation Commission and action taken.

Consent Calendar
Items on the Consent Calendar (printed on separate sheet) are considered to be routine by the Recreation
Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a
Commissioner or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and
considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Addressing the Recreation Commission
Any person may speak on any item under discussion by the Recreation Commission after receiving recognition
by the Chair. Speaker cards will be available at the speaker’s podium prior to and during the meeting. To
address the Commission, a card must be submitted to the Clerk indicating name, address and the number of the
item upon which a person wishes to speak. Speakers are required to line up to conserve time between speakers.
When addressing the Recreation Commission, please walk to the rostrum located directly in front of the
Commission. State your name and address. In order to ensure all persons have the opportunity to speak, a time
limit may be set by the Chair for each speaker. In the interest of time, please limit your comments to new
material; do not repeat what a prior speaker has said.

Public Communications
Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so under the Public
Communications section. Please be aware provisions of California Government Code Section 54954.2(b)
prohibit the Recreation Commission from taking any immediate action on an item which does not appear on the
agenda, unless it meets stringent requirements. The Chair may limit the length of your presentation.

Assistance
Assistance will be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Interested persons must request the accommodation at least 2 working
days in advance of the meeting by contacting the Community Services Department at (510) 494-4347.
Information
For Information on current agenda items please contact the Community Services Department at (510) 494-4347.

Copies of the Agenda and Report are available at the Community Services Department administrative office at 3300 Capitol Avenue, Building B and are available at each Commission meeting. In addition, complete agenda packets will be available for review at the Commission meeting or at the Community Services Department office three days prior to Commission meetings.

Information about the City or items scheduled on the Agenda and Report may be referred to:

**Tracey Leung, Executive Assistant**  
Community Services Department  
3300 Capitol Avenue, Building B  
Fremont, California 94538  
Telephone: (510) 494-4347

*Your interest in the conduct of your City’s business is appreciated.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Recreation Commission</th>
<th>Department Staff</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jannet Benz</td>
<td>Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robby Gill</td>
<td>Kim Beranek, Community Services Deputy Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brian Hughes</td>
<td>Juan Barajas, Park Superintendent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mia Mora</td>
<td>Tara Bhuthimethee, Senior Landscape Architect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Larry Thompson</td>
<td>Kathy Cote, Environmental Services Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elissa Winters</td>
<td>Jimmy Dilks, Waterpark Revenue &amp; Sales Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(one vacant)</td>
<td>Andrew Freeman, Business Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Matt Herzstein, Waterpark Operations Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Irene Jordahl, Recreation Superintendent II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mark Mennucci, Senior Landscape Architect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ernie Moreira, Urban Landscape Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ken Pianin, Solid Waste Administrator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Roger Ravenstad, Parks Planning &amp; Design Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Michael Sa, Recreation Superintendent I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Lance Scheetz, Recreation Superintendent II</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
AGENDA
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
FEBRUARY 3, 2021
7:00 P.M.

1. PRELIMINARY
   A. Call to Order
   B. Salute to the Flag
   C. Roll Call

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   • January 20, 2021

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS
   5.1 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN: SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICALLY
       VALID SURVEY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE 2021/22-2025/26 CAPITAL
       IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

6. ACTION ITEMS
   6.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
       Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2021
   6.2 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR
       Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar from January 2022 through December 2022
   6.3 EBRPD/CITY OF FREMONT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBER REPLACEMENT
       East Bay Regional Park District / City of Fremont Liaison Committee Member (Primary)
   6.4 2021/22-2025/26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
       Consider recommending to the City Council Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021/22-2025/26
       Capital Improvement Program for Park Projects Eligible for Funding with Park Facilities
       Development Impact Fees

7. COMMISSION REFERRALS

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT
STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS
STAFF REPORT

5.1 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN: SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE 2021/22-2025/26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Contact Persons:
Name: Tara Bhuthimethee  Roger Ravenstad
Title: Senior Landscape Architect  Parks Planning and Design Manager
Dept.: Community Services  Community Services
Phone: 510-494-4738  510-494-4723
e-mail: tbhuthimethee@fremont.gov  rravenstad@fremont.gov

Executive Summary: Staff will summarize the preliminary results of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan’s statistically valid Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment survey. In particular, this staff report provides relevant information as it pertains to the current 2021/22-2025/26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

BACKGROUND: The following summary of the preliminary results of the statistically valid Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment survey is limited to information as it relates to the CIP. The broader overview of the preliminary results of the survey will be presented at the February 3rd Recreation Commission meeting. The final report will be posted on the InventFremontParks website a few weeks thereafter once staff and consultants have reviewed and verified the data in the report. There will be a study session with the City Council on February 16, 2021 at 6 pm to present the findings from the statistically valid survey, and all are invited to attend.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan process included a robust public input campaign, which included a crowdsourcing website that allowed visitors to submit comments on what they would like to see in the Master Plan; a custom-designed app (HAPPiFEET Fremont PARKS) which allowed users to submit comments on-site at any park location; a stakeholder interview process, in which over 200 stakeholders/user groups were invited to participate; a series of virtual public input meetings with over 500 participants; a statistically-valid survey; and an online survey.

The City has received over 750 independent comments over the course of the project thus far.

The City received 1,941 responses to the online survey, which emulated the statistically valid survey and ran for approximately 6 weeks from early December to mid-January. It was not possible to determine
whether survey participants were residents, and it was not possible to limit how many times an individual could take the survey.

In order to validate the issues and themes received during public meetings and online surveys, the City conducted a scientific survey of randomly selected Fremont residents. In November 2020, the City of Fremont launched a statistically-valid survey to assess the parks and recreation needs of its residents. The survey was administered by ETC Institute, the City’s consultant, with a goal of receiving 450 returned surveys. A total of 527 residents completed the survey, resulting in a precision of at least +/-4.2% at the 95% level of confidence. The significance of the statistically valid survey is that it includes a scientifically representative cross-section of the Fremont population and it does not differentiate between avid users and non-users.

The Recreation Program Assessment currently being conducted by the consultant will also take the survey results into consideration when making recommendations for future recreation programming opportunities. This Assessment is also important to the CIP since new facilities or facility updates are often needed to support the proposed programs.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

**Fremont vs. National Average Stats**
Approximately 97% of Fremont households have visited parks and recreation facilities in comparison to the national average of 79% of households. Compared to the national average, Fremont residents felt their needs for playing fields were generally met, however their needs for multi-use paved trails were unmet. Fremont residents stated that reasons that prevented them from using parks and recreation facilities included a lack of parking to access parks/trails, not being aware of parks’ or trails’ locations, and not feeling safe using parks/trails. These were each stated at least 20% more than the national average.

**Priorities for Facilities/Amenities and Program Investments**
The preliminary results of the statistically valid survey identify a number of priority areas for investment, including trails, restrooms, open space and conservation areas, restrooms, picnic areas/shelters, small neighborhood parks, and large community parks. The need and priority for walking trails and paths consistently rose to the top in several areas of the survey. While restrooms were also a priority and noted theme throughout the survey, it was unclear whether the need is for the improvement of existing restrooms or the addition of more restrooms (or both).

Many of the projects included in the current 2021/22-2025/26 Capital Improvement Program support the results of the survey. This is discussed in greater detail in the “2021/22-2025/26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM” staff report, which will also be discussed at the February 3, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting. Trails were rated as the highest priority identified for investment. For the purposes of this report, “pathway,” “sidewalk,” and “trail” are used interchangeably. Multiple pathway projects identified in the CIP will expand existing trails to include new trails, and many other pathway projects will extend disconnected sidewalks to create complete walking loops in several neighborhood and community parks, such as at Centerville Community Park, Central Park (multiple trails), Rix, Buena Vista, and Sylvester Harvey.
The Hetch Hetchy Bike and Pedestrian Trail project will initiate a study to connect several neighborhood parks in Warm Springs, allowing residents to walk from park to park through a protected corridor emanating from a park sidewalk at the Milpitas border south of Scott Creek Road, connecting Plomosa, Lone Tree, and Booster Neighborhood Parks to Warm Springs Community Park, and finally terminating at James Leitch elementary school. This trail would require an easement through the Hetch Hetchy San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) corridor.

The proposed CIP includes funding for three new restroom projects at California Nursery Historical Park, Pacific Commons Sports Park, and Palm Avenue Community Park.

The Dusterberry Neighborhood Park, currently under construction, is addressing the need for a small neighborhood park, and funding the Palm Avenue Park will address the need for a large community park. The promise of the 10-Minute Walk goal will also necessitate the creation of more neighborhood parks throughout Fremont as well, as land is strategically acquired. This would apply as well to the priority for open space and conservation areas. The CIP also proposes a project to provide administrative support in the analysis and recommendation for purchasing new park land within the City to address these and other issues related to the expansion of park and recreation services. The City will depend on future Park Land Impact Fees to support this effort.

**Priorities for Recreation Programming**

Identified priorities for recreation programming investment included adult fitness and wellness programs, exercise classes, senior health and wellness programs, historic park programs, and community special events. These priorities for adult and senior health and wellness programs may be a reflection of the aging population, as was projected in last year’s Demographics and Trends report.

While the survey did not show a strong preference to financially support a new or expanded community center, the top three unmet programming needs suggest that due to the City’s limited indoor activity spaces, a facility may be required in order to meet the needs of the exercise classes and adult and senior fitness and wellness programs. The City’s new Warm Springs Age Well Center will be opening soon and it will offer some health, wellness and fitness programs to the Fremont community. At this time it is undetermined how this facility will influence this identified unmet need, but with the projection that approximately one-third of Fremont residents will be 55 and over by 2034, it is likely that this need will increase in the future if not addressed.

The need for adult fitness and wellness programs came in as an overwhelmingly top priority, significantly higher than the second priority of exercise classes. The current CIP includes funding for two large outdoor adult fitness equipment facilities—one at Dusterberry Neighborhood Park and one at Central Park. The addition of this adult-centric fitness equipment may address some aspects of the need for adult fitness and wellness.

The survey showed very strong support for Historical Park programming. The proposed CIP includes continued funding for the on-going development of California Nursery Historical Park (CNHP), which will give this historical park the attention required to preserve its heritage, highlight and celebrate its historical significance, and allow visitors to explore its natural and historical wonders in a sustainable manner. As highlighted in the adopted CNHP Master Plan, nature classes, school break camps, a
community garden and small community events will be offered at this park.

Summary
The proposed CIP, discussed in detail in a separate report, is aligned with the results of the statistically valid survey. Almost all of the high priorities in the survey are being addressed with proposed projects or existing projects seeking additional funding. Not all needs can or should be addressed within this FY 2021/22-2025/26 CIP cycle, as some of the newly discovered information may need more vetting or exploration to understand more completely what other factors should be taken into consideration prior to making project funding decisions. Two years from now, the City will again be updating the Capital Program and survey findings and the soon to be adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan will continue to have significant sway on the decision making.
ACTION ITEMS
STAFF REPORT

6.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2021

Contact Person:
Name: Suzanne Wolf
Title: Director
Dept.: Community Services
Phone: 510-494-4329
e-mail: swolf@fremont.gov

BACKGROUND
The Fremont Municipal Code, Section 2.20.030, Regulations for Subject Bodies, Section (o), states: “Each subject body shall, at its first regular meeting held for the transaction of business during a calendar year, elect a chairman and a vice-chairman for such calendar year.”

ATTACHMENTS: Recreation Commission Roster

RECOMMENDATION

6.2 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR
Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar from January 2022 through December 2022

Contact Person:
Name: Suzanne Wolf
Title: Director
Dept.: Community Services
Phone: 510-494-4329
e-mail: swolf@fremont.gov

BACKGROUND
At its February 5, 2020 meeting, the Recreation Commission approved a proposed calendar for its use of Council Chambers through December 2021.
DISCUSSION
Staff recommends the Recreation Commission approve its meeting calendar from January 2022, through December 2022. A proposed calendar for the use of Council Chambers is included in Commission agenda packets. After the Commission has approved its meeting calendar, staff will reserve Council Chambers for the Recreation Commission meetings.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Approved calendar for the Recreation Commission’s Use of City Council Chambers from January 2021 through December 2021.
2. Proposed calendar for the Recreation Commission’s Use of City Council Chambers from January 2022 through December 2022.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve proposed calendar for the Recreation Commission’s Use of City Council Chambers from January 2022 through December 2022.

6.3 EBRPD/CITY OF FREMONT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBER REPLACEMENT
East Bay Regional Park District / City of Fremont Liaison Committee Member (Primary)

Contact Person:
Name: Suzanne Wolf
Title: Director
Dept.: Community Services
Phone: 510-494-4329
e-mail: swolf@fremont.gov

Executive Summary: The purpose of this item is to recommend the Recreation Commission appoint a new Commissioner, if necessary an alternate, to the East Bay Regional Park District/City of Fremont Liaison Committee.

BACKGROUND
On September 7, 2004 the City Council established a Liaison Committee to replace the Ardenwood Regional Preserve Advisory Committee and determine the City’s representation to the Liaison Committee.

ATTACHMENT: None

RECOMMENDATION
1. Select an individual Recreation Commissioner to the East Bay Regional Park District/City of Fremont Liaison Committee and recommend the Mayor appoint that individual to the Liaison Committee.
6.4 2021/22-2025/26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Consider recommending to the City Council Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021/22-2025/26 Capital Improvement Program for Park Projects Eligible for Funding with Park Facilities Development Impact Fees

Contact Persons:
Name: Roger Ravenstad  Suzanne Wolf
Title: Parks Planning and Design Manager  Director
Dept.: Community Services  Community Services
Phone: 510-494-4723  510-494-4329
e-mail: rravenstad@fremont.gov  swolf@fremont.gov

Executive Summary: Staff will present for Recreation Commission recommendation to City Council the final list of proposed projects and funding for the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 City Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This proposal culminates the discussions held at two previous Recreation Commission Study Sessions on November 4, 2020 and December 2, 2020.

BACKGROUND: The City is in the process of preparing the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. The City engages in the capital planning process every two years as a means for the City Council to establish priorities and provide funding for the most important capital improvements throughout the city.

On November 4, 2020 and December 2, 2020, the Recreation Commission held study sessions to begin discussing the parks component of the CIP.

This report provides a brief summary of proposed funding and projects and concludes with a list of staff recommendations for Recreation Commission action. All the Commission’s recommendations will be provided to the City Council during their consideration of the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26CIP, with the first City Council review currently planned for March 9, 2021.

The City Council will hold additional public hearings on the Capital Improvement Program before adoption of the final Capital Improvement Program in June 2019.

Funding for park maintenance: The City’s ability to build new park projects has been curtailed by the need for a new funding mechanism to pay for additional park maintenance costs. Since 2003 when the maintenance budget was reduced by nearly 20%, the city has put park projects on hold pending new maintenance funding. Staff is recommending projects that have identified maintenance funding, improves the maintenance situation of an existing facility, or projects that can cover the maintenance costs through new fee generation or other means.

Meanwhile, the city continues to grow in population, resulting in intensified use of, and competition for, existing resources. Staff continues to work diligently to identify ways to meet the recreational demands of the growing population within the constraints of the park maintenance budget, and to achieve maintenance efficiencies in whatever ways possible. Maintenance funding has been identified for Dusterberry Neighborhood Park, Palm Avenue Community Park (working name), Innovation Plaza(s), Lila Bringhurst
Community Park, and Pacific Commons Sports Park (working name).

**Status of park development funds:** The Finance Department has prepared estimates of the five-year (FY 2021/22 - FY 2025/26) projected revenues and interest earning for park development funds, based on expected development activity in the residential sector. These estimates show projected revenue and interest earnings over the five-year Plan of $36,839,126. This in addition to projects that were shown in the previous five-year Plan (FY 20019/20 – FY 2023/24) as programmed and not allocated, which are discussed below under the heading “Exhibit 2.”

**DISCUSSION:**
**Exhibit 1, Projects Proposed for Closing or Defunding:** Several projects are being “closed out” or partially defunded, which have remaining balances that will return to the Park Development Funds. These are shown in Exhibit 1, totaling $711,229. During the work session on December 2, 2020, the Recreation Commission reviewed defunding and/or closing seven projects for reasons described below, which will help fund additional projects for a total of $711,229 in the proposed Capital Improvement Program.

Central Park North Restroom Building (Always Dream) in the amount of $241,172, Measure WW Administrative Cost in the amount of $49,682, Play Area Conversion to Synthetic Turf in the amount of $0, Ballfield Backstop & Fencing, in the amount of $70,072 and California Nursery President’s House, in the amount of $220,885 are all shown for close out.

Irrigation Upgrades in the amount of $12,860, and Park Signs, in the amount of $116,558, are both shown for defunding and close out.

**Exhibit 2, Projects Previously Programmed:** Projects that were shown in the previous five-year Plan (FY 20019/20 – FY 2023/24) as programmed and not allocated total $20,900,000. Programmed projects are in the last three years of the Plan. These projects will now show in the new five-year Plan as year one through three, with year one and two as allocated years and year three as a programmed year.

No modifications are proposed in the programmed projects, except that some projects will need additional funding, which will be shown in final list of project allocations for the CIP. The list of existing programmed projects is shown in Exhibit 2.

**Exhibit 3, Total Funding Available and Projects Proposed for Funding:** Section A of Exhibit 3 summaries all funding available and projected by the City Finance Department during the five-year FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The $20,900,000 of projects programmed in the last FY 20019/20 – FY 2023/24 CIP is not included in the Section A funding summary in Exhibit 3.

Section B of Exhibit 3 shows the detailed list of proposed new projects and existing projects proposed to receive additional funding in the proposed FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26. At the December 2, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting, the Recreation Commission reviewed the list of proposed new and existing projects in addition to the projects programmed in the last FY 20019/20 – FY 2023/24 CIP, as shown in Exhibit 2.

**Significant funding elements of the 5-year plan:** This year staff is recommending that all remaining funds, $7,000,000 from Fund 541 be used toward renovation projects. Fund 541 is money collected in
compliance with the Quimby Act of 1965 and has historically been used only for acquisition of new park land but is allowed by statute to be used for park renovation projects that address impacts from increased population. Due to changes in Impact Fee collection enacted by the City Council in 2015, the City no longer collects park land impact fees under Quimby Act and instead collects park land impact fees under AB1600 (Mitigation Fee Act of 1987). The result of this change is that new monies collected under AB1600 cannot be used for renovation projects such as with Quimby Act monies. The AB1600 park land impact fee funds are now being collected and identified in Fund 542. Fund 542 has estimated balance of $44,000,000 and projected revenues of an additional $38,000,000 collected over the next 5 year plan, for a total amount of approximately $82,000,000. With residential land currently selling for approximately $3,000,000 per acre, existing Fund 542 revenues would provide the ability to purchase approximately 15 acres of the most expensive land in Fremont, should opportunities arise.

Given the healthy projected balance of Park Land Impact Fees (Fund 542), staff proposes to spend down the remaining $7,000,000 of Fund 541 (Quimby Fees) for park renovation projects in this CIP. Further, the City is required to allocate or program funds within 5 years of collecting the revenue. This is the last of the City’s fees that can be spent on renovation projects. If the City were to identify land for purchase, it would likely have to spend the renovation eligible Quimby money before spending the more recently collected and more restrictive park land impact fees.

Staff is proposing the appropriation of $200,000 of Park Land Impact Fees (Fund 542) to a project titled “Park Land Acquisition Administrative Support” to provide funding to support the analysis and study of potential park land acquisition opportunities. This study will make recommendations on the use of the existing $44,000,000 of fund balance to purchase new park land within the City.

Summary of Funding Available (see Exhibit 3, Section A):

1. Dollar value of projects recommended for defunding, reduction, or closeout (Exhibit 1): $758,170
2. Existing interest balance collected on Fund 539 (Central Park use only) $10,728
3. Five-year projections of funding available from park development funds: (this amount DOES NOT include monies attributed to previously programmed projects shown in Exhibit 2): $27,814,252
4. Dollar value of Fund 541 (renovation) monies proposed for allocation $7,150,976
5. Five-year projections of pre-1995 funds available: $267,442
6. Existing interest balance collected on Fund 545 (non-park fees) $659,604
7. State Proposition 68, per capita contribution to Fremont $177,954
8. Proposed one-time use of Fund 542, Park Land Impact Fee $200,000

Amount for allocation to new projects\(^1\) $37,039,126

\(^1\) This is the amount that the Recreation Commission can recommend be allocated to new projects, without making any other defunding recommendations beyond the projects already recommended in Exhibit 1. Section A of Exhibit 3 shows the total funding available, minus those projects already programmed in Exhibit 2, in the amount of $20,900.00.
Acquisition of park land: For the preparation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Recreation Commission is not required to make any specific recommendations concerning acquisition of park land. Acquisitions are made when opportunities arise. As stated above, at the end of the next five-year plan, there will be an estimated $82,000,000 in Park Land Impact Fees (Fund 542) available for acquisition of new park land, which includes the existing fund balance of $44,000,000. This Plan proposes the one-time use of $200,000 from Fund 542 to provide money for the analysis and recommendation of potential park land purchases.

Major Themes of the 5-Year Plan:
This year the Capital Plan is responding to many of the requests that the City has received through the multiple public meetings and surveys that have been conducted during the Parks and Recreation Master Plan outreach effort. Most importantly, the preliminary results of the statistically valid survey provide staff and the Recreation Commission clear and accurate data related to preferences of the general community of Fremont. The Commission has received a presentation of the preliminary survey findings from the Master Plan consulting team under a separate agenda item. This proposed Capital Plan has been prepared in response to the issues that received the most attention in the statistically valid survey and supported though other public meetings conducted in the latter half of 2020.

Specifically, the areas of high priority and the projects that respond to those priorities are as follows:

PAVED MULTI-USE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS:
- Centerville Community Park Expansion. Loop/walking paths will be part of this project.
- Central Park Path: East Meadow.
- Central Park Path: Stevenson to Lake at ACFC Channel.
- Central Park Path: Senior Center to Lion’ Picnic and Fremont Community Center.
- Central Park Trail & Loop Parking Lot.
- Rix Park Completion. This project will include a paved trail throughout park.
- Buena Vista Park Loop Trail.
- Sylvester Harvey Community Park Loop Trail.
- Hetch Hetchy Bike and Pedestrian Trail at Warm Springs or Irvington (Design and analysis).

RESTROOMS:
- California Nursery Implementation. This project will renovate one existing restroom to current standard, and add one new restroom.
- Pacific Commons Sports Park. This project will include at least one new restroom.
- Palm Avenue Community Park. This project will include at least one new restroom.

*Note: The City has a total of six restrooms that are either recently completed and open or are under design and scheduled for construction soon as follows. Two restroom rebuild projects are currently funded and under design at Centerville Community Park and Central Park Kennedy play area. Two other rebuilds were recently completed at Warm Springs Community Park and at Central Park Always Dream play area, plus one new restroom completed at the Palm Pavilion large picnic area. Lastly, this year the City will be opening Lila Bringhurst Community Park, which has one new restroom.*
OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION AREAS:
Note: Based on detailed conversation and direct input at public meetings, this subject captures a broader interest of incorporating additional biodiversity, native/drought tolerant plants, habitat, and overall environmental sustainability into existing and proposed parks, plus actual acquisition of open space and conservation areas in Fremont.

- California Nursery Historical Park Implementation. This project includes infrastructure and irrigation support for reviving and protecting the forested areas of the park that protect owl habitat, native trees, stormwater management, and preservation of an open space areas within the urban framework.
- Lake Elizabeth Shore Stabilization. This project will reduce erosion of the lake edge habitat and preserve the lake integrity.
- Park Land Acquisition and Administrative Support. This project will explore land acquisition opportunities to enhance all types of park and recreation needs in addition to the consideration of open space lands.

SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:
- Dusterberry Neighborhood Park
- Rix Neighborhood Park. This project will complete an unfinished neighborhood park, which currently does not meet the City park development standard for neighborhood parks.
- RixPark Basketball Court Relocation and Upgrade.
- Improvements are proposed in multiple neighborhood parks. Play area renovations are proposed at Marshall Park, Azevada, and Buena Vista Neighborhood Park(s). Basketball court resurfacing is proposed at multiple neighborhood parks.
- Park Land Acquisition and Administrative Support. This project will explore land acquisition opportunities to enhance all types of park and recreation needs in addition to the consideration of small neighborhood parks to the 10-minute walk campaign.

LARGE COMMUNITY PARKS:
- Palm Avenue Community Park.
- Play area renovations are proposed at Central Park, Booster, Northgate, Los Cerritos, Centerville, and Old Mission Community Park(s).

COMMUNITY GARDENS:
- California Nursery Historical Park Implementation. Project includes the relocation of LEAF community garden to a new permanent location at California Nursery Historical Park.

PICNIC AREAS AND SHELTERS:
- Centerville Community Park Expansion. This project will include new picnic areas and shelters.
- Centerville Community Park Shade Structure and Picnic Area Renovation. This project will renovate an existing picnic area and add a new shelter to the picnic area.
- Cricket Field Shade Cloth.
- Dusterberry Neighborhood Park. This project will include new picnic areas and shelters.
- Mammoth Picnic Area Expansion.
- Old Mission Community Park Picnic Area Upgrade.
- Northgate Community Park Closed Roof Arbor.
- Old Mission Community Park Closed Roof Arbor.

Staff proposes that the Recreation Commission recommend City Council defund or close out projects listed in Exhibit 1; carry forward programmed projects in the last FY 20019/20 – FY 2023/24 CIP to be shown in the proposed FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP as funded/programmed in years one, two and three, as shown in Exhibit 2; and appropriate funds to existing and proposed projects as shown in Exhibit 3, Section B for the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.

ENCLOSURES:
Exhibit 1: Existing Projects Scheduled for Close-Out and Proposed for De-Funding
Exhibit 2: Programmed Projects and Proposed Adjustments
Exhibit 3: New Park Revenues and Project Proposals for the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. Recommend the City Council defund and close the Central Park North Restroom Bldg (Always Dream Restroom), PWC 8718 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
2. Recommend the City Council defund and close the Measure WW Administrative Cost Project, PWC 8774 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
3. Recommend the City Council defund and close the Play Area Conversion to Synthetic Turf, PWC 8835 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
4. Recommend the City Council defund and close the Ballfield Backstop & Fencing Project, PWC 8878 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
5. Recommend the City Council defund a portion of the Irrigation Upgrades Project, PWC 8886 in the amount of $12,860 from Fund 533 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
6. Recommend the City Council defund a portion of the Park Signs Project, PWC 8948 in the amount of 116,558 from Fund 540 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
7. Recommend the City Council defund and close the California Nursery Presidents House, PWC 8951 and return monies to the appropriate Fund Balance for re-allocation in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
8. Recommend the City Council move forward projects from last CIP under FY 2019/20 through 2021/22 to be included in the proposed FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP under the same fiscal years, as shown in Exhibit 2.
9. Recommend the City Council allocate funds to projects in Exhibit 3, Section B, as shown, in the FY 2021/22 - FY2025/26 CIP.
ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

ZOOM WEBINAR RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

How the Meeting Will Work
Recreation Commission meetings will be held via Zoom Webinar. The City of Fremont Recreation Division is hosting the meeting, the Recreation Commission, Director of Community Services, Deputy Director of Community Services, Parks Planning and Design Manager and staff who have presentations are the panelists, and Fremont residents and members of the public – as well as City staff – are attendees. Webinar attendees do not interact with one another; they join in listen-only mode, and the host can unmute one or more attendees as needed.

How to Provide Public Comments
Staff at Recreation Division is accepting public comments on behalf of the Recreation Commission via Email. Please add the Recreation Commission meeting date in the subject line such as in the example below.

- Email Address: tleung@fremont.gov
- Subject: Public Comment for the Upcoming Recreation Commission Meeting 2/3/21 – (Please identify the agenda item number)
- Send email by: 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Live Public Comment: If you are unable to provide a written comment (by email), you may join the webinar as an attendee to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda. You may access the webinar via the link below. Public participation guidelines are provided in the right column of this page.

- Recreation Commission Meeting Zoom Webinar: https://zoom.us/j/95154008217
- By Phone: 833-430-0037 (toll free)
  Webinar ID: 951 5400 8217
  Click *9 to raise a hand to speak, via phone

Public Participation Guidelines
Below are recommendations from the Recreation Division to be considered for use by members of the public in meetings conducted via Zoom Webinar.

- Identification: Upon entering the webinar, please enter your name, number or other chosen identifier, so that the host can call upon you during the public comment period.
- Raise Hand (pictured above): You have the ability to virtually raise your hand for the duration of the webinar, but you will not be acknowledged and your mic will remain muted until you are called on during the public comment period. Click *9 to raise a hand to speak, via phone. Click Lower Hand to lower it if needed.
- Public Comment Period: Use “Raise Hand” to be called upon by the host. The host will unmute your mic and you will have the ability to share your comment. Each speaker is allowed up to three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. We kindly request speakers to mute or turn down the broadcast, when it is their opportunity to speak, as it may cause interference with the speaker system.
- Use headphones/mic for better sound quality and less background noise.