



Agenda

Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

April 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

We welcome your interest and involvement in the city's legislative process. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Parks & Recreation Commission and the action recommended by city staff. You can read about each topic in the staff reports, which are available on the city website.

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2024.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

The items listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion unless members of the Commission or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND GRANT PROCESS** – Receive a presentation regarding the Intergovernmental Affairs Program, ongoing legislative advocacy, process related to grant opportunities, and grant funding priorities. (Staff Contact: Jason Haber, Intergovernmental Affairs Director)

Recommendation: Receive the presentation and provide feedback as appropriate.

2. **SITE VISIT OPTIONS FOR A PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING/TOUR** – Discuss park, recreation facility and capital improvement project site visit options for a Parks & Recreation Commission special meeting to be held on July 24, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Staff Contact: Mick Calarco, Parks & Recreation Department)

Recommendation: Discuss potential sites and activities for a Commission tour.

3. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – Receive a report on recently completed and upcoming Parks & Recreation Department activities, donations and grants, as well as other topics of interest. (Staff Contact: Mick Calarco, Parks & Recreation Department)

Recommendation: Receive the report.

COMMISSION COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS: *This portion of the agenda is for the Commission to make brief announcements, brief reports of their activities and requests for future agenda items.*

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT



Minutes

March 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Winston, Allemann, Rasines, Sander, Gisbert.

Absent: Bartels, Rasines.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Rasines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Feb. 26, 2024

Motion by Chair Winston, second by Vice Chair Allemann, to approve the Minutes as presented.
Motion carried, 4/1/2 (Rasines – Abstain, Bartels, Knight – Absent).

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **NOMINATION OF A SEQUOIA AT 4970 CINDY AVENUE AS A HERITAGE TREE** – Accept the nomination of a Sequoia sempervirens (Santa Cruz Redwood) at 4970 Cindy Avenue as a Heritage Tree and recommend the City Council approve its designation. (Staff Contact: Todd Reese, Parks & Recreation Department)

Recommendation: Accept the nomination and recommend City Council Approval.

Park Services Manager Todd Reese presented a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) describing the heritage tree acceptance process, the criterion upon which staff made its decision to accept the tree as a heritage tree, and the recommended action.

Motion by Commissioner Allemann, second by Commissioner Rasines to accept the nomination of the heritage tree and recommend City Council approval. Motion carried, 5/2 (Bartels, Knight – Absent).

2. **OPTIONS FOR A PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING/TOUR** – Discuss scheduling options for a Parks & Recreation special meeting, to tour predetermined parks, recreation facilities and capital improvement program projects. (Staff Contact: Mick Calarco, Parks & Recreation Department)

Recommendation: Discuss potential locations, dates, and times for a Commission tour.

Recreation Services Manager Mick Calarco presented the item with a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) on options for a Commission tour in the Summer.

Commission discussed potential locations, dates and times for the Commission tour, and agreed to revisit this item at next month's meeting for finalization.

3. **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Receive a report on recently completed and upcoming Parks & Recreation Department activities, donations and grants, as well as other topics of interest. (Staff Contact: Mick Calarco, Parks & Recreation Department)

Recommendation: Receive the report.

Recreation Services Manager Mick Calarco and Parks Services Manager Todd Reese presented the item with a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Office of the City Clerk).

Commission received the report.

COMMISSION COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS: *This portion of the agenda is for the Commission to make brief announcements, brief reports of their activities and requests for future agenda items.*

Chair Winston encouraged Commissioners to visit the parks/facilities and schedule a tour with staff of sites such as the Alga Norte Aquatic Center – as he had done.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Lancaster provided a reminder of upcoming department events and thanked the Commissioners for their service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Winston adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Charlene Buckalew
Administrative Secretary



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Kyle Lancaster, Parks & Recreation Director

Staff Contact: Jason Haber, Intergovernmental Affairs Director
jason.haber@carlsbadca.gov, 442-339-2958

Subject: Intergovernmental Affairs Program, ongoing legislative advocacy, process related to grant opportunities, and grant funding priorities

Recommended Action

Receive a presentation regarding the Intergovernmental Affairs Program of the City of Carlsbad and the city's recent and ongoing legislative advocacy efforts related to parks and recreation and provide feedback as appropriate.

Executive Summary

The City of Carlsbad City Council Legislative Subcommittee works in coordination with the city's Intergovernmental Affairs Director, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, city departments, legislative consultants and the Carlsbad community to:

- a. Receive information and advise the City Council on intergovernmental and legislative matters affecting the city;
- b. Continuously monitor state and federal proposed legislation, and:
 - i. Review proposed legislation for consistency with the city's Legislative Platform;
 - ii. Make recommendations to the City Council to identify high priority bills; and
 - iii. Make recommendations to the City Council to adopt advocacy positions on priority bills not addressed by Legislative Platform;
- c. Proactively seek to identify local and regional legislative needs and recommend bill sponsorship opportunities to the City Council; and
- d. Engage and inform the Carlsbad community (residents, businesses, stakeholder groups) and other governmental agencies on intergovernmental and legislative matters affecting the city.

City Council and Legislative Subcommittee Member Teresa Acosta and Intergovernmental Affairs Director Jason Haber will provide an update on the city's recent and ongoing advocacy efforts related to parks and recreation; including an overview of the city's process for evaluating and pursuing grant opportunities, and the city's current grant funding priorities.

Exhibits

None



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 15, 2024
To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Kyle Lancaster, Parks & Recreation Director
Staff Contact: Mick Calarco, Recreation Services Manager
mick.calarco@carlsbadca.gov, 442-339-2859
Subject: Site Visit Options for a Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting/Tour

Recommended Action

Discuss park, recreation facility and capital improvement project site visit options for a Parks & Recreation Commission special meeting to be held on July 24, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Executive Summary

In past years, the Parks & Recreation Commission has opted to hold a special meeting, allowing staff to provide a tour of pre-determined parks, recreation facilities and capital improvement program projects. The Parks & Recreation Commission recently scheduled a special meeting for July 24, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff will provide Commissioners with scheduled activities/programs/camps at select parks, aquatic, and community centers. Should Commissioners reach a consensus on sites and activities, staff will proceed with making corresponding arrangements.

Conducting a tour will address the following Goals and Tasks of the Parks & Recreation Commission's 2024 Work Plan (Exhibit 1):

2. *Enhance accessibility, visibility and engagement*
 - a. *Ensure a quorum at all Commission meetings*
 - b. *Have Commissioners conduct site visits to parks, facilities, and programs*

Exhibits

1. Parks & Recreation Commission 2024 Work Plan

City of Carlsbad

Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

2024

I. Mission Statement

The Mission of the Parks & Recreation Commission is to promote community health and wellness while supporting a culture that embraces change and continuous improvement.

II. Composition

Consistent with Chapter 2.36 of the Carlsbad Municipal Code, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council. Members shall serve four-year terms. The Parks & Recreation Commission shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the commission, to make recommendations to the city council and to advise the council in matters pertaining to the creation, operation, maintenance, management and control of community recreation programs, of playgrounds and indoor and outdoor recreations, activities and facilities. Further, it shall be the duty of the commission to advise and make recommendations to the city council on matters pertaining to planting, trimming, pruning, and care of all trees, shrubs or plants and to the removal of all objectionable trees, shrubs and plants in and upon any park of the city. The parks and recreation commission shall have the additional power, and it shall be the duty of the commission to review tree-related issues and to determine the needs of the city with respect to its tree planting, replacement, maintenance and preservation programs.

The commission will also make recommendations to the city council on policies, regulations or ordinances pertaining to the care and protection of public trees and the selection of specific species of trees for designation along city streets, including the development of a community forest management plan for the city. In addition, in accordance with Section 11.12.150 of the municipal code, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall hear appeals from decisions of the city manager acting through the parks and recreation director or designee, regarding the planting or removal of street trees.

III. 2024 Goals & Tasks

The Parks & Recreation Commission will focus on the following 2024 Goals and Tasks:
(Goals identified in numerals; Tasks to accomplish those Goals identified in alphas)

1. Advise city staff and City Council on projects, plans, events and programs
 - a. Focus on progress, adherence and impact

2023-2030 PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE: SUPPORT REFERENCE

PARKS STRATEGIES

Short Term (0-3 Years)

- *Seek City Council direction on whether to pursue the construction of outdoor pickleball courts at an existing park to address the current demand*

- *Complete a Parks in Lieu Fee and Parks Impact Fee Study and present its findings to the City Council for review and direction*
- *Complete construction plans, bidding and construction implementation for Stagecoach Park Community Garden*
- *Complete construction plans, bidding and construction implementation for Veterans Memorial Park*
- *Complete community engagement, conceptual design and permitting for Robertson Ranch Community Park*
- *Contribute to completing construction plans, bidding and construction implementation for Monroe Street Pool Renovation/Replacement (in support of project's lead department: Fleet & Facilities)*
- *Contribute to completing construction plans, bidding and construction implementation for Beach Access Repairs and Upgrades (in support of project's lead department: Transportation)*

Ongoing

- *Incorporate environmentally friendly practices into park design and operations, such as drought-tolerant landscaping and energy-efficient lighting*
- *Explore certifications or equivalencies, such as SITES or LEED, for new park designs or renovations*
- *Ensure full ADA access at all parks, with a focus on most immediate needs*
- *Add more trees within parks, where feasible*

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS STRATEGIES

Ongoing

- *Enhance pathway and parking lot lighting, and reduce energy consumption, by converting aging incandescent systems with modern LED systems*

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FACILITIES STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Assess current programs and facilities to identify barriers to accessibility and develop plans to address identified barriers (in support of project's lead department: Risk Management)*
- *Explore expansion of scholarship programs and other financial assistance options, such as sliding scale fees, to help reduce barriers to program participation*
- *Evaluate offering programs at the northern, city-controlled beach*
- *Expand program offerings outdoors, including fitness, etc.*
- *Annually evaluate program lifecycles to ensure balance between different stages*
- *Offer multicultural programs that reflect the community's increasing diversity*
- *Provide accommodations, such as sign language interpretation, to make programs and facilities more inclusive*

Ongoing

- *Continue to monitor program trends to ensure ongoing alignment with community needs*
- *Utilize technology, including Augmented Reality, and Virtual Reality to enhance the program experience*

FUNDING AND MARKETING STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Identify potential grant opportunities and develop grant proposals to secure funding*
- *Implement fee study findings to ensure fees are competitive to those fees of surrounding cities for like offerings*
- *Develop a CAPRA compliant department marketing plan to promote the various offerings*

Ongoing

- *Partner with community organizations and businesses to provide additional funding for scholarships and discounted programs*
- *Annually review and adjust program, event and facility fees to ensure they are competitive to the market*
- *Annually review athletic field use fees competitive to the market*

2. Enhance accessibility, visibility and engagement
 - a. Ensure a quorum at all Commission meetings
 - b. Have Commissioners conduct site visits to parks, facilities and programs
 - c. Have individual Commissioners attend at least two Parks & Recreation events

2023-2030 PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE: SUPPORT REFERENCE

PARKS STRATEGIES

Ongoing

- *Encourage community participation in reporting maintenance or safety concerns*
- *Review the potential for adding park amenities based on the levels of service recommendations*

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Continue to invest in upgrading aging infrastructure with the department's annual operating budget and – as needed – with the capital improvement program budget*

Ongoing

- *Explore grant opportunities to supplement funds for upgrades to aging infrastructure and equipment*

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FACILITIES STRATEGIES

Ongoing

- *Encourage feedback and open communication between the department and the community*

FUNDING AND MARKETING STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Develop a CAPRA compliant department marketing plan to promote the various offerings*

3. Broaden outreach and education
 - a. Connect with other relevant agencies and organizations
 - b. Invite educational presentations at Commission meetings

2023-2030 PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE: SUPPORT REFERENCE

PARKS STRATEGIES

Short Term (0-3 Years)

- *Educate park visitors about sustainable practices and encourage them to participate in environmental initiatives*

Ongoing

- *Encourage community participation in reporting maintenance or safety concerns*

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Explore partnerships with community organizations or individual volunteers to periodically provide additional maintenance support*

PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND FACILITIES STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Partner with local organizations that represent marginalized communities to receive input on program development*

Ongoing

- *Partner with healthcare organizations to provide health screenings and education to the community to the active adult population*
- *Work with community organizations and local businesses to develop partnerships that can help provide or promote new programs and event offerings*

FUNDING AND MARKETING STRATEGIES

Short Term = 0-3 Years

- *Consider revenue generation that includes corporate partnerships, sponsorships, foundations and/or naming rights opportunities*

Ongoing

- *Partner with community organizations and businesses to provide additional funding for scholarships and discounted programs*



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Staff Report

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Kyle Lancaster, Parks & Recreation Director
Staff Contact: Mick Calarco, Recreation Services Manager
mick.calarco@carlsbadca.gov, 442-339-2859
Subject: Parks & Recreation Department Report

Recommended Action

Receive a report on recently completed and upcoming Parks & Recreation Department activities, donations and grants, as well as other topics of interest.

Executive Summary

Mick Calarco, Recreation Services Manager and Kyle Lancaster, Parks & Recreation Director, will report on recently completed and upcoming parks and recreation activities, and other topics of local interest.

Exhibits

1. Department report



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

April 15, 2024

GENERAL & RECREATION

Praise for Senior Center Staff, Volunteers, and the Home Meal Delivery Program

Carlsbad resident, Jack Jacobs, wrote to city staff recently to share praise and gratitude for Carlsbad Senior Center staff, volunteers, and the home meal delivery program. He wrote: "I want to advise you that my wife and I will be moving out of Carlsbad soon and will no longer be able to take advantage of your excellent home delivery meal service program. Our scheduled moving date is April 14, so Friday, April 12 would be our last day of service. I will make a final donation at that time. I want to commend you on assembling a fine cadre of volunteer delivery personnel. They are, without exception, a warm, friendly group that has been a pleasure to greet every weekday morning. The variety of meals has been excellent, and quality very good across the board. Probably most important is the meals are nutritionally balanced and flavorful. It might be hoping too much to find a program as good as yours at our new home in San Marcos. Thank you, Eric, from the bottom of our hearts, and best wishes to you and the gang at the Senior Center for continued success in the future."

Carlsbad 5000

The 38th annual Carlsbad 5000 was an incredible success, with more than 8,000 runners converging on the city to take part in the iconic race. Participants flew in from around the world including Mexico's Olympian, Laura Galvan, who has qualified for this summer's Paris Olympics. This year's event introduced an exciting new course along the picturesque coastline of Carlsbad Blvd, offering participants stunning views and a smoother route experience. The entire community turned out to support the runners, lining the streets to cheer them on every step of the way. The Carlsbad 5000 not only highlighted Carlsbad's natural beauty but also exemplified the vibrant community spirit shared among our city and its residents.

EGGStravaganza

Rainy weather couldn't dampen community spirit at this year's EGGStravaganza, as the city transformed the event into a Hop 'n' Go drive-through on Saturday, March 30. With over 500 families in attendance, our bunnies hopped into action, delighting kids and adults alike by handing out eggs and treats directly through car windows. A huge shoutout to staff and the 18 dedicated volunteers who braved the rain to help bring smiles to families' faces.

Tween/Teen Friday Nights at Pine Avenue Community Center

On Friday, April 5, 2024, Parks & Recreation Department staff hosted the first in a series of tween/teen Friday nights at the Pine Avenue Community Center. An introduction to cooking event kicked things off. Teens learned basic skills to help them in the kitchen, including chopping, dicing, creating recipes, and then bringing those recipes to fruition all in a safe controlled environment. The cooking instruction was led by Theresa Chai who is an experienced chef with experience that includes teaching cooking lessons at Sur La Table.

Next up:

Friday, April 19, 2024

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Cooking Competition

\$10 per person

This program builds upon the skills learned in the Intro to Cooking program held on April 5. Tweens and teens will be divided into teams to put their cooking skills to the test. They will be aided and instructed by Theresa Chai, an experienced chef who has taught multiple cooking classes at Sur La Table. This will be a light, fun environment that will help teens and tweens develop ease and experience in the kitchen in a safe, controlled setting. Prizes for winning teams!

Friday, April 26, 2024

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sports Night

\$10 per person

Create memories with tweens and teens from the community in our gym, all while engaging in a safe, active, fun, and competitive games. Sports options include basketball, soccer, volleyball, dodgeball, Wii Sports, access to the teen center and more.

Upcoming Event: Classic Car Show

Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Free

Visit Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park and admire a display of vintage vehicles. Guests will enjoy seeing a variety of classic cars with the rustic beauty of the Ranch as a backdrop. Free walking tours of the historic structures and grounds will be available at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. This event is presented in partnership with the San Diego Packard Club.

Upcoming Event: Pirate Plunge

Saturday, April 27, 2024

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

\$10 per person, children aged three years and younger are free.

Enjoy pirate themed pool activities and games during the City of Carlsbad's annual Pirate Plunge event. Come dressed in a swimsuit and enjoy the swashbuckling activities which include diving for treasure, ship raider race, walking the plank, and other fun pool activities and floating obstacles. The Splash Pad will be open for the little ones. Dry activities include a pirate ship slide, a photo opportunity and a treasure hunt where children will have the chance to follow a map around the decks collecting treasure along the way. Food will be available for purchase.

Upcoming Event: Fiesta at the Rancho

Saturday, May 11, 2024

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$125 per person through April 19

\$150 per person starting April 20

The California History & Art Program is a cooperative endeavor between the Parks & Recreation and the Library & Cultural Arts Departments, and the Friends of Carrillo Ranch, Inc. The community can support this beloved program by attending the annual Fiesta at the Rancho fundraiser. Set beneath the stars of the historic Hacienda on Saturday, May 11, the event promises an enchanting evening featuring a delicious catered dinner, drinks, live entertainment, and a silent auction. Tickets are available at www.carlsbadca.gov/carlsbadconnect.

PARKS

Monroe Street Pool Renovation/Replacement Project

The project team completed review of the 90% construction plans and returned comments to the design consultant (LPA) on Feb. 28, 2024. Staff met with LPA staff on Mar. 6, 2024, to review the comments and address questions. LPA intends to complete the construction plans and specifications in Spring 2024. Staff will subsequently return to the City Council with the 100% construction plans and specifications, and an updated cost estimate, for further direction.

Veterans Memorial Park Project

The 100% construction plans and specifications were received from the design consultant (RJM) in December 2023 and were submitted for various agency permits and interdepartmental reviews. The construction plans, specifications and draft standard public works contract are anticipated to be initially reviewed by all applicable departments in Spring 2024.

Stagecoach Park Community Garden Project

The 100% construction plans and specifications were received from the design consultant (Rick Engineering) in December 2023 and submitted for interdepartmental reviews. On April 23, 2024, the City Council will review staff's request for approval of plans, specifications and contract documents and authorization to advertise for the project for bids. Pending that approval, the project will be bid over the balance of Spring 2024. Commencement of construction on the project is targeted for Summer 2024.

Robertson Ranch Park Project

On Oct. 12, 2023, the Communications & Engagement team forwarded a summary for the first round of public input received in planning Robertson Ranch Park. This summary played a pivotal role in helping the design team make sound decisions for the park's conceptual designs. The design consultant (Schmidt Design Group) completed the three conceptual designs in January 2024.

An in-person workshop to present conceptual designs took place on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024; a virtual workshop took place on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024; and a targeted outreach with the Rancho Carlsbad Homeowners Association took place on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024. The online survey was closed, and staff presented the conceptual designs to the Parks & Recreation Commission on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024. The Communications & Engagement team has completed a summary for the second round of public input, which will be posted on the project webpage. The design team will utilize the information gained during that round of public input to create a final concept plan to be released for public review in Summer 2024.

Options for Construction of New Outdoor Pickleball Courts at Existing Parks

Staff explored numerous existing park sites throughout the city in all four park districts for the potential construction of new outdoor pickleball courts. Staff then narrowed the assessment to 10 options, ranging from four courts to eight courts each, at five different community parks. On Feb. 13, 2024, the City Council approved a Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program Project Charter for the scoping, initial design and final design of four new pickleball courts at Calavera Hills Community Park and

four new pickleball courts at Stagecoach Community Park. The addition of these new outdoor pickleball courts is responsive to the public's current demand for this amenity and will substantially broaden the service area coverage.

The project charter has an estimated total cost of 2 to 2.4 million dollars and an anticipated schedule of 24 to 28 months to design, permit, bid and construct. Once the final designs and cost estimates are completed, staff will return to the City Council for further direction on the funding and construction.

Upcoming Trails Volunteers Event

The second Trails Volunteers Event was held at the Village H North Trail on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 8:30 to 10:30a.m. Two dozen volunteers spent their Wednesday morning working alongside staff, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to fill low spots on the trail surface with rocks and base material. The volunteers and staff were supported by the Police Department's Parks Rangers, who helped truck material down to the site. All trails events, held either on the weekends or midweek, are open to the public. The midweek events are generally supported by Trails Captains and a core group of trails volunteers; they are traditionally smaller events that provide direct staff support to targeted areas.

Park Land Dedication and In Lieu Fee Study

The city recently retained NBS Government Finance Group to prepare a Park Land Dedication and In Lieu Fee Study to calculate the updated park land dedication requirements and the fees to be paid in lieu of dedication of park land for residential subdivisions, as authorized by the Quimby Act (Government Code Section 66477). During March 15 and 16, 2024, the Park Land Dedication and In Lieu Fee Study was posted to the city's website, transmitted to the Building Industry Association and other development related entities for their review, and legally noticed the public hearing. On April 10, 2024, staff made a presentation on the study to the Building Industry Association of San Diego's Legislative Committee. The public hearing on is scheduled for the City Council Meeting on April 23, 2024, and staff will be recommending the City Council consider a phased implementation of the proposed park land in lieu fee increase. The public can view the full study on the city's website, at www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/parks-recreation.