



AGENDA

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, December 13, 2023
12:00pm Creekmore Community Center

Approval of minutes from the November 8th meeting.

1. Review Design Proposal for Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Splash Pad
2. Project Updates
3. Public Comments
4. Commission and Staff Comments

City of Fort Smith
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
November 8, 2023

The Parks and Recreation Commission met at noon on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in the Rose Room at Creekmore Park Community Center.

Park Commission members present: Madeline Marquette, Chris Raible, David Roberts, Sam Hanna, Sandy Sanders, Nancy Raney, and Andrew Deal.

Park Commission members absent:

Staff members present: Jeff Dingman, Sara Deuster, Linda Woodruff, and Amber Plank.

Others: Michael Mings, Jo Elsken, and Rick Murphy.

Chris Raible called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Hanna and unanimously approved.

1. Review Revised FY24-FY28 Parks Capital Improvement Plan

The Parks Commission was presented with a revised FY24-FY28 Capital Improvement Plan based on comments made by the Board of Directors during their October 17th Study Session. Deuster provided an overview of the changes from the information provided in the agenda packet.

Marquette made a motion to move the \$1 million back to John Bell, Jr. Park to prioritize finishing the development of the park. The motion was seconded by Deal. Marquette, Raney, and Deal voted in favor of the motion. Hanna, Roberts, Raible, and Sanders were opposed. The motion was defeated.

Roberts motioned that the money for the dog park be reduced by the amount necessary to provide shade structures for the River Skate & Bike Park. The motion was seconded by Raney and unanimously approved.

Deal made a motion to eliminate funding for the expansion of the Parrot Island Waterpark and move the funds where they will be better used to serve the community better. The motion did not receive a second.

Roberts made a motion to accept the CIP with the recommendations we have discussed and passed. The motion was seconded by Hanna and approved by Marquette, Raible, Sanders, Raney, Hanna, and Roberts. Deal opposed the motion. The motion was approved.

2. **Project Updates**

Tilles Park- The Board of Directors approved the contract for the walking trail, basketball court, and drainage improvements. Board also recommended adding an additional basketball court. This will be considered once the contracts are executed and construction begins.

Martin Luther King JR. Park- The existing splash pad will be demolished due to its age and continued deterioration. The goal is to have a new splash pad complete by Memorial Day.

Woodlawn Park- The prefab restroom was ordered a few months ago. The pad, electrical, plumbing, drainage improvements, and basketball court resurfacing will be going out to bid in November with construction beginning either in mid-January or the first of February.

Creekmore Bathhouse- The design development documents have been submitted for review. Beshears Construction will start a line-item pricing based on these documents.

Hillcrest Park Improvements- A public meeting will be held in December or January for the neighborhood to make recommendations for park amenities.

Creekmore Park Improvements- The Board of Directors approved the train-themed toddler play area, swing bay, and patio and recreational area. Construction for these projects will begin once Holiday Express concludes. An advertisement for bids for the train maintenance shed and tunnel will run this Sunday. A price for the replacement of the railroad ties and spikes, including installation was received. This amount is \$63,000.

Riley Farm Park Trail- Hawkins-Weir is currently working on an engineering agreement to realign the trail and replace the pedestrian bridges.

Maintenance- The holiday light displays have been installed. Staff are currently working on wiring the displays.

Farmer's Market Shade- The hearing for the \$250,000 matching grant for the Farmers Market pavilion was held on October 27th. Deuster and Kathy Mazyck presented the project to the committee. The awarded projects are expected to be announced in February.

Carol Ann Cross Park- Phase I improvements are complete the final payout will be taken to the Board of Directors for approval Tuesday. The engineering has started for the inclusive playground. The self-service kayaks have been delivered and are open for public use.

3. **Public Comments**

Rick Murphy was present and expressed his ideas that the City should consider solar panels.

4. **Commission and Staff Comments**

Marquette mentioned Holiday Express will begin on Monday, November 27th at 5:30pm. Pancakes with the Grinch will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 9am-10:30am at the River Park Events

Building. Marquette added the Commission will provide lunch for the Parks Staff before the December 13th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Chris Raible, Chairman

Amber Plank, Records Coordinator

MLK Splash Pad

Splash Pad Design Proposal 12/08/2023

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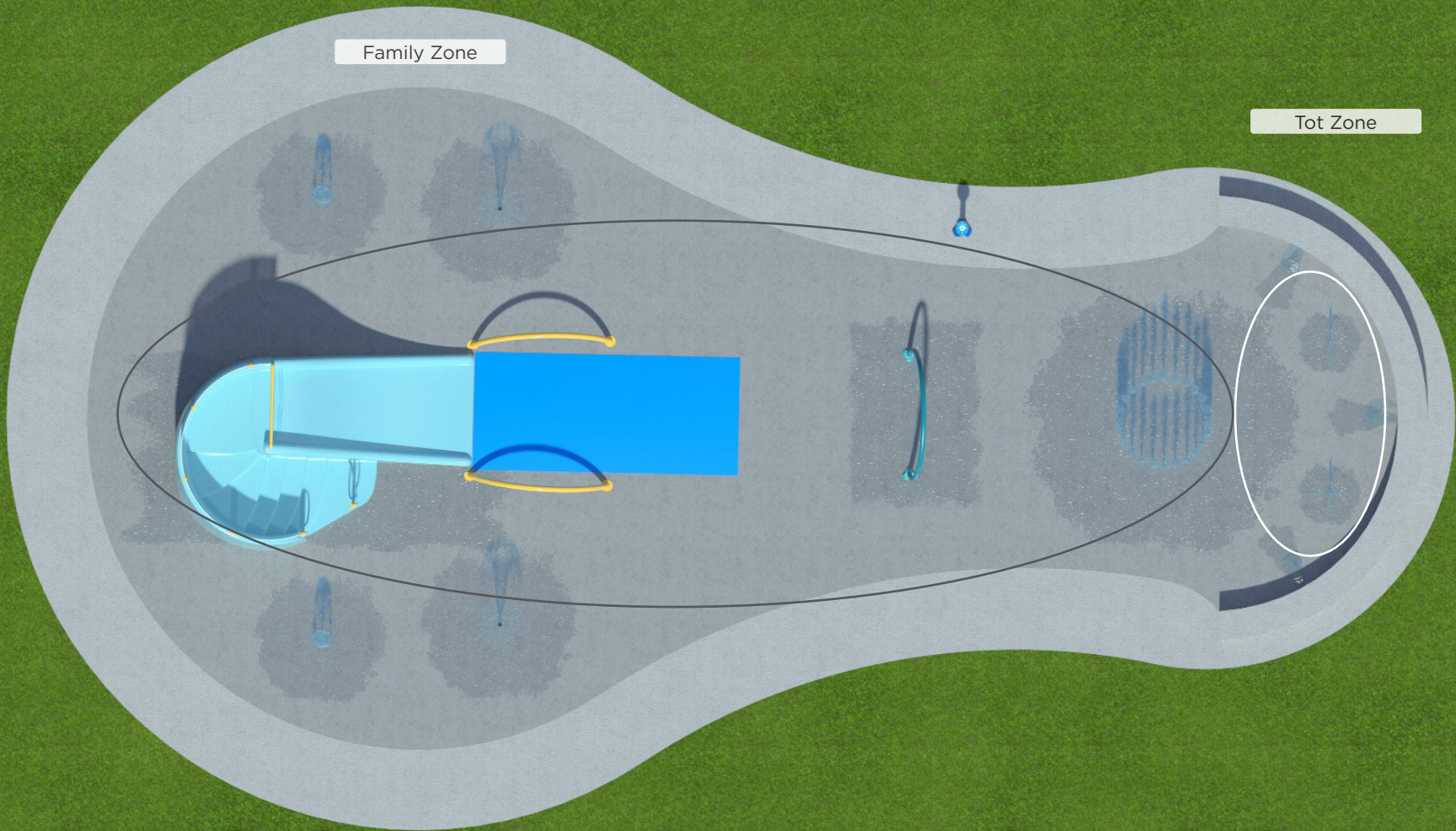
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Design Details

*Surface finishes and/or site furnishings shown are conceptual and provided by others.

Proposed Color Palette

Paint Colors



Project Details

Dimensions

98'-3"L x 55'-9"W

Total System Flow Rate

209 GPM

Color Approval

Customer Signature

Date

Colors shown are for representation purposes.
Consult with your Representative for actual color swatches for final color selection.