

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department - WSPP Projects to Kick-off in 2021

Proposed Action	PRCA Division	Project Title	Description of Project	Rationale	Order of magnitude anticipated cost (planning, community engagement, conceptual design, construction drawings, permitting and construction) - Current Funding Request	Proposed Project Kick-off Year	Proposed Construction Year	PRCA Division Ranking	Fiscal Notes
Modify Project Scope	Cultural	Cultural Center Discussion / Festival and Arts Park	Original Project Focus - Development of a network of cultural amenities in the downtown area, a Cultural District, that includes enhanced existing amenities, new amenities, and enhancements to Downtown's public realm. Revised Project Focus - With the loss of the Alachua County Fairgrounds for the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire and other events, staff is proposing to develop a Festival and Arts Park.	The PRCA Vision 2020 identified a demand for a Cultural Center in Gainesville and earmarked \$10M for the project. The development of a Cultural District, a network of state-of-the-art cultural amenities within the downtown area, allows the city to both improve existing cultural amenities and expand the cultural offerings over time, while investing in the downtown area. This Festival and Arts Park would become the official permanent home of the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire, with the potential to host other City-produced festivals or events, and be rented out to other entities wishing to have a festival or event.	\$ 2,500,000	2021	TBD - Depends on land acquisition	Cultural Affairs - First priority	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B118
Modify Project Scope	Cultural	Thelma A. Boltin Center Improvements	Upgraded or new building HVAC and safety systems to meet code requirements, building layout modifications to maximize space usability, including a new lobby and main entry, 2 multi-purpose activity rooms, restrooms, support areas, and public access to the backyard and a new 600-1,000 SF offstage building addition to provide performer greenroom, restroom, storage, and direct stage access (including ADA).	The Thelma A. Boltin Center is a historic landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places and an active recreation center. The building was last renovated in 1999 and is due for a broad building system upgrade.	\$ 2,250,000	2020	2021	Cultural Affairs - Second priority	WSPP - Budget for design and permitting was approved by the City Commission on 11/5/2020. The cost shown in this spreadsheet represents the anticipated construction costs. Fiscal Note: Add funds to B269
Reallocate Funds	Cultural	Rosa B. Williams Center Improvements	Acquire property for parking lot. Start the design, permit and construct parking lot once land is acquired.	The goal is to create additional parking south of the building.	\$ (100,000)				Land that the city had intended to purchase and develop into a parking area to support the Rosa B. Williams Center was sold to another entity (for > 10% over the appraised value). The opportunity is no longer available. Fiscal Note: Reallocate funds to B101
Modify Project Scope	Ironwood	Ironwood Golf Course Improvements	Addition of a covered area (bandshell) with a small building close by to house bands and performers, replacement of 30-year-old irrigation well/pump. Add netting on the west side of the driving range. Improvements to accessibility.	Add amenities at Ironwood that support the facility being used for cultural events. The existing irrigation well/pump system is at the end of its useful life and needs replacement. The driving range has increased in popularity over the last year and netting is needed to prevent lost balls. Continue to improve accessibility throughout parks to allow all neighbors to enjoy these amenities.	\$ 350,000	2021	2022	Ironwood - First priority	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B251
Modify Project Scope	PRCA / Nature Ops	Boulevard Springs Historic Water Works Improvements + Boulevard Springs Nature Park Improvements	Evaluate the building and site for ADA compliance. Replace windows and carpet, paint interior and exterior, replace rotted decking and rail, update kitchen, HVAC, and other general improvements to allow the building to be programmed/rented. Renovation of north entrance/trailhead/equestrian parking area: replace signage, fencing, replace bollards, water fountain, benches and other improvements. Repave walkway to rail trail.	The old water works building is a historical marker that deserves recognition and is currently in danger of falling into a state of disrepair. The building is currently boarded up. This is consistently one of the most used and popular parks due to the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail.	\$ 825,000	2021	2022	PRCA - First priority, Nature Ops - First tier priority	Fiscal Note: Create new unit/cost center
Modify Project Scope	Nature Ops	Loblolly Woods Nature Park Boardwalk Renovations	Reconstruct 1400 LF of boardwalk north of NW 8th Avenue <u>or</u> replace boardwalk with a paved berm trail	The boardwalk at Loblolly Woods Nature Park, spanning from NW 8th Avenue approximately 1400 feet north, has been closed to the public since August 2020. Severe wood rot has created a safety hazard that is beyond the capacity of City staff to repair.	\$ 350,000	2021	2021	Nature Ops - First tier priority	Fiscal Note: Create new unit/cost center
Modify Project Scope	Nature Ops	Alfred A. Ring Park Improvements	Restroom renovations, pavilion repair, signage, wildflower garden infrastructure improvements, trail improvements and erosion repair/prevention, bridge and bridge approach repairs, evaluate boardwalks.	These improvements are much needed, will add a lot of value to the user experience, and ranked #1 on the original list of WSPP projects.	\$ 160,000	2021	2022	Nature Ops - First tier priority	Nature Ops - please note that additional funding is available from a donation to augment WSPP funding. Fiscal Note: Create new unit/cost center
Modify Project Scope	Nature Ops	Duval Park Improvements	Parking area, a new playground, trail connections, and signage.	Parking and connectivity will enhance the newly renovated boardwalk/trail system and make the park a more useful and safe space. A new playground is needed at the park to replace the one that was damaged in 2020.	\$ 175,000	2020	2021	Nature Ops - Second tier priority	Fiscal Note: Create new unit/cost center
Add Project to WSPP Work Plan	Park Ops	Forest Park Improvements	Athletic field upgrades, site drainage, dog park, lighting, parking lot and basketball court improvements and other park enhancements to include lightning detection system.	Park acquired from the County in poor condition in 2017 during an annexation. The park was acquired after the creation of the "List of 99 Projects" that was supporting documentation for the WSPP Ballot Referendum.	\$ 2,100,000	2021	2022	Park Ops - First tier priority	Fiscal Note: Create new unit/cost center
Modify Project Scope	Park Ops	Tom Petty Park Softball Field Improvements	Bleacher improvements (shade), accessible walkways, ballfield regrading, grassing and drainage improvements.	These are our designated softball fields and some improvements to the turf and grading will be a benefit to the groups that use them.	\$ 350,000	2021	2022	Park Ops - First tier priority	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B126
Modify Project Scope	Park Ops	Albert "Ray" Massey (Westside) Park Playground Improvements	Improvements to the playground at this 50+ year old park. This is the busiest park in Gainesville and the playground equipment is 15 years old, which is near the end of its anticipated lifespan.	One of the PRCA Vision 2020 goals is to create a fully accessible park in each quadrant of the city. Westside Park is the ideal location for a boundless playground. Autism spectrum appropriate play elements would be included in this project.	\$ 1,350,000	2021	2022	Park Ops - First tier priority	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B259
Modify Project Scope	Park Ops	Improve Bikeway and Trail Connections	Continue to make connections for greater bike and trail access throughout the City. NE 31st Ave Trail from NE 15th St. to Waldo Rd	Improved Bikeway and Trail Connections were identified as high priorities in the PRCA Vision 2020 Master Plan.	\$ 850,000	2021	2021	First priority from the 2020 Gainesville Neighborhood Survey / Park Ops - Second tier priority	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B266
Modify Project Scope	Recreation	Fred Cone Park Event Pavilion	Explore potential renovation of Fred Cone Park to include a large pavilion for events.	Provide a safe, welcoming space in east Gainesville for large community gatherings.	\$ 25,000	2021	TBD	City Commission Directive	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B252 (Please note this is only a budget to explore additional conceptual master plans. Additional funding will be requested once a conceptual master plan is approved by the City Commission.)
Modify Project Scope	Recreation	Park and Field Lighting Overhaul	Replace existing field lights with energy efficient infrastructure and light additional multipurpose fields. Proposed fields to add lighting to include: Tom Petty Park Multipurpose Field, Fred Cone Park Softball Field, Multipurpose Field and Basketball Court.	There is a high demand for lit multipurpose fields. The only lit multipurpose field in Gainesville is Fred Cone Park.	\$ 1,265,000	2021	2022	Recreation - First priority	Fiscal Note: Create new unit/cost center
Modify Project Scope	Recreation	City Pool Improvements - Façade and pool infrastructure enhancements	The pools are popular year-round destinations for lap swimming, aquatic classes and meets. The facilities are basic in their offering and would benefit from a facelift to turn them into attractive multi-generation recreational destinations.	Façade and lobby/ticketing area upgrades, poolside decking and connections, and better accessibility will make the pools more inviting and welcoming. Parking lot reconstruction at H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool is needed for improved accessibility for all neighbors. A new roof is needed at H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool.	\$ 1,100,000	2021	2022	Recreation - Second priority	Fiscal Note: Add funds to B250
Reallocate Funds	PRCA	Solar Charging Stations	Install Solar Charging Stations in at least 7 City Parks.	A pilot program was previously conducted.	\$ (35,000)				Fiscal Note: Reallocate funds to B101
Project Contingency		Contingency Funds estimated at 10% of the project total	Funds to cover unanticipated expenses for projects.		\$ 1,365,000				Fiscal Note: Add funds to B101
Total:					\$ 14,880,000				