



STAFF REPORT TO COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION (CLSC)

TO: Chair Yamamoto and Members of the CLSC Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Christopher Roke, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2025

TOPIC: Parks System Master Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Community and Library Services Commission receive an update from staff regarding the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, also known as the Parks System Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks System Master Plan was developed over an 18 month period before being officially accepted by the Hercules City Council in early 2024. The Parks System Master Plan was a community-driven collaboration that set out to determine the best way to invest in Hercules' parks, facilities and trails.

The Master Plan provides a framework to guide the city in setting priorities and making decisions about our parks over the next 10 years, with a specific focus on projects to be addressed in a 5-year action plan.

ANALYSIS:

Some of the projects that have been completed to date include several projects at the Community Swim Center, Refugio Valley Park, the Senior Center, the Teen Center, and more; including things like a new fence around the pool, wall mounted basketball hoops in the gym, interior and exterior painting, installing an all abilities swing, the removal and planting of trees, a kitchen renovation, the transition of the teen center to a preschool center, the installation of water bottle refill stations inside several facilities and in the parks.

There are other projects that are in various stages including the renovation of the playground at Beechnut Mini Park, the renovation of the basketball court and playground at Foxboro, the addition of shade structures in Refugio Valley Park and more.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for these projects varies from project to project and site to site. But the projects selected have been part of what was identified in the Parks System Master Plan, and

have been strategically threaded into the CIP process as a way to show progress to the community and a commitment from the City Council being honored.

ATTACHMENTS:

None – flyer below is from the Fall 2025 Hercules Activities Guide

CITY OF HERCULES PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

PARKS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

The City of Hercules developed it's first-ever Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan) in 2024 after approximately 18 months of community-driven collaboration to determine how best to invest in Hercules' parks, facilities and trails.

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SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED TO DATE INCLUDE...



- **Community Swim Center:**
 - Installed new fence around the pool
 - Installed additional Wall Mounted Basketball Hoops in Gym
 - Painted the interior & exterior



- **Refugio Valley Park:**
 - Installed All Abilities Swing
 - Removed 40+ trees & planted 70+ trees



- **Senior Center:**
 - Renovated the kitchen



- **Teen Center:**
 - Transitioned facility to a Preschool Center

- **Installed bottle refill stations** at the Community Center, the pool, the Senior Center, City Hall & Ohlone Community Center, ongoing

PROJECTS COMING UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE

- **Beechnut Mini Park:**
 - renovation including new playground, bbq area, anticipated completion 2027
- **Foxboro:**
 - Renovation of Basketball Court, anticipated completion spring 2026
 - Renovation of Playground, anticipated completion spring 2026
- **Refugio Valley Park:**
 - Installation Bottle Refill Station with ADA Fountains and a Pet Bowl, anticipated completion summer 2025
 - Renovation of the Birds and Gems picnic sites, with permanent shade structures, anticipated completion fall 2025

SCAN TO SEE FULL PROJECT DETAILS

