

Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Manager Dillman and Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, responded to questions from the Commission regarding objection and appeal timelines, whether removal notifications will appear in local newspapers, avenues for public outreach regarding the notification process and the means to opt in to the program, how the City may address repeat objections from citizens not directly affected by proposed removals, the financial impact of preparing the arborist's response to objections, and ultimate responsibility for removal decisions.

Manager Dillman stated that an update on the new notification and objection process will be provided to the Tree Committee in the semi-annual report at the end of the year.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that one written public comment had been received for this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

***The Commission received and filed the report.***

6. Park Facilities Improvement Plan

This item starts at 00:43:06 in the archived video.

Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Director Swan responded to questions from the Commission regarding whether the La Puerta Sports Park lighting restrictions will apply to other parks with proposed lighting replacements/upgrades, the different types of playground surfacing, the locations of flagship parks in the area and the definition of a "flagship" park, possible funding sources, ways to lower costs for lighting replacements/upgrades, whether donated funds can be earmarked for specific parks, when and how specific elements will be determined for different park improvement projects, how the City applies for grants, and whether the City has any data regarding the correlation between playground improvements and reduction in crime.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that no written public comment had been received for this item.

Isabel Ebner, Claremont resident, spoke in support of Better Claremont Playgrounds becoming a non-profit, and hopes that any funds collected by the group will be allocated equitably. Ms. Ebner would like for some of the goals submitted by Better Claremont Playgrounds to be incorporated into a vision statement for the Plan.

Gabriel White, Claremont resident and AYSO Commissioner, expressed appreciation to the Commission for acknowledging the concerns regarding field conditions at Padua Park raised at the Parks, Hillsides, and Utilities Committee Meeting and to staff for the temporary repairs to the lower field. Mr. White feels that the condition of the upper field is unsafe for players and referees, and that there should be a long-term maintenance program for the City's sports fields.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The Community and Human Services Commission recessed at 8:32 PM.

The Community and Human Services Commission reconvened at 8:36 PM.

The Commission and staff discussed examples of local parks that may be considered flagship parks and possible challenges to developing Memorial Park as a flagship location.

Director Swan responded to questions from the Commission regarding parking lots to be repaired or replaced and how certain funds are restricted to the repair of parks, sidewalks, or streets, depending on the funding source.

Director Swan stated in response to public comment that some elements of the guiding principles submitted by Better Public Playgrounds were incorporated into the Plan and will be used in future playground development. Director Swan also stated that the City will continue to perform temporary work on the fields at Padua Park until the sports field improvement plan is completed and a major turf improvement project is scheduled.

***Commissioner Silva moved to approve the Park Facilities Improvement Plan and forward the Plan to the City Council for approval, seconded by Commissioner Binder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES:** Commissioner – Binder, Brower, Roselle, Scott Toux, Sifuentes, Silva  
**NOES:** Commissioner – None  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner – Glass

## REPORTS

### Staff

### DIRECTORS' REPORT

This item starts at 01:45:30 in the archived video.