



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 02/04/2024

CONSENT

AGENDA ITEM: Pebble Park Parking Expansion

TO: CITY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: Adam Swanepoel, Assistant Public Works Director

REVIEWED BY: Marty Powers, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND:

With an increase of public use of new playset, pickleball courts and increase in and field use in Pebble Park, parking has become more challenging. The use has resulted in a disruption of the traffic flow in and out of the park because of the narrow drive aisle. With the pickleball courts located close to the park entrance, staff have observed that parking has spilled over into the drive aisle and along the west side of the parking lot resulting in users having minimal space to back up or turn around.

ISSUE BEFORE CITY COUNCIL:

Would City Council like to expand the existing parking lot at Pebble Park and replaced the hillside with wildflowers and plant up to four mature trees.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS

Pebble Park's parking lot is a gravel lot that currently serves a number of attractive amenities within the park. Current users of the pickleball courts, pavilion, baseball field and soccer area find this area fills up quickly in the summer months. Expansion of the parking area is being considered to provide a larger parking area.

The west side of the parking lot is a densely overgrown hill consisting mainly of buckthorn and Ash trees. In 2024 public works staff removed much of the infected Ash trees and trimmed several of the other low hanging tree branches into the park. With the removal of the dense vegetation this exposed the hillside and opened the area for additional parking.

Staff is recommending the removal of the remaining vegetation and smaller trees in this area to expand the parking lot. Staff would remove dirt from an area of 30x150 feet from the current lot into the hillside to make it uniform and free of roots/debris. Public works staff would remove the dirt and fill in the parking area with recycled asphalt. A series of boulders would be placed near the base of the hill to prevent runoff and serve as a retaining wall to minimize the slope and create a boarder for parking.

Staff is recommending seeding the disturbed hill with perennial wildflowers. These flowers would grow back every year creating a colorful hillside. Staff would also recommend planting four mature trees for shade within the park since the removal of numerous ash trees and cotton wood trees in 2023.

Trees	\$1000
Wildflower Seed Mix	\$500
Erosion Blanket	\$200

TOTAL	\$1700
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The expansion of the Pebble Park Parking lot is currently on the 2025 work plan. Expenses from the project would come from the Parks Dedication Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

“Motion to approve the proposed purchases by city staff and to expand the parking lot at Pebble Park. not to exceed \$2000.”