



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

Bohnett Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Department hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 17, 2022 to celebrate the completion of the Bohnett Park Renovation and Storm Water Project. Under development since 2018, project construction began in late 2020. Due to a variety of conditions, project construction extended for a number of months beyond the original schedule. The Department was able to open portions of the park early September. With construction complete, the entire park is now open for community use. Completion of the project required a significant team effort of staff in the Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Community Development Departments, as well as construction contractors. Funding was provided by a Community Development Block Grant, the City General Fund, La Cumbre Foundation, and by hotel visitors through Measure B.

Oak Park Dance Floor Renovation

Renovation of the Oak Park Dance Floor began this month. Originally built in 1926 for the Campbell family of Goleta to serve as a dance floor for a gala honoring England's Prince George, it was purchased at auction by a local farmer, Peter Irvine, and transferred to Oak Park when Col. Colin Campbell died in 1941.

Although the dance floor has received minor repairs over the years, it is overdue for a larger restoration project. The comprehensive renovation will:

- Remove and replace all visible framing including, sheeting, perimeter skirting, benches and handrail/guardrails.

- Create a 1% pitch on the new dance surface to aid water run-off.
- Seal all plywood seams and hardware penetrations and waterproof the entire surface to match existing color.
- Replace and secure seat benches to the perimeter fencing and cantilever with steel armature to minimize standing water.
- Replace dance floor surface, stair fascia and ramp post and handrails.
- Complete a comprehensive waterproofing of the entire structure.

The well-loved Dance Floor hosts a diverse array of dance and fitness programs every week. We look forward to reopening a newly restored version of this popular venue in April 2022.

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