

City Council Item

April 27, 2026



Item	2026 Park Renovation Fund Allocation Discussion	
File No.		Item No: A.3
Agenda Section	<u>5:30 P.M. - WORK SESSION</u>	
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<u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u>	
The City Council expresses support for the 2026 Park Renovation Park Priorities as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission, for a replacement playground at Stone Creek Park (\$85,000) and supplemental playground equipment at Carver Beach Park (\$15,000).	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Asset Management

SUMMARY

The Park and Recreation Commission at your February 24 meeting listened to a Park Renovation Fund presentation from Finance Director, Kelly Grinnell. She outlined the fund's history, current budget, and projected fund balance over the next 3-5 years. The Park Renovation Fund for 2026 will have an allocation of \$110,000 for the commission to identify priority projects for the city council to consider and approve. Staff asked the commission to work on creating a list of park priority projects for the next 1-10 years and to identify park priority projects for 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Park Renovation Fund was developed in 2018 with revenues typically transferred from the General Fund to fund a variety of Park improvement projects. When first developed, the fund did not have a dedicated funding source. From 2018 to 2025, a variety of park improvements were completed. In 2022 and 2023, the city transferred funds from the General Fund to complete several playground replacement

projects. The city did not budget any transfers, income, or expenses in 2024 due to the Lake Ann Park Preserve project. In 2025, the City Council adopted a \$100,000 levy for this fund, and the Chan Rec Center Pickleball Courts were resurfaced, and the Carver Beach Playground equipment was replaced. With the City Council instituting this new levy, the city will have approximately \$700,000 available to fund park improvement projects over the next 5 years.

DISCUSSION

The Park and Recreation Commission reviewed the park priorities list and are formulating a plan to implement higher priority projects over the next 5-10 years. This priority plan continues to evolve and the commission is recommending the following 2026 Park projects be completed within the \$110,000 budget.

*Stone Creek Park Playground Replacement	\$85,000
*Carver Beach Park Playground Supplemental Equipment	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total	\$100,000

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Review the recommendation and provide implementation direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

[2026 Park Priority Projects](#)