

Council Meeting: July 9, 2026	Prepared By: Jessica Christensen Buck, Parks and Recreation Manager
Topic: Heritage Park - Update	Action Required: Information Only

Summary

Construction of Heritage Park continues to progress toward completion. As the project has entered its final stages, coordination between multiple construction contracts continues to be complex. Staff has been actively working with contractors and utility providers to resolve outstanding items while maintaining overall project schedule.

The primary challenge affecting the project schedule has been utility coordination. Staff has been working through utility-related approvals and coordination since August 2025. While the necessary approvals have been received, the length of the approval process delayed the City's ability to secure spots within external agencies construction schedules.

Until permanent electrical service installation is completed, irrigation cannot be activated. As a result, installation of landscaping and seeding around the playground area must also be delayed, as newly installed plant materials require irrigation to survive.

Additional project delays have occurred due to backordered exterior wood siding materials and delayed installation of the upper exterior windows on the park building. Completion of these building elements, as well as the utility connections that run to the building, is necessary before concrete flatwork can be completed around portions of the building, including between the playground and building.

Current project delays are not anticipated to impact the City's soccer season (starting on Tuesday, July 7). The building will remain secure, appropriate construction fencing in place, and Parks and Recreation staff will be onsite during programming to help monitor activities and ensure participant safety.

Staff recommends presenting the results of the Heritage Park Building survey (submissions closed on June 26) at an upcoming meeting, with a proposed draft overview of rental process.

Based on the current construction timeline, staff recommends a tentative Heritage Park ribbon cutting for August 23, 2026, prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. While portions of the newly seeded turf may still be establishing, the park is anticipated to be in a safe and functional condition at that time, with any necessary construction fencing and signage remaining in place where appropriate.

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