

Council Meeting: June 11, 2026	Prepared By: Jessica Christensen Buck, Parks and Recreation Manager
Topic: Heritage Park - Silt Fencing	Action Required: Direction

Summary

Construction activities at Heritage Park continue to progress, and staff have been working to balance project completion with restoring public access to portions of the park where it is safe and practical to do so. As a reminder, the western side of the park has remained closed throughout construction. At a previous City Council meeting, discussion occurred regarding reopening portions of the western side of the park as construction activities allow.

Upcoming project milestones include completion of much of the exterior building work, installation of windows/doors on the building, playground wrap up, and hydroseeding of several disturbed areas throughout the park. While newly seeded areas will require time to establish, staff are exploring opportunities to reopen portions of the park as they become safe and ready for public use.

A previous effort completed earlier in the project was completed by Community Development by installing temporary snow fencing to separate active construction areas from the eastern side of the park. This allowed youth baseball activities to occur safely while construction took place on the east side. From this approach, staff has discovered that participants of the programs and those that come to watch are not meandering to the closed, west side of the park.

As hydroseeding activities began, staff were informed that measures would be needed to protect both park users and newly established turf areas. Due to the size of the areas that would need to be fenced, it was determined that the Community Development team would not be able to take on fencing of this size. As such, Fehn Companies Inc. is installing and removing the proposed silt fencing. The temporary silt fencing to clearly delineate open vs. closed areas was brought up to allow portions of the park to re-open.

With the City's youth soccer season scheduled to being in July and increasing public interest in accessing the park, staff are proactively planning for phased reopening of available park spaces while maintaining appropriate safety measures. With the proposed fencing costs falling within the City Administrator's approval threshold, the approach to use temporary silt fencing was approved. Staff are seeking City Council direction regarding the funding source for the installation.

Financial/Budget

Staff worked with the project consultants to review current project quantities and available contingency funds. Based on the review, approximately \$30,000 remains available within project quantities that are currently under budget when compared to original estimates.

The proposed temporary fencing installation would be funded through available project contingency if Council authorizes inclusion within the Heritage Park Remaster project budget. Staff believes this approach is appropriate because the fencing is directly related to construction site management, public safety during construction, and protection of newly installed project improvements.

Alternatively, the City Council could direct staff to fund the fencing through the Recreation Operations Budget (100-45100-50210). However, utilizing operational funds would reduce resources available for recreation programming during the current budget year.

The cost of the fencing was estimated at \$11,200. Silt fencing is \$2.26/LF, but it was recommended to anticipate closer to \$3.50/LF to accommodate for minimal restoration work where the silt fencing is located.

Options

Direct staff utilize available Heritage Park Remaster project funding and contingency for the temporary fencing installation.

Direct staff utilize funding from Recreation Operations budget.

Provide staff with alternative direction.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council direct the cost of temporary silt fencing within the Heritage Park Remaster project contingency funds for this purpose.

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Attachments

1. [5.28.26 -- Seeding-Fencing Plan](#)