

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Council Questions & Responses

Council Question: What is the cost to finish the design work of East Morgan Creek?

Staff Response: *The east section of Morgan Creek Trail design is currently thought to be \$500,000 which will include Construction Administration Services. A contract is currently being routed for \$18,020 for Stewart Engineering to provide finished design and construction documents for the west section and a current opinion of probable construction cost for the west, east and Bartram Bridge sections.*

Council Question: Can you provide a written update on the pickleball project – information about potential costs, fundraising interests from the Pickleball group, potential locations, etc.?

Staff Response: *Pickleball facility conversations continue with the Pickleball Ambassadors regarding a potential facility and the location of the facility. Potential sites include but are not limited to the Legion Road property, Cedar Falls Park, and Southern Community Park. The ambassadors feel they can raise \$400,000 if the Town were to match it with another \$400,000 to total \$800,000. Staff is concerned \$800,000 is not enough to construct a 24-court facility.*

Council Question: Can you provide an estimate of what it would cost to repair/upgrade the existing Teen Center space?

Staff Response: *Teen Engagement and Facility Needs - \$200,000 – We envision this allocation funding a teen-focused study building based on the 2019 Youth Initiative Report, Reimagining Community Safety youth centered recommendations, and findings from other Town reports; and completing basic repairs and upgrades at the Teen Center to make it a more desirable space. The identification of renovation needs and costs for the current Teen Center or possibly a different new teen space could also be included.*

a. While basic repairs needed at the Teen Center would also be able to be completed with a portion of this funding, a significantly larger sum of funding will be necessary to do a full renovation.

b. Ideally this project would occur concurrently with a comprehensive planning effort. There is an on-site meeting scheduled with Public Works and Parks & Recreation next week to begin discussing possible costs.

Council Question: Can you provide additional information on the Inclusive Playground project regarding an updated cost estimate, what features it will include, and a summary of whether it is possible to combine efforts on inclusive playground/splash pad? Is there was a way to address this “combo” in the splash pad feasibility study.

Staff Response: *Inclusive playground - \$1 million. A playground allowing opportunities for youth of all abilities to play and engage together. This is a transformative project that has been discussed for several years and has significant community support. It would be heavily utilized as there is no truly inclusive playground in the immediate area. Additionally, depending on the design, areas of the playground could*

include water-based “splash” elements which would address another community interest. This project will appeal primarily to youth including families with small children.

a. We propose to incorporate an evaluation of possible locations, including the current proposed location at Cedar Falls Park, into the feasibility study for splash pad.

b. Pending cost estimates, the playground could be constructed via a phased-in approach. This funding would potentially cover planning / design and “phase 1” construction of the playground.

Council Question: Can you provide an update on efforts to have soccer teams partner for Cedar Falls artificial turf and what our alternatives are if they do not want to help pay for?

Staff Response: *Staff have started conversations with several soccer groups regarding the funding of a portion of the artificial turf replacement cost at Cedar Falls. The agreement would be very similar to the agreement that the Town previously put in place to help fund the artificial field construction at Homestead Park. Groups would donate funds that would pay for their future rentals up front and then the Town would use those funds for initial construction costs. The latest turf replacement cost estimate was \$1.1M. Another option for funding could be a 2/3rds bond issuance in the fall of 2022.*

Council Question: It appears that cost estimates for the splash pad & adaptive playground are very high. Can you address the cost estimates?

Staff Response: *Recent cost estimates would be necessary for all projects. The construction industry has started experiencing exceptionally steep and fast-rising costs for various materials. These rising costs are also compounded by major supply chain disruptions and a shortage of available workers and inflation. The cost estimates we have been receiving for our current projects have been incredibly high and we have a short fall of funding for several shovel ready projects. Based on recent trends, we feel as though current estimates for this project may be low.*

Council Question: Is there any additional information you can share about what repairs could be made at the skatepark and how that could be incorporated into the \$2.5 million budget?

Staff Response: *The Skatepark at Homestead Park currently receives roughly \$5,000 to \$15,000 worth of repairs to the wood infrastructure annually. Repairs are made to the Skatelite ramps, the supports underneath the ramps and/or the railings along the top. Staff anticipate these costs to rise as the skate park continues to deteriorate. With proper funding, plans would be to hire a skate ramp construction company to come in FY 2023 to make major repairs. Costs currently are unknown.*