

Information Item

Date: March 2, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: William L Royston, Recreation and Parks Director

Subject: Hobby Park Master Plan Presentation

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Strategic Plan Action Item: (6.1.1) Improve Condition of Parks and Recreation Infrastructure

Key Work Item: Yes



In June 2017, the City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks hired Jordan Consultants, LLC to complete a master plan for Hobby Park. Hobby Park is a 93.53-acre park located in the South Ward. As part of the master planning process, Jordan Consultants was asked to complete an inventory and analysis of existing conditions of the park, survey all of the existing mountain bike trails, develop a master plan, and prepare contract documents for the park. Some of the findings from the inventory and analysis included insufficient parking, lack of trail design standards, and erosion/drainage issues.

Jordan Consultants met with several groups that frequently use Hobby Park. Interest groups that were engaged include soap box derby, remote control car/aircraft clubs, mountain bike trail users, and City maintenance staff.

The proposed improvements for Hobby Park included addressing several deferred maintenance issues, progressively challenging mountain bike/hiking trails for beginners through advanced users with appropriate signage, improved parking and lighting, creating a staging area for soap box derby, providing access to the existing ponds for passive recreation, and providing safer access to the park from West Clemmons Road by adding a turn lane. The total cost for the renovations to the park are \$1,719,564. All renovations can be phased in and construction can move forward as funding becomes available.