



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, 6th Floor Conference Room

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A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Absences: None.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0782](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023

Attachments: [DRAFT MeetingMinutes12-Apr-2023](#)

D. Public Comment

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting. When addressing the committee, please give your name, address, and state your point as briefly as possible.

Please be advised that the Open Meetings Act prohibits the board members from responding to or discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to do the following:

- 1) Make a statement of factual information;*
- 2) Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry; or*
- 3) Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.*

E. Director's Report

2. [23-0783](#) Parks & Recreation Department Updates - May 2023

Attachments: [Directors Report - 5.10](#)

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [23-0803](#) Presentation Regarding Corpus Christi Bayfront Parks: Erosion Response Plan Update

Attachments: [BeachParks_CityofCC_update_WBAC-PRAC_03MAR2023final](#)

4. [23-0806](#) Presentation by City Attorney Regarding License Agreements

Attachments: [230503 PRAC - Presentation - Licenses](#)

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

5. [23-0805](#) Parks & Recreation Department FY 2024 Budget Priorities

Attachments: [Budget Decision Package- 5.5.23](#)
[strategic initiative 4](#)

H. Subcommittee & Committee Liaison Reports

- *Island Strategic Action Committee*
- *Water Shore & Beach Advisory Committee*
- *Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity Subcommittee*
- *Adopt-A-Park Subcommittee*
- *Bayside Area Development Plan*
- *PRAC Strategic Action Plan Subcommittee*

I. Future Agenda Items

J. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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A. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Mejia called the meeting to order and a quorum was established with no absences.

B. Public Comment

Eliza Cushing, at 14017 North Cabana, spoke to the high demand of pickle ball courts on North Padre Island.(Commodore Park)

Bob Cushing, at 14017 North Cabana, spoke to the future Commodore Park Master Plan/Bond 2022.

Jim Sullivan at 4010 San Fernando Place, spoke to the plans for the installation of a submarine sail at Sherrill Park.

Kris O'Neal, Athletics Director at Tuloso-Midway ISD, spoke to West Guth Park and proposed a partnership with the City to grade a football field on a portion of open space at the Park. He said that the middle school and youth leagues currently use that space for practice.

C. Approval of Absences: Duke Canchola & Linda Lindsey

A motion was made by Vice Chair Stevens to approve the absences listed above and it was seconded by Robert McNabney.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0641](#) Special Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023 & Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023

Howard Schauer requested that a correction be made to the March 8, 2023 minutes under Future Agenda Items referencing the Sea Turtles. He requested that the item be more specific in also stating a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement. A motion was made by Howard Schauer to approve both minutes from March 1st and March 8th with the above listed correction. The motion was seconded by Linda Lindsey and the motion passed.

E. Director's Report

2. [23-0646](#) Parks & Recreation Department Updates - April 12, 2023

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks & Recreation Department, presented item "2" for the record. Mr. Dodd gave updates on the following items:

- Community Engagement Plan for Commodore Master Plan
- Community Engagement Plan for Marina Master Plan
- Cole Park Splash Pad
- Spring Break Statistics
- CC SSN-705 Submarine Sail
- Forecast on City Council Items
- Upcoming Events

For the Commodore Master Plan Community Engagement Group, PRAC assigned Flo East, Linda Lindsey, Thomas Cronnon, Twila Stevens and Duke Canchola as representatives.

For the Marina Master Plan Community Engagement Group, PRAC assigned Robert McNabney, Chris Ardueser and Kellie Summers as representatives.

F. New Business for Discussion & Possible Action

3. [23-0643](#) Updates on Downtown Parks: Presentation by Alyssa Mason, Executive Director, Downtown Management District

Alyssa Barrera Mason presented item "3" as shown above for the record. Included in the update were La Retama Park, Artesian Park and Norma Urban Park. The Downtown Management District (DMD) have adopted both La Retama and Artesian Parks. She presented "before & after" pictures of both parks to show the progression of improvements they have made. For Norma Urban Park, she discussed DMD's proposal plans for temporary activation for the summer season. She discussed some revitalization efforts to the Park such as repairing the concrete pad and tree planting. Ms. Barrera Mason stated that they will be requesting funding for this project from the Downtown Reinvestment Zone with City Council consideration/approval. After the presentation, the floor was opened for Committee comments/questions.

4. [23-0655](#) Briefing on the Bill Witt Aquatic Center

Mr. Dodd gave a briefing on item "4" for the record as listed above. He stated that the Aquatic Center was approved by City Council on April 11, 2023. The briefing included construction scope (amenities), renderings of the aquatic center and proposed budget for operation/maintenance and staffing.

The Center will have one (1) competition pool. It is a short-course (25 yards), lap pool with 10 lanes and can also be used for leisure swimming. The only long-course pool (Olympic regulation) in the City is the Greenwood Pool at 50 meters. The Center also has one (1) recreational pool with a body slide and other play features. Both pools will be surrounded by spacious concrete decks with seating and shade structures.

Other Amenities include an administration building to house pool mechanical systems (horizontal sand filter); the building includes a bathhouse. Guest parking will accommodate 137 vehicles and includes a food truck, service connection area.

This pool will have "year-round" hours of operation with designated schedules for lap swimming/open swim and events/programming before or after hours. It will be open 6 days a week with one day closed, specifically for maintenance. The only other pool in the City with year-round operations is Collier Pool.

Primary staff for the Aquatic Center includes lifeguards & instructors; a pool mechanic and a building/grounds custodian (both full-time). Lifeguard staffing will vary based on the time of year (seasonal) and are part-time employees. Summer staffing will run between Memorial Day & August (2 ½ months). For the remainder of the year, lifeguard staffing will run from August to Memorial Day (9 ½ months). The annual probable cost for personnel at the Aquatic Center is \$280,000.

The proposed operation/maintenance budget for the first year is much greater than the subsequent years because of the initial opening. Significant first-year, budget items include poolside furniture (picnic tables/chairs), office furniture & lifeguard stands. The first-year budget calculates start-up items, staffing, essential operation/maintenance items and summer program initiatives.

The total proposed budget for the first year is approximately \$881,000. The annual probable cost (subsequent years) for Staffing, Operation/Maintenance & Summer Program Initiatives is approximately \$473,000. After Staff's presentation concluded, the floor was opened for Committee comments/questions.

Discussion took place regarding the budget for the construction contract. Staff clarified that Bond funds cannot be used for services/programming. The mandated budget request ("brick & mortar") is in line with the Bond. The proposed budget for operation/maintenance will be part of budget forecasting proposals. Other discussion items included wages for lifeguards and a suggestion for an Aquatics Plan for all City pools.

G. Committee Reports

5. [23-0677](#) Pedestrian & Bicycle Subcommittee Report: Off-Road Trail Examples

Chair Mejia gave a progress update for item "5" as shown above. Her presentation

included photographs of off-road, trail examples that have been accomplished within the City; photographs of other areas in which the same efforts could be done to further help pedestrian/bicycle connectivity. These efforts are part of the PRAC Strategic Action Plan which is also in line with the 10-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Subcommittee accomplished connecting MPO maps for ease of use to visualize a bigger picture. The Schanen Hike & Bike Trail could be extended another 5 or 6 miles by branching off into other high-traffic areas (beaten path) that are used informally along drainage easements. The goal is to provide safe and accessible trails with sensible amenities such as using decomposed granite for the trails and low-tech, directional signage. The Subcommittee will continue to work with Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments to assist with these efforts.

It was noted that future agendas will list each committee/subcommittee for discussion.

H. Future Agenda Items

- Easter Holiday Statistics at Labonte Park
- Update on Park Master Plans/Public Input Process
- Status update on Bond 2022 Bond Projects
- Erosion Response Plan for Bayfront parks
- Report on any completed/ongoing maintenance/repairs of park related items

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Department Updates

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

May 10, 2023



Salinas Park

1. Salinas Parks Improvements Funded by CDBG
2. Salinas Park Connectivity Funded by FY22 General Fund



Background

The goal of both projects was to leverage the maximum amount of funds to improve walking trails, connect Salinas Park to Airport Park, increase access to exercise equipment & additional lighting for safety. Both projects are near completion.

- The first project includes removal of approximately 3,300 square yards of old trail & the installation of approximately 30,000 square yards of a 7-foot-wide, concrete walking trail.
- Additionally, a total of five exercise stations (three units of exercise equipment per station) were placed at different points throughout the trail.
- New LED lighting was also placed along the entire trail to provide additional visibility & safety at night.
- All improvements will be ADA compliant.



Background Continued

Salinas Park Connectivity Project consists of connecting a walking path from Airport Park to Salinas Park.

- Installing approximately 700 square yards of new, asphalt surface & 820 square yards of base material for the parking lot.
- Installing approximately 5,500 square feet of a 5-foot-wide, concrete sidewalk with lighting provided by AEP.
- All improvements will be ADA compliant.



5-year Consolidated & Annual Action Plan (2023 - 2027)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES (NSD)



Background

Each year, NSD receives & administers annual federal funds from HUD. Outside agencies & City Departments can apply for these funds, based on eligibility & as funding allows.

- In February/March, NSD will release Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) for proposed projects which are presented to City Council, every year, in July.
- NSD will also allocate HUD funds to eligible projects tied to the 5-year Con Plan in which a consulting firm is used for developing the Plan.
- On May 1st, NSD/Consultant met with PARD & PRAC members to obtain general feedback on where to focus federal funding for potential projects.
- The input process for the Plan assists the Consultant in determining the types of projects the community is interested in.



Background Continued

- The Consultant will incorporate top priorities identified from input meetings into a new, 5-Year Con Plan to also include proposed funding projects.
- The draft of the Plan will be distributed for public comment during June & is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration in July.
- NSD submits the plan for HUD approval in August - If approved, NSD prepares/executes agreements to award the funds.
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) have been used to fund park & facility development that meet the criteria. Past PARD projects that have utilized CDBG funds include:
 - Senior Center Improvements & New Construction
 - Ben Garza Gym Improvements
 - Salinas Park: Play-for-All Playground Unit & New Construction of Playground
 - Elderly Nutrition Program - Nutrition Education Service Center - HVAC Replacement & New Meal Delivery Trucks.



Bayside Area Development Plan

CONNECTED NETWORK



Background

The Planning Department is making progress toward developing a public draft of the Plan, and is using public feedback, including feedback from PRAC, to draft proposed action items & public investment initiatives. One of the plan's vision themes is "Connected Network."

- For consideration is an initiative to work with Public Works & Engineering to construct bike/pedestrian paths along drainage channels (Brawner Parkway, Carmel Parkway, Louisiana Parkway & the Gollihar Ditch) and connecting them to adjacent streets/sidewalks.
- The Planning Department anticipates having a draft plan ready for review, first by the Advisory Committee, by the end of Summer.



PRAC Follow-Up Questions



CC – SSN 705 Submarine Sail

Next Steps:

- The attorney for The Sea Turtles will complete the review of the License Agreement by the end of this month.
- Sea Turtles will begin to work on a preliminary design.
- City Attorney will make any revisions to the agreement if necessary.
- City Attorney will also work with Risk Management for any potential insurance issues.
- Sea Turtles will work with the Navy for any additional requirements & a tentative timeline for delivery.



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Maximo Implementation

- PARD is currently working to have Maximo fully integrated to track all areas of the department, including contracts & accompanying asset data.
- This is a top priority & PARD is working closely with the IT Department to accomplish this goal.
- A comprehensive workplan & timeline is being formulated.



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Bond 2022 Projects

Master Plan Goal(s)	Project	Description	Status	Project Phase	Term	Fund	Budget
Bond 2022							
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS.	Labonte Park Expansion - D1	General park rehabilitation to include the newly added park territory and improvements to include a walking trail and open space.	Pending RFQ	Preliminary	Long	Bond 22	\$1.525M
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS.	North Beach Eco Park - D1	Design to develop an environmentally conscious plan for a park that will be home to healthy wetlands and wildlife, as well as trails, boardwalks, observation decks, interpretive signs	Pending RFQ	Preliminary	Long	Bond 22	\$100,000
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS. STRATEGY 2.1.7. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PLAN.	Cole Park Playground - D2	Multigenerational play-for-all playground unit.	In Progress	Design	Short	Bond 22	\$1.125M
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS. STRATEGY 2.2.2. ATHLETIC FIELDS.	City Sports Complex - D3	Phase - 1 Concession stand remodel, lighting improvements, synthetic turf on the infield of three fields, demolish old restrooms and build new restrooms, irrigation on all 10 fields, parking lot	Pending RFQ	Preliminary	Long	Bond 22	\$4.7M
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS.	Commodore Park - D4	Park design and development for recreational amenities to be placed within the park.	Pending RFQ	Preliminary	Long	Bond 22	\$1,000,000
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS.	St. Denis Park D5	Park improvements to include a playground unit and swing set.	In Progress	Proposal	Short	Bond 22	\$300,000
STRATEGY 2.1.13. NEAR-TERM PARK INVESTMENTS. STRATEGY 2.2.8. INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES.	Oso Golf Center Club House	Preliminary scoping and design of a club house approximately 10,000 sq/ft in size and 2 stories high. The club house will include locker rooms, pro shop, rooms, patio, snack bar, kitchen, and lounge.	Pending RFQ	Preliminary	Long	Bond 22	\$750,000



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Forecast on Council Items

May - June



City Council

May 9, 2023

- A professional services contract to provide a Design for the Cooper's Boat Facility & Parking Lot Resurfacing at the L-Head (next to Jane's L-Head) not to exceed \$342,047.00.
- A professional services contract to provide a Design of the New Boat Haul Out Office/Retail Facility (Cooper's L-Head, across from the Yacht Club), not to exceed \$648,588.00.

May 23, 2023

- Construction Contracts (Engineering Services):
 - Surfside Park – North Beach Restroom Renovation:*
 - West Guth Park – Skate Park/Playground*



City Council

June 13, 2023

- Engineering Services – Construction Contract for Marina Pier Replacements for A, B, C, D & L
- Interlocal agreement between the National Spill Control School (NSCS) of Texas A&M Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) & the CC Marina for the use of space (Cooper's L-Head) for oil spill equipment for emergency response & Marina Staff training.
- Purchase of a new custom ramped, playground unit for ages 5 -12 with a tower & fabric shade structures and a new 3-bay, swing set with an attached, fabric shade structure for Cole Park for \$361,893.19, with funding from Bond 2022 Prop B (Parks & Rec).

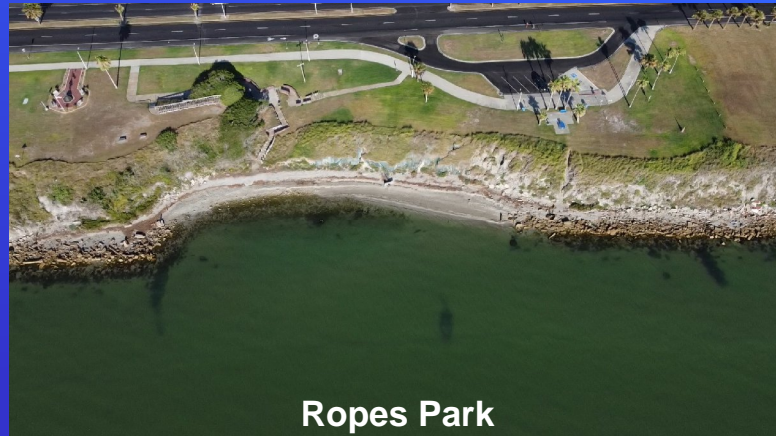




Corpus Christi Bayfront Parks: Update and Forward Planning



Poenisch Park



Ropes Park

Prepared for
City of Corpus Christi Staff and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)

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In collaboration with
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14 Mar 2023





Corpus Christi Bayfront Parks: Talking Points



- Accomplishments to Date
- Planning for the Future





Corpus Christi Bayfront Parks: Progress and Planning

- **Initial Project Discussion and Idea Formulation (Spring 2021)**
City of Corpus Christi Parks, Conrad Blucher Institute
- **Introduced Project Concept to TGLO (Spring 2022)**
Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan (CRMP)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- **Invited to Exploratory Project Meeting (May 2022)**
TGLO, Resource Agency and CRMP Staff
- **Tour of Parks (June 2022)**
City Engineering Staff, Coastal Engineer, and Coastal Technical Advisor
- **General Cost Estimate Developed for Each Beach (June 2022)**
- **Accepted as CRMP Candidate (Jun 2022)**
Included in CRMP Documentation for further discussion





Corpus Christi Bayfront Parks: Progress and Planning

- **Reviewed by CRMP Technical Advisory Board (July 2022)**
Outcome:
 1. Publicity and Discussion (On Radar)
 2. Potential to be designated as Tier 1 project in the future
 3. Id. potential concerns/issues and resolve
 4. Process will increase potential for funding options
- **Progress Report and Discussion With City Committees (Sep 2022)**
Watershore Beach Advisory Committee (WBAC) 01 Sep Meeting
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) 14 Sep
- **WBAC and PRAC Support of Plan in Form of Formal Resolution**
(Finalized Feb 2023)
- **Initiated Development of Scope for Application of Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) Grant Submission (Jan 2023)**
In Progress March-June 2023
- **Attended TGLO CEPRA Grant Workshop (Port Aransas)**
Positive Response to Project (K. Johnson in attendance)





Corpus Christi Bayfront Parks: Next Steps Project Development and Implementation

1. Conduct a Site Investigation

- Elevation and coastal boundary surveys,
- Assessment of storm damage,
- Assessment of infrastructure (Stakeholder involvement at this stage).

2. Conduct an Alternatives Analysis (Site Specific)

Define three alternatives for each location

- Range of cost, degree of protection, environmental advantages, and possible amenities.
- To promote beach stability and to maintain direct public beach access to the beach and bay, the alternatives for S. Cole Park, Ropes Park, and Poenisch Park will not include seawalls or revetments.

3. Develop Engineered Plans and Obtain Necessary Permits

4. Construct a Pilot Project at one or more parks that provides public beach and bay access.

5. Prioritize and Construct Stabilization at remaining park locations

- Based in part on success of pilot project.

6. Initiate Monitoring Upon Project Completion

- Assess project performance and effectiveness
- Identify ways to improve the alternatives and make modifications as needed to increase design effectiveness and implementation at successive project locations.



License Agreements



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What's a “license?”

Formal agreement giving permission to commit some act that would be otherwise unlawful; especially an agreement making it lawful for the licensee to enter the licensor's land to do some act that would otherwise be illegal.

➤ Who is a licensee?

- One to whom a license is granted.
- One who has permission to enter or use another person's premises.

➤ Who is a licensor?

- One who grants a license to another.

Examples of licenses:

- Movie ticket.
- Concert ticket.
- License to cut lumber on someone's property.
- License to collect soil samples for research purposes on King Ranch.
- License to use Disney's logo on merchandise I sell.
- License to play Garth Brook's music in my restaurant.
- License to allow a vendor to sell alcohol at their restaurant.
- License to use a pavilion for my birthday party at West Guth Park.
- License to put a submarine sail for display on public property.

What's a “use agreement?”

- License gives the licensee use of the land at issue in the agreement.
 - Includes duties and responsibilities of each party to the agreement.
 - Enforceable in the event of a breach of the agreement.
 - Lays out remedies in the event of a breach.

- Use agreement *also* gives the user permission to use the land at issue.
 - *Just another type of license.*
 - Generally more limited, either for a shorter period of time or a more limited scope (like only during certain hours) and rental agreements are generally limited to a single day (or maybe a weekend) and charged at the rates approved in the City's fee ordinance.

Are these just really all “leases?”

- No.
- A lease is a *property interest (or property right)* that is conveyed to someone for a period of time in exchange for something of value (like cash), with a right to quiet enjoyment of the property, excluding everyone from the property during the term of that lease.

A license is *not* a property interest: the City keeps all property interests. We allow someone to *use* the property for a specific purpose.

Could you call this an “easement?”

- Also no.
- An easement is a *property interest (or property right)* in land giving the right to use or control the land for a specific limited purpose. Unlike a lease or license, an easement may last forever, but it does not give the person who holds the easement the right to possess, take from, improve, or sell the land the easement lies on.
- Examples: utility easements; sidewalk easements

Can't we just use MOUs?

- A “Memorandum of understanding” is more formally called a “letter of intent.”
 - A written statement detailing the preliminary understanding of the parties to plan to enter into a contract or some other agreement; a noncommittal writing preliminary to a contract.
- A letter of intent or MOU is **NOT** meant to be binding and does not stop the parties from bargaining with a third party.

**COURTS DO NOT ENFORCE MOUs OR
LETTERS OF INTENT.**

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But we've done MOUs in the past and everything was fine...

- The City Attorney's office has a duty to the City to create agreements and enter into contracts, license agreements, leases, management agreements, interlocal agreements, etc. that are in the best interest of the City.
- The correct legal document to create and enforce these types of agreements is a license agreement when allowing third parties to use public property.

Who cares what the agreement is called?

LAWYERS DO.

A rose by any other name...

...is still a rose.

- The City has some license agreements in existence with titles other than “license.”
- We can call an agreement anything we want so long as the terms within it make it clear it’s a license.
- Best practices is to title a license agreement a “license agreement.”
- Everything is fine when everyone is getting along. These agreements protect the City and the licensee should everyone stop getting along.

If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it’s a duck.

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Parks and Recreation Department FY 2024 Budget Priorities

Legal Mandate

Rank	Project	Budget	Pillar
1	Bill Witt Aquatic Center	\$851,000	Healthy Lifestyle
2	Beach Survey	\$125,000	Economic & Cultural Vitality
	Legal Mandate	\$976,000	

Public Health & Safety

Rank	Project	Budget	Pillar
3	Pool Filter Replacements	\$70,000	Healthy Lifestyle
4	Ocean Drive Park Pavement Resurfacing Project	\$700,000	Safe & Livable Spaces
5	Basketball Backstops	\$105,000	Safe & Livable Spaces
6	Replace Exercise Equipment at Senior Centers	\$120,000	Healthy Lifestyle
	Public Health & Safety Total	\$995,000	

Community Investment

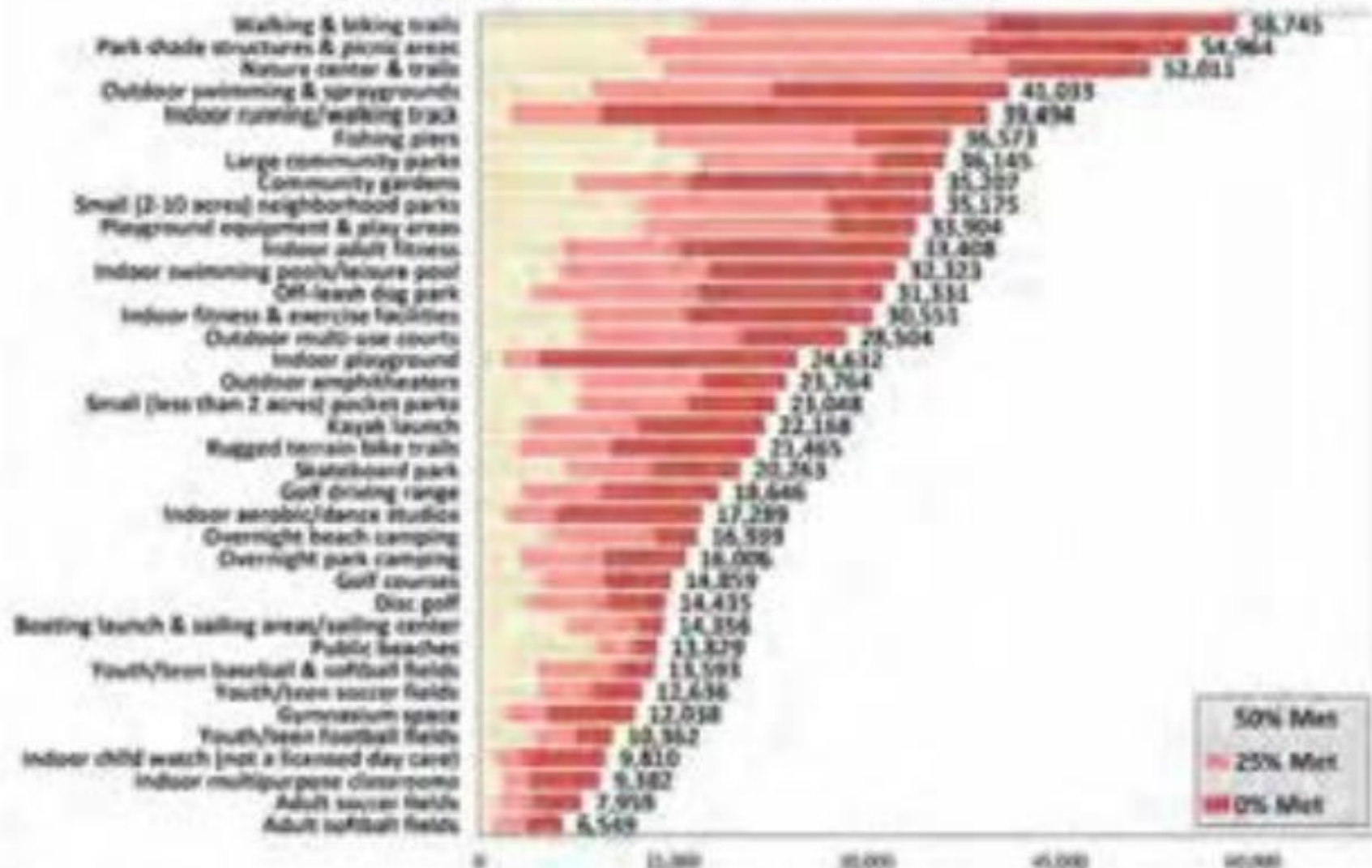
Rank	Project	Budget	Pillar
7	Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial	\$150,000	Sense of Community
8	Tennis Center Repairs	\$615,000	Healthy Lifestyle
9	Facility Signage	\$200,000	Sense of Community
10	Sport Courts - Recreation Centers	\$145,000	Healthy Lifestyle
11	Basketball Shade Structure & Lighting	\$280,000	Safe & Livable Spaces
12	Zavala Senior Center Operations	\$270,000	Sense of Community
13	Improvements – 2 Gazebos	\$805,000	Sense of Community
14	Marina Capital Outlay – 2 Golf Carts	\$34,000	Economic & Cultural Vitality
	Community Investment Total	\$2,499,000	

- These priorities are not final. Each budget item must be vetted by the Office of Management & Budget and the City Manager's Office as part of the City's budget development process.
- Request to PRAC on provide a memo with their rank of priority and support to budget items.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Strategic Plan Initiative 4 progress

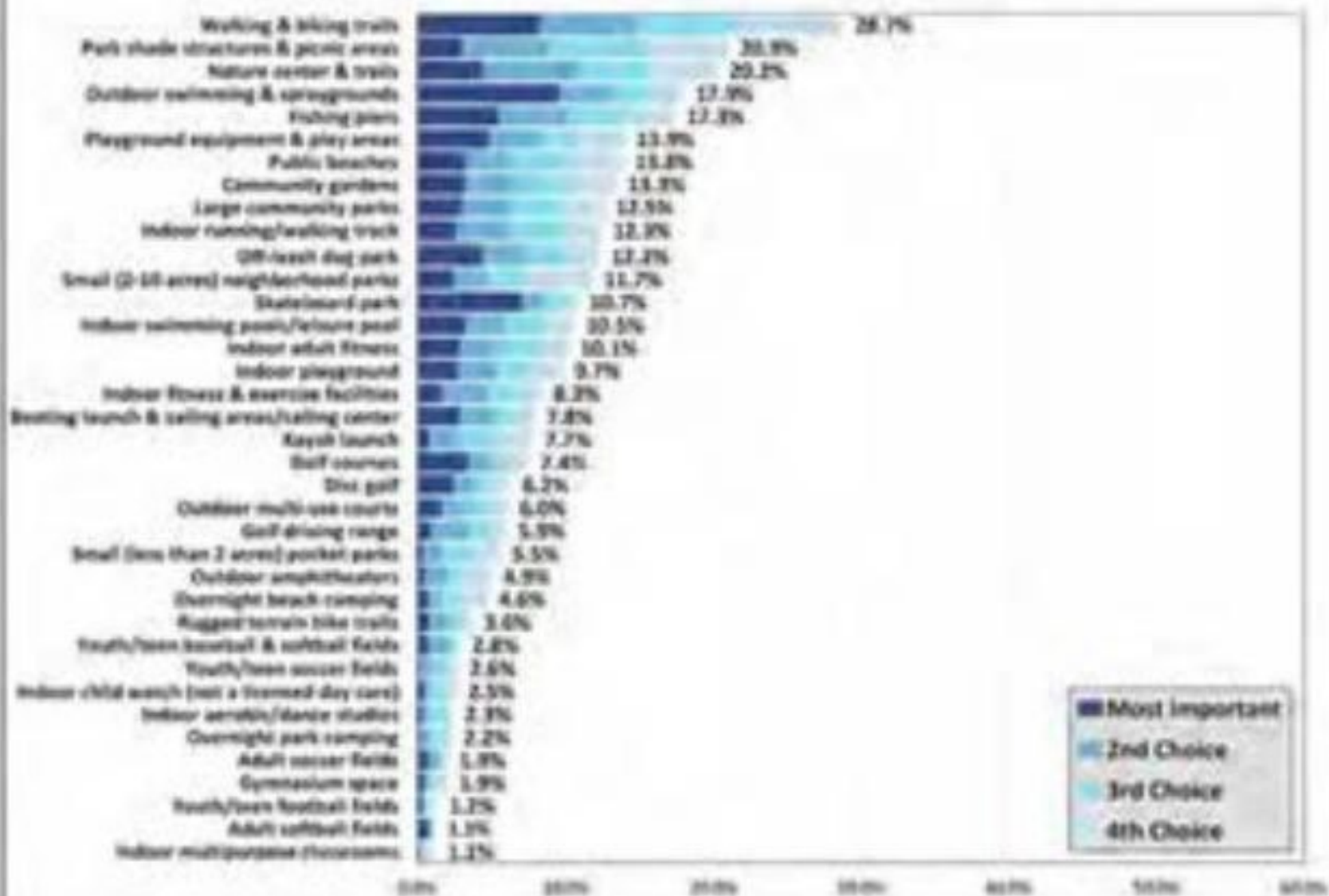
Q1. Estimated Number of Households Whose Needs for Parks and Recreation Facilities Are Being Met 50% or Less

by percentage of respondents who have a need for parks and recreation facilities
(based on the estimated number of 111,204 households in Corpus Christi, TX)



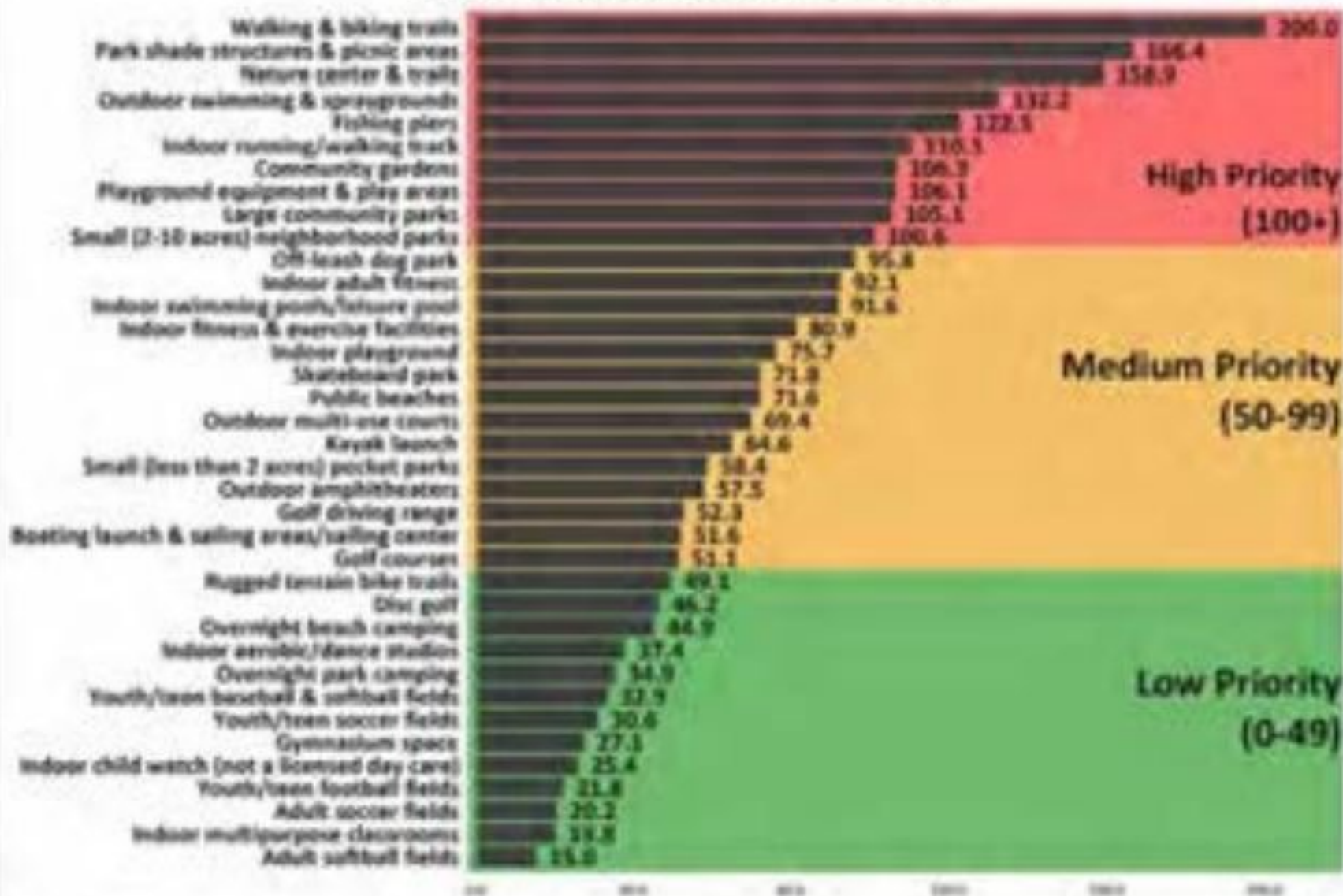
Q2. Parks and Recreation Facilities That Are Most Important to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



Top Priorities for Investment for Parks and Recreation Facilities

Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR)



0 ← **PRIORITY INVESTMENT RATING SCORE** → 200

200 Walking & biking trails

166 Park shade structures & picnic areas

159 Nature center & trails

132 Outdoor swimming & spraygrounds

123 Fishing piers

110 Indoor running/walking track

106 Community gardens

106 Playground equipment & play areas

105 Large community parks

101 Small (2-10 acres) neighborhood parks



PARKS AND RECREATION PRIORITIES

The activities and investments listed within the Parks and Recreation Work Program have been prioritized based on information received from public input and the Plan's needs assessment (including conditions and operational assessments summarized in **Appendices E and F**).

The following list of parks and recreation improvements reflect the City's highest priority projects, meaning they should be planned for incorporation into the annual capital budgeting process. As this Plan matures, each of these projects will be further divided into individual projects with their requisite priorities.

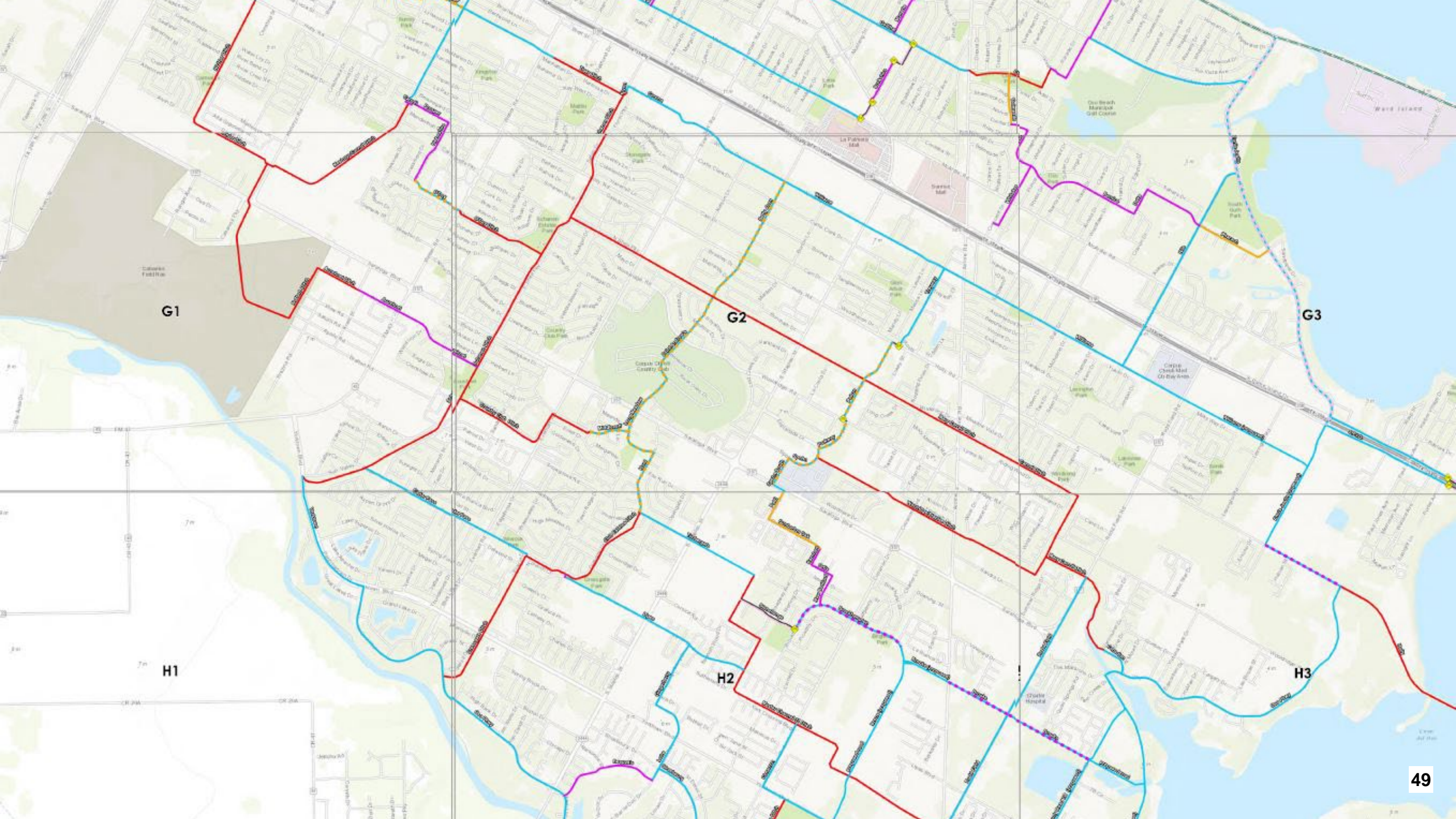
- A** **TRAILS NETWORK.** Work with public and private partners to plan and prepare a city-wide network of multi-use trails linking parks with residential areas and other community destinations as provided in this plan.
- B** **NEAR-TERM PARKS ENHANCEMENTS.** Invest in near-term recreational facility and accessory facility enhancements to provide a broader (and equitably distributed) offering of recreational amenities and to improve the condition of current facilities and grounds.
- C** **WATERFRONT ACCESS AND VIEWS.** Construct viewing decks and pavilions with viewsheds. Improve and add access for boats.
- D** **SHADE STRUCTURES.** Provide additional shade structures throughout the parks system including shaded bench seating, picnic areas and pavilions.
- E** **WALKSHED IMPROVEMENTS.** Construct or improve sidewalks, pathways, linear parks and/or multi-use trails within a 1/2-mile (10 minute) walkshed between existing or planned public parks and adjacent residential areas.
- F** **BILL WITT PARK ENHANCEMENTS.** Enhance the experience of visitors to Bill Witt Park by investing in park enhancements that add amenities envisioned in conceptual development plans, and subsequent schematic design plans, prepared as part of this master planning effort. (See Strategy 2.1.10, page 135).
- G** **ATHLETIC FIELD UPGRADES.** Upgrade regional and community park athletic fields to increase inventories suitable for organized practice and some league play.
- H** **SHORELINE STABILIZATION.** Work with the Texas General Land Office and other entities to cooperatively fund bayside shoreline stabilization projects that include public park properties.
- I** **RECREATIONAL FACILITY DEFICITS.** Decrease recreational facility deficits by prioritizing targeted additions to the City's facility inventory in accordance with the target levels of service established by this Plan.

OBJECTIVE 2

Develop an off-road pedestrian and bicycle connectivity network beginning with drainage channels, per the off-road trails prescribed in the City's adopted Bicycle Mobility Plan, including:

- A regular mowing schedule of channel-side land
- Low-tech directional signage, per the sign family design standards developed by the city for the Bicycle Mobility Network Trailheads
- A map of off-road trails







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**Schanen Hike
& Bike Trail**



CORPUS
CHRISTI
PARKS &
RECREATION

1/4

mile marker



**Street
Crossing**



