



**Recreation Services Townhall Question and Answer
June 22, 2022**

- 1. Do any our parks have emergency call boxes?**
 - a. Yes. The Andy K. Wells Trail has two emergency call boxes.

- 2. Are there plans to add call boxes to Parks?**
 - a. Yes. Part of the Parks Master Plan is to establish a “complete park” system which includes:
 - i. Accessibility & Connectivity
 - ii. User Comfort/Safety
 - iii. Social Interaction
 - iv. Activated
 - v. MaintainedUser safety is achieved through improved park lighting, visibility from the road, and emergency call boxes.

- 3. Are you going back to City Council for the Conder Park lights?**
 - a. Yes. Per City Council direction staff is preparing a bid package to bid the purchase of solar LED parking lot lights for Conder

Park and solar LED lights for Long Branch Park Splash Pad area.

4. What is the timeline to bring a new grounds maintenance facility?

- a. Staff has requested design and construction expenses through the FY 23 and FY 24 Capitol Improvement Project lists. Recreation Services has made this project a priority to ensure quality work environment for our staff.

5. Does Fort Hood utilize no mow zones?

- a. Staff is unaware if Fort Hood has established the best management practices of no mow zones.

6. What if there is an open space where teams and families play games, and it is a no mow zone?

- a. Our Parks Crew frequents all of our parks and will be able to communicate open spaces that are being utilized. We mow appropriately. If we had an issue as such we would communicate with users and identify a compromise.

7. Why are there two (2) Senior Centers, but no Youth Centers?

- a. Recreation Services programs current facilities are applicable for the youth. The Lions Club Park Senior Center is strictly for adults ages 55 & older to recreate. The Rosa Hereford Killeen Community Center will undergo renovations to expand and add the Bob Gilmore Senior Center Wing. The rest of the space will be programmed for all ages during applicable times. There are two meeting rooms that will be available to host STEM programs, art classes and other recreational activities for the youth. We currently focus on programming Open Gym, hosting Friday Night Frenzies, Youth Sports Leagues, and monthly Mobile Rec Series. We have also prioritized such a facility in our Parks Master Plan as outlined within the Parks Growth Section labeled Park Growth Focused Recommendations.

8. What is the plan to add a Youth Center to Killeen?

- a. There are currently no plans to add a Youth Center to Killeen under Recreation Services. There are currently local non-profits in the area that the city supports financially. City Council recently approved a grant program in the amount of \$350,000 for non-profit youth organizations. We have also prioritized such a facility in our Parks Master Plan as outlined within the Parks Growth Section labeled Park Growth Focused Recommendations. We are also exploring the Joint Usage Agreement with KISD to expand parks within established and future KISD properties.

9. Will the youth be allowed to attend the Rosa Hereford Killeen Community Center when it re-opens?

- a. Yes. The basketball court at the Rosa Hereford Killeen Community Center will be programmed similar to the basketball courts at the Family Recreation Center. Staff has identified categories for the use of the space and track the monthly hours the space is available to each category for even usage.

10. What is the plan for Hunt Park?

- a. Hunt Park was identified as 1 of the 10 underutilize parks in the Parks Master Plan process. A survey was advertised to residents through notices in the mail and signs at the park. We did not receive any responses. Since it is designated as an underutilized park staff has brainstormed ideas to active this park. Some ideas are to install a loop trail, put up a fence between the park and the busy roadway, resurface the basketball court, upgrade, and cover the playground, and install a tile playground surface. However, staff wants to hear from the users of the park on what they would like to see there. Before we create or develop any plans we will hold a series of park specific town hall meetings and create concept plans based on the feedback we receive.

11. How many pools does the City have?

- a. The city has 1 four corner pool (Long Branch Pool), 1 splash pad (Junior Service League Spray Park) and 1 water park (Family Aquatic Center)

12. Are there plans to add another pool or water feature to Killeen?

- a. Yes. Recreation Services requested funding through CDBG to install a splash pad at Stewart Park. Splash pads are great water features to have at neighborhood parks, as they are free, accessible, and fun for all ages. We have also prioritized such a facility in our Parks Master Plan as outlined within the Parks Growth Section labeled Park Growth Focused Recommendations. We are also exploring the Joint Usage Agreement with KISD to expand parks within established and future KISD properties. This could also be an opportunity to partner with KISD to build joint use recreation facilities i.e., natatorium, recreation center, etc.

Please visit the parks master plan @
<https://www.killeentexas.gov/177/Recreation-Services>