



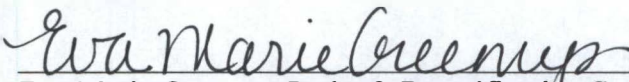
Notice of Meeting of the Parks and Beautification Committee of the City of Hewitt, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Parks & Beautification Committee** will be held on **Monday, November 30, 2015, at 6:00p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers at Hewitt City Hall, 105 Tampico, Hewitt Texas** at which time the following subjects will be discussed:

1. Call Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting to order
2. Minutes from the September 10, 2015 Parks and Beautification Meeting
3. Minutes from the October 8, 2015 Parks and Beautification Meeting
4. Public Hearing and Consideration concerning adoption of Hewitt's 2015 Five-Year Park Plan
5. Adjourn.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above **Notice of Meeting of the Parks and Beautification Committee and Governing Body** of the above named City of Hewitt, Texas was posted on the Public Notice Board located in front of the City Hall by 5:00pm on November 25, 2015.

City of Hewitt


Eva Marie Greenup, Parks & Beautification Secretary

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PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AGENDA FORM

MEETING DATE: November 30, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: #2

SUBMITTED BY: Eva Marie Greenup, Parks and Beautification Secretary

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider approval of minutes for the September 10, 2015, for the Parks and Beautification Committee meeting.

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Minutes of the Parks and Beautification Committee September 10, 2015 – 6:00 PM

Members Present: Brandon Fuller, Kevin Summers, Fred Bridger, Lloyd Coffman, Robert Smith

Members Absent: Ruth Coffman, Ray Manzo

Staff Present: Adam Miles, City Manager, James Barton, Assistant City Manager, Katie Allgood, Special Projects Coordinator, Eva Marie Greenup, Parks and Beautification Secretary

Item #1. Call to Order. *Brandon Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.*

Item #2. Consider approval of minutes for August 13, 2015 minutes for the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting. *A motion was made by Robert Smith to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Lloyd Coffman.*

Item #3. Briefing and discussion concerning Amphitheater Project. *Adam Miles, City Manager spoke and gave updates on the Amphitheater project. Discussed was the concrete work, electrical work, parking, food truck pads, wedding packages, Bride and Groom Rooms in the "Creekside Cottage".*

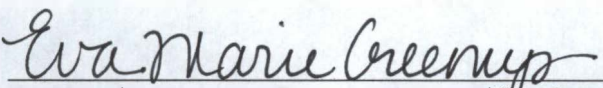
Item #4. Briefing and discussion concerning Upcoming Events in the Parks. *Discussed was community concerts and wedding events that can be held at the amphitheatre as well as an area will be designated for food trucks. A reveal party is scheduled for October 22, 2015, to include a local band for entertainment. A photo shoot will be done with promo shots taken for Venue publications. Hewitt Chamber of Commerce has a "Spooktacular Movie Night" scheduled for October 30, 2015.*

Item #5. Briefing and discussion concerning Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. *Adam Miles discussed the City of Hewitt Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Advised the board to visit the Parks and give some feedback on what can be improved. Texas Parks and Wildlife would like a survey of public participation on our Parks. A joint council will be scheduled for the Parks and Beautification Board to meet with City Council to discuss the plan.*

Item #6. Adjourn. *A motion was made by Robert Smith and seconded by Lloyd Coffman to adjourn at 7:04 PM.*

Chairman

Date Approved



Eva Marie Greenup, Parks and Beautification Secretary

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PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AGENDA FORM

MEETING DATE: November 30, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: #3

SUBMITTED BY: Eva Marie Greenup, Parks and Beautification Secretary

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider approval of minutes for the October 8, 2015, for the Parks and Beautification Committee meeting.

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Minutes of the Parks and Beautification Committee October 8, 2015 – 6:00 PM

Members Present: Brandon Fuller, Lloyd Coffman, Kevin Summers, Fred Bridger

Members Absent: Robert Smith, Ruth Coffman, Ray Manzo

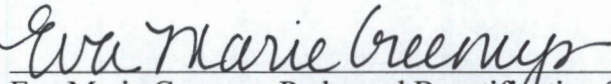
Staff Present: Adam Miles, City Manager, James Barton, Assistant City Manager, Miles Whitney, City Engineer, James Black, Director of Utilities, Ruben Munguia, Parks/Streets Superintendent, Brittney Lebkowsky, Recreation/Service Specialist

A very informal meeting was held with the Parks and Beautification members and city staff at Warren Park, 450 S. Old Temple Road, Hewitt, Texas. A tour was taken of Warren Park and the Creekside Amphitheater. Several items were discussed to include existing Warren Park amenities, future park features and the 2015 City of Hewitt Park Plan Update and Timeline. Hewitt Park was not visited.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Chairman

Date Approved



Eva Marie Greenup, Parks and Beautification Secretary



PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AGENDA FORM

MEETING DATE: November 30, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: #4

SUBMITTED BY: Adam Miles, City Manager

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Public Hearing and Consideration concerning adoption of Hewitt's 2015 Five-Year Park Plan.

City of Hewitt
Five-Year Park Plan
November 2015



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Section 1. Community Description

A. Regional Scene

The city of Hewitt is located in the central part of Texas in McLennan County. The city is approximately 100 miles from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex to the north and from the Austin metropolitan area to the south. Hewitt residents can easily make day trips to these major Texas hubs of industry, culture, and business.

Hewitt shares a border with the larger city of Waco and lies 30 miles north of the Temple/Belton/Killeen area. Hewitt's easternmost border is I-35. Other nearby regional highways include U.S. Highway 84, U.S. Highway 77, and Highway 6. Waco Regional Airport, which is approximately 15 miles to the north, also provides another convenient travel option for residents.

Nearby communities include Bellmead, West, Robinson, McGregor, Woodway, Beverly Hills, and Waco. The surrounding counties are Bosque, Hill, Limestone, Falls, Bell, and Coryell. Lake Waco is within a ten minute drive of Hewitt.

The majority of Hewitt lies within the Midway Independent School District. Midway is a large 6A district and provides significant recreational and sports opportunities for students of the district.

B. Population

This park plan strives to accommodate the growing number of residents and the expected increased demand for parks and their services.

In the 1970s, Hewitt was one of the fastest growing communities in the United States, with an increase from 569 to 2,185 in a five-year span. Though those years of population upsurge have ended, Hewitt continues to grow considerably. According to the population projections prepared by Dunkin, Sefko & Associates, Inc. in 2003, Hewitt can expect an estimated population increase of 32% from 2010 to 2025. Table 1.1 presents Hewitt's recent population numbers along with projections for the future.

Table 1.1 Population¹

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>
2005	12,987
2010	13,549
2013	14,054
2015	14,900
2020	16,500
2025	18,000

To thoroughly serve a community, parks must meet the needs of a variety of residents, including a diversity of ages and ethnic groups. In 2010, the median age of Hewitt residents was 36.0 years. This is an increase from the median age in 2000, which was 33.4 years. Overall, Hewitt's population has slightly aged over the past decade, with the most growth in the *Older labor force* and *Elderly* age groups. Each age group experienced growth, though. An increase in the number of elderly people and the steady high percentage of youths inspire many of this plan's proposals.

Table 1.2 Age Group Composition & Distribution

<i>Age group</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Young (0-14)	3,036	22.4
High school (15-19)	912	6.7
College, new family (20-24)	679	5.0
Prime labor force (25-44)	3,808	28.1
Older labor force (45-64)	3,709	27.3
Elderly (65 & over)	1,405	10.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Profile of General Populated and Housing Characteristics: 2010

¹ Population of 2005 from Hewitt's website. Population of 2010 and 2013 from the U.S. Census Bureau. Future estimates from City of Hewitt's *Comprehensive Plan 2022* (pg 3-2, table 3-2, scenario A).

Hewitt has also increased its diversity in the last decade, as the *White* population group has decreased in percentage while most of the minority groups have grown in both percentage and number from 2000 to 2010, including a 69.2 percent increase among the Asian population and an 87.9 percent increase among the Hispanic population.²

Table 1.3 Race & Ethnic Distribution

<i>Race/ethnicity</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
White	10,928	80.7
Black	1,145	8.5
Asian	440	3.2
American Indian	49	0.4
Other races	650	4.9
Hispanic origin	1,934	14.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Profile of General Populated and Housing Characteristics: 2010

C. Income

Hewitt's median household income is \$69,504; its average household income is \$77,247. Only 6.2% of the population falls below the poverty threshold, which the U.S. Census Bureau established as \$23,400 for a family of four in 2012. Typical of many suburban cities, Hewitt maintains a much lower poverty rate than its larger-city neighbor, Waco, which has a poverty rate of 30.1%. Texas's overall rate is 17.4%.

Table 1.4 Household Income

<i>Income level</i>	<i>Number of households</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Less than \$10,000	55	1.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	163	3.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	263	5.4
\$25,000 to \$34,999	352	7.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	645	13.3

² Age group and race and ethnic distributions from 2000 found in City of Hewitt's *Comprehensive Plan 2022* (pg 1-16, table 1-7 & pg 1-15, table 1-6)

\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,171	24.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	896	18.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	994	20.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	195	4.0
\$200,000 or more	105	2.2
Total households	4,839	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

D. Education

Hewitt is a part of the Midway Independent School District, along with Woodway and Speegleville and sections of Waco, McGregor, Lorena, and Crawford. Within Hewitt, Midway has four campuses – Midway Middle School, Hewitt Elementary School, Castleman Creek Elementary School, and Spring Valley Elementary School.

Nearby higher education institutions include Baylor University, McLennan Community College, and Texas State Technical College.

Among the residents who are 25 years and older, 92.8% have a high school degree and 32.1% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

Table 1.5 shows data on the education levels of residents who are 25 years and older (classified by the highest level achieved).

Table 1.5 Educational Attainment

<i>Education level</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Less than 9 th grade	2.4
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	4.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	24.6
Some college, no degree	24.7
Associate degree	11.3
Bachelor's degree	22.9
Graduate or professional degree	9.2
Total number of residents 25 years & older	8,954

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Section 2. Administrative Structure

Hewitt was incorporated on June 25, 1960. After massive growth in the 1970s, the city was eligible to become a more independent “home rule” city. On April 3, 1982, the citizens of Hewitt passed its home rule charter, which developed the city’s current governmental structure.

Hewitt has a council-manager government. It consists of seven elected council members who establish policies, create ordinances, approve the annual budget, and set tax rates. The City Council appoints the city manager, who is responsible for supervising city employees and programs, enforcing city ordinances and regulations, preparing and administering the budget, and advising the council on its decisions. Key city staff members are assigned to long term park planning as well as ongoing operations and maintenance.

The City Council appoints seven members to the Parks and Beautification Committee. This advisory committee meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month. The Board discusses the park system and provides input and direction concerning park improvements and operations.

Section 3. Inventory of Recreational Facilities

A. Overview

A park system is composed of many different components, the combination of which provide facilities and landscapes for outdoor recreation. In the past, the parks in Hewitt fell in two generalized park categories - *neighborhood park* and *community park* – according to standards based on the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) guidelines.

Typically, A *neighborhood park* is a five- to fifteen-acre site that provides recreational space for the neighborhood that surrounds it. It serves an area within a one-half mile

Map 3.1 City parks in Hewitt



radius with both active and passive recreational opportunities. Facilities typically include playgrounds, picnic areas, shelters, play courts, unlighted play fields, restrooms, trails, natural open space, and parking. Until recent land acquisitions, **Warren Park** was considered a neighborhood park.

A *community park* is typically a 25 plus acre site that provides active recreational activities for all ages for several surrounding neighborhoods. It has a service radius of up to two miles. Facilities usually include tennis courts, shelters, separate or multi-purpose sport fields, play apparatus, picnic areas, trails, recreation centers, open space, and restrooms. Because of the recreational opportunities provided, community parks also serve as neighborhood parks. Currently, both **Hewitt Park** and **Warren Park** are considered Community Parks.

Other park classifications include *large/regional park* and *mini-park*. The nearby city of Waco provides several regional parks to the citizens of Hewitt, such as Cameron Park. A mini-park is typically a small area generally used as a children's playground or as a passive or aesthetic area. Although undeveloped, **Glaze Park** will likely be considered a neighborhood park or mini-park once improvements are constructed.

B. City Parks & Facilities

There are three distinct Parks within Hewitt's City Limits: Hewitt Park, Warren Park and Glaze Park. The following table is a brief summary of the existing parks.

Park	Size (Acres)	Description
Hewitt	32	Considered more developed than the other parks and most heavily utilized. Located at 801 S. Hewitt Dr.
Warren	36	Older Park with recent improvements and significant potential for development and utilization. Located at 450 S. Old Temple Rd.
Glaze	15.57	Consists of floodplain land which limits opportunities for future development. Located at 499 S. Old Temple Rd.
Total	83.57	

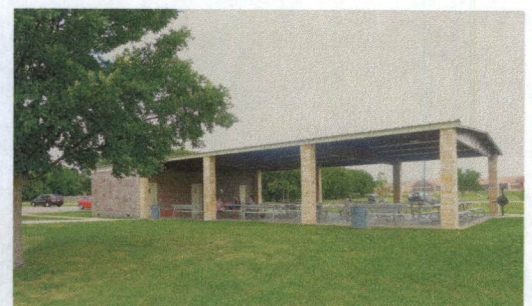
I. Hewitt Park (32 acres)
801 S. Hewitt Drive

Hewitt Park is located off Hewitt Drive, towards the middle or center of the city. The park lies adjacent to Castleman Creek Elementary School with close access to multiple residential neighborhoods. Hewitt Drive provides the Easternmost boundary of the park. Castleman Creek meanders through the center of the park.

The park features an 18-hole disc golf course, a lit concrete walking trail, an outdoor exercise equipment station, horseshoe pits, soccer fields, sand volleyball, a basketball court, playgrounds, picnic tables, open green space, and a pavilion available for reservation. **Hewitt Park** serves the purpose of a community park.



The park is well utilized by a variety of active and passive users. Hewitt Park also hosts many community events throughout the year. Planning for special events are led by the Hewitt Public Library, Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce, and the City.



*Playground & pavilion at
Hewitt Park*

An inventory of current park equipment and facilities was recorded and reviewed with regard to location, acreage, and quantity. The Inventory shown below is the result of a survey at each park that was conducted in October of 2015.

Table 3.1 Inventory of park facilities & features in Hewitt Park

General facilities	Disc golf course
1 "Hewitt Park" stone sign	18 t-box pads
1 entrance gate	18 poles with signs
1 covered pavilion with restrooms	18 rectangle stone benches
15 poles with warning & directional signs	18 disc golf baskets
5 poles with handicap signs	1 4x4 map of course
2 14x14-foot pavilions	Playgrounds
3 drinking fountains	1 tire swing
1 dog drinking fountain	1 helicopter play set
21 trash cans	2 10-foot umbrella shelters
2 dog waste trash cans	1 20-foot umbrella shelter
4 small BBQ pits	4 adult swings
1 large BBQ pit	4 toddler swings
8 concrete tables and benches	2 infant swings
11 light poles	4 climbing sets
7 stationary benches	3 slides
6 portable benches	
15 aluminum picnic tables	
1 20-foot flagpole	Sport facilities
1 message board	1 basketball court
1 sprinkler system for trees	3 basketball goals
General facilities (cont.)	Sport facilities (cont.)
1 sprinkler system for grass around playground	2 volleyball nets
2 portable restrooms	2 set of bleachers
Other activities	1 set of regulation size soccer goals
4 horseshoe pits	1 set of peewee size soccer goals
2 exercise equipment sites	1 baseball backstop

II. Warren Park (36 acres)
450 S. Old Temple Road



Playground & pavilion at Warren Park

Warren Park is located on Old Temple Road in the Southeastern area of the city and within close proximity to I-35. The land immediately surrounding the park is undeveloped, however Midway I.S.D. recently acquired land for a future elementary school immediately adjacent to and South of Warren Park. Land to the North, across Castleman Creek, is planned to be developed for single family residential use. Land across Old Temple Road to the West is single family residential. Castleman Creek provides the northern boundary of the park with Old Temple Road being the West boundary of the park.



The park features the Creekside Amphitheater, a recently constructed outdoor venue designed for a variety of performances and special events. The Amphitheater has been designed for musical concerts, weddings, special movie nights, and outdoor performances. Additional amenities include a practice soccer field, practice baseball field, a recently constructed playground, horseshoe pits, picnic tables, open green space, and a pavilion available for reservation.



Warren Park was originally a 10 acre parcel of land donated by the Warren family of Hewitt. In 2010, the City acquired an additional 14 acres of land at this site for the primary purpose of constructing a future elevated water storage tank. Adding to this in October of 2015 the City acquired an additional 12 acres of land, dubbed the “McCune” tract, which has now been included in the total area of the park. Currently, Warren Park with 36 acres of area is Hewitt’s largest park. There is also the potential for an additional small park land donation adjacent to Warren Park. The new acquisition and possible future donation is one of the primary factors in updating this plan. Due to this recent land acquisition **Warren Park** serves the purpose of a community park.

The park is seeing increased utilization as new improvements have come online. Furthermore, many people are finding Warren Park to be an alternative to the busier Hewitt Park. The recent construction of the Creekside Amphitheater is expected to draw crowds for special outdoor musical concerts and events as well as smaller events like private weddings.

Warren Park also hosts many community events throughout the year. Planning for special events are led by the Hewitt Public Library, Greater Hewitt Chamber, of Commerce and the City.

An inventory of current park equipment and facilities was recorded and reviewed with regard to location, acreage, and quantity. The Inventory shown below is the result of a survey at each park that was conducted in October of 2015.

Table 3.2 Inventory of park facilities & features in Warren Park

General facilities		1 sprinkler system for trees
1 entrance gate		1 sprinkler system for grass
1 covered pavilion with restrooms		2 horse shoe pits
7 poles with warning signs		
1 handicap sign	Sports facilities	
6 stationary picnic tables		1 baseball backstop
1 Warren Park Stone Sign		
1 dumpster		
1 large pavilion		
1 large amphitheater	Playgrounds	
8 aluminum picnic tables		1 Interactive Playground
7 benches		1 set of swings
40 rock bench seats		
5 small BBQ pits		
1 large BBQ pit		1 set of toddler swings
1 message board		
11 trash cans		

III. Glaze Park (15.57 acres)
499 S. Old Temple Road

Glaze Park is located 0.2 miles from Warren Park, to the south across the street at 499 S. Old Temple Road. It consists of city-owned, undeveloped floodplain surrounding a small branch of Castleman Creek. Glaze Park does not have any developed park amenities.



Section 4. Needs Assessment & Project Identification

A. Overview

Needs assessment is a critical component of park and recreation planning. The City considers a variety of sources for park project identification and needs assessment.

As Hewitt's Park system has matured and developed the City has provided increased resources for planning and improvement. City staff works to maintain and operate the park facilities and have historically relied upon observation, citizen comments, the Parks and Beautification Committee, as well as the City Council to establish objectives and provide direction concerning future development.

All meetings of the Parks and Beautification Committee and City Council are open to the public. Periodically, the city receives public comments in the form of phone calls, e-mails, letters, as well as pavilion rental surveys.

In addition to this and in preparation for this park plan update a public hearing to receive comments identifying needs and recommendations concerning parks improvements was held on October 20, 2015. City staff provided an overview of Hewitt's Park System and opened the floor to comments and suggestions from citizens in attendance.

The analysis of facilities needed to meet the city's objectives and the needs identified by the public allow the city to prioritize the most critical needs. The standard methodologies for evaluation include the following types of assessment:

Standards-based assessment uses nationally or locally developed criteria for determining the level of service based on demand studies and/or judgment of the city's Parks & Beautification Committee.

Demand-based assessment uses anticipated growth data, user participation rates, and public input.

Resource-based assessment focuses on the community's unique physical and natural features and their usefulness in providing recreational opportunities.

Commonly, all three methods are used to present the most complete picture of the needs for recreational lands and facilities. Hewitt's Parks & Beautification Committee and City Council reflected on these types of assessments when considering Hewitt's recreational needs and forming the park plan.

B. Standards-based Assessment

To define the needs of a community, standards must be applied within the context of the city's population and demand. The standard for park acreage per 1,000 residents ranges from under four acres to over 50 acres, depending on the specific characteristics of a city. Hewitt currently has 83.57 acres for its 14,900 residents,

which is 5.61 acres per 1,000 residents. Removing the undeveloped Glaze Park from the acreage leaves a total of 68 acres, or 4.6 acres per 1,000 residents.

Though this level of service appears lower than the standards for park acreage, any analysis must consider Hewitt's residents' access to many parks in the surrounding communities such as Waco, which maintains over 1,200 acres of parkland.³ This does not mean, though, that Hewitt can ignore the need for excellent and accessible local parks. More to this point, Hewitt has been proactive in acquiring additional land for park uses in the past few years.

C. Proposed Developments

Hewitt Park is the most developed of the City's Park system. The focus at Hewitt Park is to continue maintenance and to provide minor upgrades of existing facilities. The City works continually to enhance park features and amenities. Specific projects to be completed by the end of 2015 include improvement of the main practice field as well as upgrade of the spectator bleachers to increase seating capacity and comply with ADA accessibility standards. Additionally, an additional outdoor basketball court is being constructed. Immediate plans also call for increasing parking capacity.

On a different note, staff is considering expanding the existing shade structures over the playground at Hewitt Park. Staff will develop alternatives for future consideration. Also, Hewitt's Park Plan includes the goal of planting a minimum of ten (10) hardwood trees per year throughout the Park System.

Warren Park has significant potential for improvement, with the majority of its property currently undeveloped. Some of the land will be used for a water tower and related appurtenances; this structure and its enclosure will require a reserve of approximately two acres. The remainder of the land offers space for recreation-related development. The City is in discussion with Midway I.S.D. concerning use of a 4 acre portion of school owned land adjacent to the southernmost boundary of Warren Park. Although not currently dedicated parkland the M.I.S.D. land is included on the long term plan for park improvements.

At Warren Park the construction of the Creekside Amphitheater and recent land acquisition has provided an opportunity to consider new possibilities. In the next few months there are plans to upgrade the capacity of the electric service at the park as well as water and wastewater lines. Along with this the city plans to increase parking areas and add a four station food truck court in the near future. This project will include conservation friendly landscaping with hardwood trees, grass, shrubs, flowering plants, and ornamentals.

³ <http://www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation/page.aspx?id=38>

Short range plans also call for relocation of the practice soccer/football and baseball backstop to a flatter more open area of the park in the newly acquired 12 acre "McCune" tract. This will also include the addition of parking areas. The primary purpose of the field relocation is to make space for the planned Amphitheater parking lot and food truck court. This project will include conservation friendly landscaping with hardwood trees, grass, shrubs, flowering plants, and ornamentals.

The plan includes construction of a picnic pavilion, constructed in a size and manner similar to the existing picnic pavilion, to be dubbed the "G'ma Mac" pavilion in recognition of the donation of land by the McCune family. Once again, an access road and parking area would be developed in conjunction with this future development. This pavilion would be located near the proposed relocated football field area.

Additionally, short range plans include the construction of a five foot wide ADA accessible concrete walking path meandering along the new perimeter of the park. This is one of the most utilized features of Hewitt Park and most requested features at Warren Park. Current plans show the pathway to consist of two main sections (close to 1/2 mile in distance) which could be combined to make a one mile loop.

The pathway would take advantage of the 4 acre M.I.S.D. land and provide for a connection to the future school site. Plans call for the pathway to be lit with energy efficient lighting (ex. LED lighting system). An exercise station and rest stops are included as well as waste receptacles and appropriate distance markers. A water fountain featuring a pet watering station is incorporated in the plan as well. The plan does include construction of a new picnic pavilion at or near the 4 acre "M.I.S.D." parcel.

Likewise, the road network improvements will be developed and an additional entrance / exit onto Old Temple Road will be included at some point in the near future as funding becomes available.

Mid-range plans call for the addition of the "Creekside Cottage". This is a small building complementing the Creekside Amphitheater which will be designed for multiple uses, but primarily will serve as a changing room for wedding parties. Additionally, the small facility will be used during intermission for bands and city staff during other events. Construction will require extension of city utilities and electricity to the site as well as parking. This project will include conservation friendly landscaping with hardwood trees, grass, shrubs, flowering plants, and ornamentals.

Hewitt's Park plan also includes installation of outdoor warning sirens at Hewitt Park and Warren Park. The sirens would be incorporated into Hewitt's existing outdoor alert system and would provide advance notice of impending inclement weather or other emergency conditions for park patrons.

At **Glaze Park** the intermittent flooding and shape of the property limits development potential. However, there are opportunities for development of certain amenities.

In the short term, the plan includes development of a five foot wide ADA accessible concrete pathway which would provide both a place for exercise and connection with Warren Park. The plan shows this pathway to be approximately 3/4 mile in distance. Plans call for the pathway to be lit with energy efficient lighting.

Mid-range plans include development of a small playground for children near, and connecting to, Raylee Circle. This would primarily be used by residents of the Stone Ridge Addition. The playground would be developed in a manner consistent with other parks, although on a smaller scale. This would include water line extension for landscape irrigation, a water fountain, and a pet watering station. The playground would include shade structures, benches, and waste receptacles as well as conservation friendly landscaping with hardwood trees, grass, shrubs, flowering plants, and ornamentals.

A map of the parks and proposed developments can be found in Appendix "A", Appendix "B", & Appendix "C" respectfully.

D. Cost

As each park is developed project budgets are reviewed, refined, and updated. Obviously, estimates and actual costs will vary. The purpose of providing cost estimates is to provide a framework for future funding decisions. Estimated costs are updated on a continual basis; these estimates are based on information available in November 2015. A detail of estimated expenditures is included in Appendix "D".

E. Future Plans

Long Range Plans are always difficult to determine and change over time as community leaders and citizens consider and determine new ideas and demand changes. This plan focuses on planned improvements in the next five years, but it is important to document and consider improvements beyond that time. While these are preliminary concepts, it is always important to consider long term implications of park development and plan accordingly.

As previously stated, **Hewitt Park** is considered the most developed park in Hewitt's park system. Because of this, and the desire to maintain the existing open green space, the focus over the next few years will be to enhance and improve existing facilities and amenities. Examples of improvements that have been made include an upgrade of the path lighting system, replacing older bleachers, or adding rock veneer to the main picnic pavilion. Where practical additional parking spaces may be developed. But this plan does not contemplate large scale improvements or additional significant projects.

As has been already stated, **Warren Park** offers the most potential for future development. When looking long term, there is significant opportunity for unique amenities that can establish Warren Park as one of the premiere parks in McLennan County. One long term aggressive project that will be considered is the development of an event center or corporate retreat facility of some type. Other ideas include development of a Splash Pad or interactive water feature as well as a potential "Dog Park" for canine residents of the community.

Due to existing conditions, **Warren Park** contains a natural area bordering a portion of Castleman Creek in a wooded area towards the back of the park. One long range plan is for this area to be developed with an interpretative nature trail that goes through the woods and passes within view of a small waterfall. There is also the potential for construction of a fishing pier taking advantage of a small water reservoir in this immediate area.

Additionally, this park plan includes the long term idea of development of a community or demonstration garden at **Warren Park** located near the natural area at or near the recently acquired 12 acre tract with an optional site on or near the

“M.I.S.D.” tract. Groups of residents and community volunteers would be expected to maintain the garden, and it is anticipated the Hewitt Public Library or Parks Staff would oversee this effort. Development of the garden would require significant professional resources to design and implement the project. This project will include conservation friendly landscaping with hardwood trees, grass, shrubs, flowering plants, and ornamentals.

At **Glaze Park** the Long Term plan includes installation of outdoor exercise equipment and “cross fit” style obstacle course. There is also a plan for installation of a community or demonstration garden at Glaze Park. Additionally, at some point the City will need to add appropriate identification signage similar to the stone signs at the entrance of the other two parks.

Section 5. Funding

The city council has made significant financial commitments to Park improvements in recent years. This is in the form of annual maintenance & operations budget as well as long term capital funding.

Since 2012, the City has allocated an average of \$31,875 for park improvements annually in the general fund, with over \$47,000 being spent on improvements in 2014. This is a marked increase over previous years and shows the level of commitment by the City to plan and fund future improvements in the Park System.

Additionally, the City Council has committed long term capital funding in the form of Certificates of Obligation for major improvements. The following table is a summary of actual expenditures since 2012.

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Actual	850	197,943	29,522	168,046
Expenditures				

The City Council continues to allocate Bond Funding for Parks Improvements. While the City has established funding for some long term projects, the City constantly reviews available funding sources and has identified two potential sources of competitive grant funding for park improvements.

The first is the Recreational Trails Grant offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD). The second is the Small Community Local Park Grant Program also offered by the TPWD. Application for these grants would be made in accordance with the annual schedule as published by TPWD.

Additional sources of revenue include possible donations and assistance by local charities. Some planned improvements will require commitment by local groups for maintenance and care. For example, the demonstration or community garden would primarily be maintained by community volunteers like a Master Gardener's Club.



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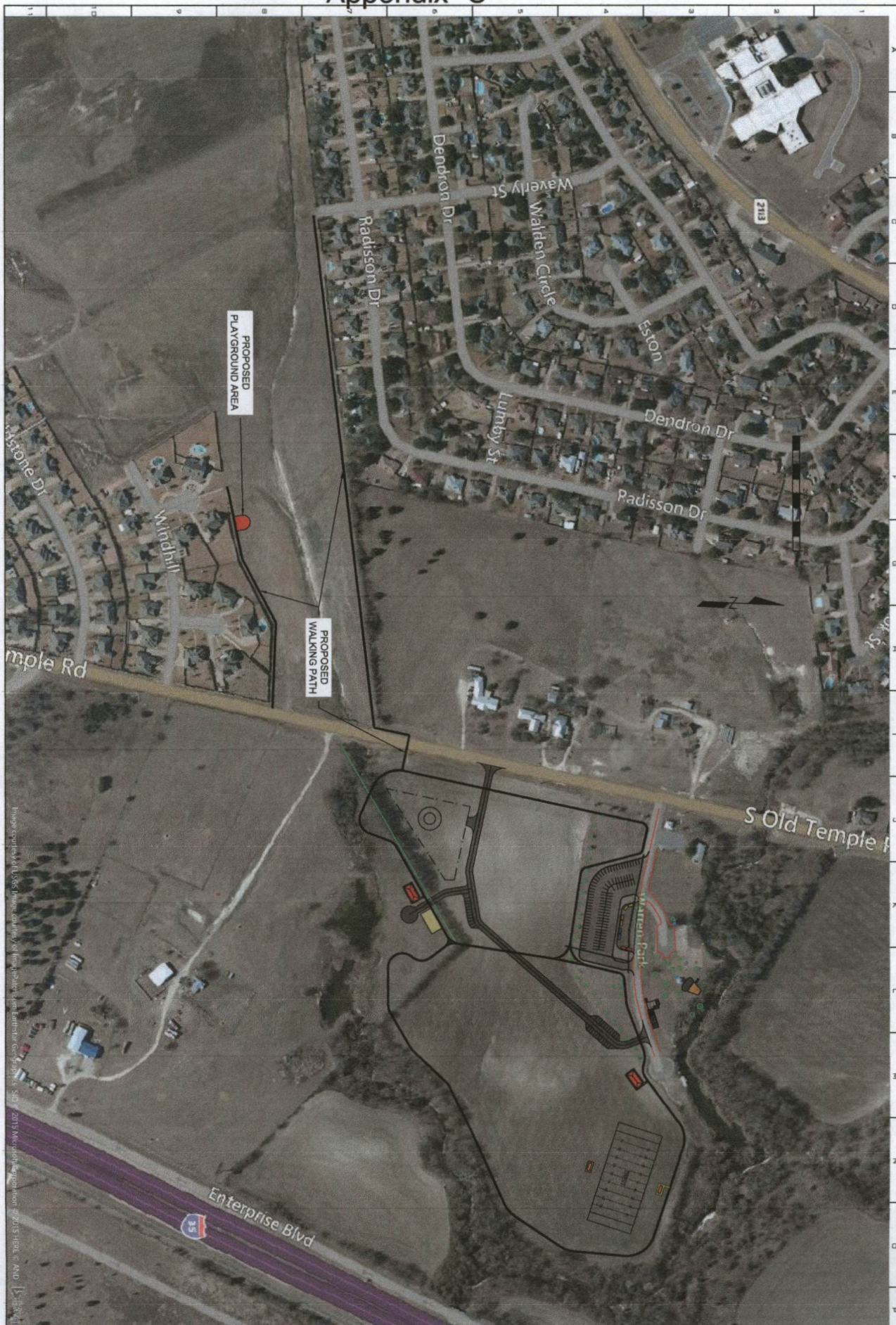
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 2015 - WARREN PARK IMPROVEMENTS
 PROPOSED WARREN/GLAZE PARK WALKING TRAIL LAYOUT

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		Project Estimate		
Hewitt Park	Add Shade Structures to Playground	\$45,000.00		
		TOTAL	\$45,000.00	
Warren Park	Upgrade Electric Service	\$100,000.00		
	Water and wastewater utility extention	\$28,000.00		
	100 lot parking improvements	\$47,000.00		
	2 - 20 lot parking improvement	\$9,800.00		
	Irrigation system	\$4,000.00		
	Food truck court	\$18,000.00		
	Landscaping	\$28,000.00		
	Relocate practice fields	\$75,000.00		
	Practice Field Bleachers	\$20,000.00		
	Road network improvements (Phase I)	\$25,000.00		
	Old Temple Road second ingress / egress (Phase II)	\$25,000.00		
	5 foot wide - Multi-Use Path	\$177,000.00		
	Pathway lighting	\$32,000.00		
	Benches	\$2,000.00		
	Waste receptacles	\$2,000.00		
	Water fountains	\$2,000.00		
	Creekside Cottage	\$80,000.00		
	Cottage parking	\$4,000.00		
	McCune Pavilion	\$100,000.00		
	"MISD" Pavilion	\$100,000.00		

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	2 - outdoor warning sirens	\$50,000.00		
	Engineering	\$55,000.00		
	Contingencies	\$99,000.00		
		TOTAL	\$1,082,800.00	
Glaze Park	5 foot wide - Multi-Use Path	\$86,000.00		
	Small Playground	\$18,000.00		
	Water utility extension	\$7,500.00		
	Water fountains	\$2,500.00		
	Waste receptacles	\$2,000.00		
	Landscaping	\$15,000.00		
		TOTAL	\$131,000.00	

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PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AGENDA FORM

MEETING DATE: November 30, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: #5

SUBMITTED BY: Eva Marie Greenup, Parks and Beautification Secretary

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Adjourn.