

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Gerry Bradley, Director of Parks

**SUBJECT:** Burleson Park Improvement Project

## **BACKGROUND:**

Burleson Park Improvement Project has been identified within the Parks Department's 2013/14 Capital Improvements Program. Burleson Park Improvements include extensive site grading, the introduction of a loop trail system, picnic areas upgrades with new site furnishings, improved drainage to the athletic field, new rubberized playground surfacing, turf, groundcover and botanical plantings, a new irrigation system, ADA accessibility enhancements, and decorative/security lighting (see attached park master plan).

Due to the scope of the project, recent cost estimates from the architect and the project manger have exceeded the projects original budget. On April 21, 2014, staff met with the Capital Improvement Committee to review the project and cost estimates. The Committee recommended postponing the University Blvd. Entrance Portal project until 2014/15 and securing the remaining funds from the unplanned projects account. The new project budget is \$446,600 which includes \$10,000 in project contingency.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will take direction from City Council on how to proceed with the project.