

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: July 27, 2022
To: SBURA Board
From: Jim Tevlin
Subject: Parks & Recreation/Public Works Update

The following is a brief update on Parks & Recreation/Public Works activities in the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District as of March 24, 2021.

Optimist Park

- The Billings City Council, at their April 25, 2022, Regular Meeting voted to reject the bids to construct parking lots on the central and southwestern borders of Optimist Park. Alternatively, the Council directed staff to seek bids to extend Stephens Lane northward to Mitchell Ave with parking slots on both sides of the street.
- The total estimated cost for the Stephens northward extension is approximately \$600k. Note that SBURA's \$500k appropriation for Optimist Park parking lots would be redirected toward this plan. The additional \$100k to complete the project would come from tax increment funds.
- Per Mark Jarvis, Parks & Recreation Planner, the shelter at Optimist Park should be completed by the end of August.

Unimproved Streets

- Public Works anticipates the work to upgrade Bruce Ave, Mitchell Ave, Vaughn Lane and Hillview Lane to be complete in early September 2022.
- The next phase of road improvements includes Morgan Ave, Ryan Ave, and Stephens Lane. Public Works believes that grouping these three streets as a single project will promote better pricing from potential bidders.