

Park Improvements in August
Report as of 8-26-10
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TRAILS

Monon Trail North (161st to Midland Trace Trail)

We received the court ordered appraisals for the Naas property (\$125,500) and Kamin property (\$10,800). We are proceeding with depositing the funds in the court which will mean we own the land. Brain Zaiger plans to appeal the Naas appraisal. The Park Department will be working on a scope of service for a RFP in September. This project is being funded by a DNR State Trail Grant. The funds are low and as a result we may only be able to build the retaining wall and grade the trail route.

Midland Trace Trail – Phase 1

All property has been purchased except the Clark site. We are waiting on them regarding a counter offer. Concrete work should be finished by the end of the week; as should the railings, gates, stone shoulders, signage and clean up. The landscaping will not be done until the weather cools down, probably late September.

The low bid for phase 2 – The Bridge was from Gibraltar Construction at \$198,400. The RDC has accepted their bid. The pre-construction meeting took place on Thursday, the 26th. Completion deadline is November 1st. The bridge is painted.

We cleared the Midland east of Carey Road and if funding exists when all is said and done we plan to stone it.

Natalie Wheeler Trail

No Change to report

PARKS

Freedom Trail Park

The Playground Ribbon Cutting was on August 11th. The playground has already received national recognition by the Accessible Playground.

http://www.accessibleplayground.net/?page_id=46

Westfield Rotary will be planting the new sensory gardens in October.

Simon Moon Park

The sledding hill is near completion. The remaining fill dirt will be brought in over the next week. Then the grading will be completed. All of this is being done at no cost to the City. The hill will be capped in top soil, and then hydro seeded. This will be funded with park impact fees. Plans are to reforest the north slope and landscape other portions of the hill. The hill will remain closed to the public through this winter.

We are starting programming in Simon Moon around the Council Circle. Organizations are requesting usage and we will be partnering with the Library.