



Status Update - December 20, 2022

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Presentation Overview

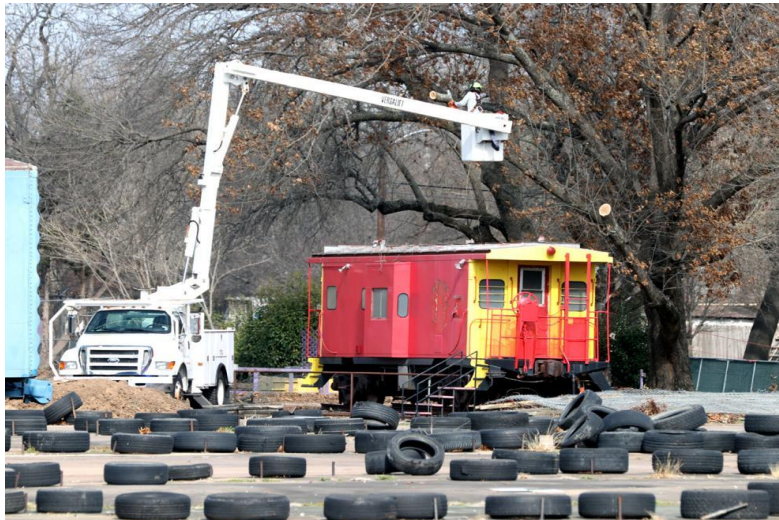
- Overview of Work To Date
- Current Status
- Steering Panel
- Community Engagement / Design
- Moving Forward

The Steps to Re-Imagining a Local Treasure

Established in 1952, Lions Park is a fixture in the hearts of generations of Wacoans; to those that played and raised families there and built and operated this community treasure.

- Coordination with Lions Club of transition of park management
- Equipment moveout and Lions Club auction
- Creation of community member database
- Environmental compliance and permitting
- Debris and vegetation removal
- Site cleanup contract

Site Cleanup



******Top pictures courtesy of Waco Tribune-Herald***



Current Status

- Site Cleanup Complete
- Fencing Removal
- Nine acres of public greenspace during design process

Lions Park Steering Panel

- City Management, Parks and Recreation Staff and Community Leaders have met regularly to establish the pathway to create a new park:
 - McLennan County Officials
 - Lions Club
 - Waco Foundation
 - Cooper Foundation

Site Design RFQ Process

- Design qualification proposals submitted from eight firms
 - Local, Regional and National Submissions
 - In-person Presentations from Three Finalists
 - Scoring Process
- Consider a resolution approving a professional services agreement with OJB Landscape Architecture, to perform park planning and design services for the Lions Park Redevelopment Project in an amount not to exceed \$469,317.00 in Fiscal Year 2022-2023



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Moving Ahead

- Community Input is a Priority
 - Public communication and kickoff begins in January
 - Variety of public engagement meetings with stakeholders, community members
 - Collection of input, ideas and data through a variety of methods
- Conceptual design phase is anticipated to be complete six months after notice to proceed
- Creation of construction documents
- Establish project scope, funding, timeline