

## Concept Overview

In 2009, the City Council adopted the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, which guides the future development and enhancement of Prairie Village City parks and recreation programming. This plan was overseen by a Parks Master Plan Committee comprised of two Council Members and five residents. Additionally, there was a purposeful strategy to engage and capture the thoughts of the public through mailed surveys, the design team interacting with visitors at the parks, and a citizen workshop. Since its inception, City Council has been committed to implementing the various recommendations outlined in the Plan, including upgrades in the following parks: Franklin (2010), Weltner (2011), McCrum (2014), Bennet and Taliaferro (2015 and 2016), and Porter (2016).

For Harmon and Santa Fe Parks, the Plan identified a number of improvements including: adding eight-foot wide trails around the perimeter of the park and through the interior, skate park improvements, relocating and expanding the play area as a Santa Fe Trail-themed destination playground, incorporating prairie areas along the edges in sweeping bands of grasses, and much more. One specific improvement to the parks was the recommendation to fully develop the amphitheater area, creating a more permanent facility. While the City did resurface the Harmon Tennis Courts in 2014, no additional Parks Master Plan recommendations have been implemented.

Council Member Morehead developed the concept of a "Village Square" and brought this idea to an ad-hoc Economic Development Committee and the Parks & Recreation Committee. The Economic Development Committee recommended allotting \$50,000 to this concept and City Council approved as part of the 2017 budget in the Economic Development Fund.

Earlier this year, the City of Prairie Village hired BBN Architects to develop a conceptual plan for Harmon and Santa Fe Parks for consideration by the City Council and by Prairie Village residents. The concept of "Village Square," would build upon the 2009 Parks Master Plan by creating a focal point in the heart of the City and could potentially offer an array of activity opportunities, connectivity, and inter-generational appeal to the Prairie Village community.

Thank you for attending the public input session and voicing your thoughts about the revised concepts for the Harmon and Santa Fe Park Master Plan. As presented, the projected costs are approximately 5.1 million dollars and we feel it is important you have the opportunity to provide feedback on the investment of budgetary dollars to help guide future decisions. Please submit a comment card by November 30, 2017, if you have additional thoughts.



# MASTER PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE SQUARE AT HARMON & SANTA FE PARKS

