



AARC Project Updates AAQoL Advisory Commission, January 2020



Asian American Resource Center – Implementation of 2019 Master Plan Phase I

The Public Works Department (PWD) Project Manager, Riley Triggs, attended the January 14, 2020, Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Oversight Working Group meeting to discuss the funding sources for the next phase of the master plan implementation. Currently, a total of \$7 million was approved for AARC in the 2018 G.O. Bonds. Given the limited funding, PWD and the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) are working to establish the associated project scope.

Communication protocols between PAR and PWD (the project management team) and the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission and AARC Oversight Working Group were discussed in order to balance transparency and effectiveness with efficiency and budgetary limitations.

PAR also issued a response to the AARC Oversight Working Group members and the Network of Asian American Organizations (NAAO) representatives to clarify the process and schedule for the development of the next phase of improvements at AARC.

PWD and PAR are working on the project initiation phase, which entails the development of the architectural program, review of site opportunities and constraints, and permitting requirements, and possibly seek approval for alternative delivery methods. The initiation phase is anticipated to run through the summer of 2020 and will terminate upon the issuance of the solicitation for Design Professional Services.

Asian American Resource Center – Pedestrian Bridge

The Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued to HVJ Associates on January 3, 2020, for the design and engineering work associated with the pedestrian bridge structure and landings at AARC. PAR continues to coordinate with the Watershed Protection Department's (WPD) project management team assigned to the Little Walnut Creek AARC/Rutherford stormwater improvement project and is coordinating collaboration with the HVJ Associates design team.

Preliminary site information was received from WPD that HVJ Associates is evaluating with their consultants in order to begin conceptual design. While the design phase is in progress, the surveyor will coordinate with PAR and the Rutherford Campus to define the required easement area for the pedestrian bridge between the Rutherford Campus property and the AARC property. HVJ Associates has started researching pre-fabricated bridge manufacturers to make recommendations to PAR. Utilizing a pre-fabricated bridge will speed up the process of installation once design and bidding is complete. The pedestrian bridge project is funded through the 2018 G.O. Bonds approved for AARC.