

October 31, 2014

**Subject: Outdoor Fitness Area for Schrom Hills Park**

**Background:** At the Park and Recreation Advisory Board September 17, 2014 meeting, the Director of Recreation, Julie McHale, informed the board of the Community Parks and playground Grant that was submitted in mid-August. If approved, staff is recommending that the City use this funding to build a new outdoor fitness area for Schrom Hills Park.

This consolidated fitness area would replace the series of fitness stations along the asphalt path. The proposed site is located in the southeast portion of the park, adjacent to the asphalt path on the right. Outdoor gyms/fitness parks are an innovative amenity. The equipment chosen was selected to incorporate the four elements of total body fitness and the surface would be rubber tiles so that individual tiles could be replaced if damaged or if equipment pieces are changed in the future. Building would not begin until FY2016 at the earliest.

**Discussion:** The consensus of the Board was positive and that replacing the old fitness stations at the park was a good way to promote fitness in the community. The necessity for vandal resistant equipment and low maintenance of the stations was also discussed.

**Conclusions:** PRAB supports the installation of the proposed fitness stations at Schrom Hills Park.

**Vote: 9-0**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Lola Skolnik, Chair**

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**