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City Council Approves CDBG Funding for Splash Pad

Harrisonburg, Va. – Harrisonburg’s Parks and Recreation Department will soon be adding new amenities to the city’s community pool.

At last night’s City Council meeting, Harrisonburg City Council approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to construct a splash pad at Westover Pool. This funding is provided to the city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through CDBG grant funds.

There are other current pool-related projects that were also made possible by awarded funds from the 2017-2018 CDBG grant cycle, which includes the resurfacing of the Olympic and diving pools. Both projects, the resurfacing to both pools and the splash pad, have a total cost of \$821,860. From that expense, CDBG grant funding will cover \$508,717 and the Parks and Recreation Department has allocated funding for the remainder of the project.

The splash pad will be constructed where the “kiddie” pool is currently located. The “kiddie” pool has been deteriorating and was in need of significant repairs or reconstruction. The splash pad will include stations that guests of all ages may enjoy, but specifically children!

The pool resurfacing and splash pad projects will begin in the fall 2018. The pool was last resurfaced approximately 20 years ago. It is anticipated that these upgrades and the splash pad will be complete by the time the pool opens in May 2019.

During the fall and winter months, when construction is taking place, the dome will be installed over the pool to allow for indoor swimming.

Throughout the summer season (May through August) in 2017, Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation welcomed 41,690 guests.

The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department is eager to hear from the community on what other amenities city residents would like to see in the parks! Comments can be made through www.beheardharrisonburg.org.

Questions about Westover Pool can be made by calling 540-434-0571 or by visiting www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation.

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Pictured above: Architectural renderings of what the splash pad will look like.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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