



ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD SOLICITING STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR BRIDGE PARK DESIGN

Design Phase is First Step to Develop the Park

(NOVEMBER 1, 2021) ROCKDALE, Texas – The Rockdale Municipal Development District Board of Directors voted at their October 28 meeting to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design of Bridge Park. “Bridge Park was acquired by the City of Rockdale in 2013 and some development took place,” explained Michelle Larkin, the Rockdale MDD Board President. “At one point, a landscape architect did a conceptual layout of the park. We want to advance the park to the next step so that it becomes more functional for the community.”

This step will also allow the City of Rockdale to move forward with funding the project. “Right now, we do not have a grasp of how much finishing out the park would cost,” said Rockdale Mayor, John King. “This design work will allow us to figure out what park features we want, how much they will cost, and how best to pay for them.”

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offers a park construction grant that the City can apply for. However, the City would need to meet the 50% match required of the grant program. “The Rotary Club came to the October Park Board meeting and they may be able to help with this,” Larkin continued.

The RFQ will be out until November 18 and the Board will select the best firm at their November meeting. “We hope to get this project underway after New Year’s,” Larkin concluded.