



File No. 26-0603

Item #31

**Expenditure of
District 1
Discretionary Funds**

Update on District 1 Discretionary Funds

- Transparency matters when taxpayers dollars are involved.
- This presentation explains the investments done in District 1 through discretionary funds since taking office in January 2025.

Important Background

- District discretionary accounts are highly regulated and restricted.
- Expenditures require Council approval and must comply with city policies.
- This update involves two fiscal years: FY25 and FY26
- Timing of departmental reconciliation created confusion in a recent reported balance.

Funds Returned to District 1

February 2025

- Approval to reverse previous council action and return funds to D1: \$52,165.87
- Tom Lea Dog Park funds returned to District 1: \$25,000.00
- Total returned to District 1: \$77,165.87
- These funds were restored because they were originally intended for District 1 improvements.

Immediate Investments Back Into District 1

- Council approved \$48,000 expenditure from District 1 discretionary funds in District 1 improvements in March 2025.
- Projects included solar feedback signs and solar lighting improvements.
- Locations included Upper Valley & Gomez Road, High Ridge, and West Green Park.
- Projects were completed by Summer 2025.
- The funds that were restored were quickly reinvested into District 1.

Why the Reported Balance Was Incorrect

- Although the projects were approved and completed last fiscal year, the expenditures were not formally reconciled against the District 1 account until recently.
- Streets and Maintenance completed the projects but had not yet drawn down the funds.
- As a result, the balance reflected funds as still available.
- Following discussions with CFO Robert Cortinas and OMB Director Sasho Andonoski, the reconciliation was corrected.

Annual Allocation Structure

- Each district office receives an annual discretionary allocation through the adopted city budget.
- All districts receive \$10,000 per fiscal year.
- Balances may fluctuate based on approved expenditures, donations, reimbursements, and reconciliation timing.

Community Event Donations

- District 1 has received \$11,500 in donations for signature community events.
- Most of those funds have already been spent on programming and community engagement activities.

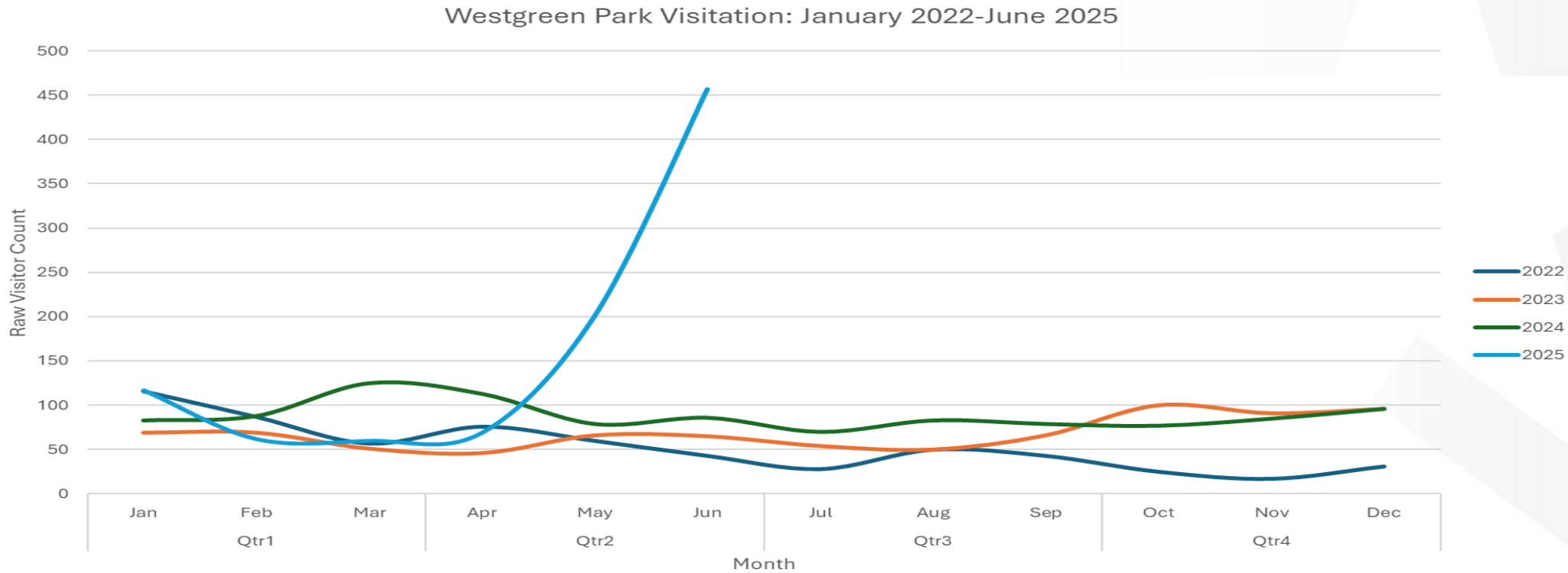
Current Agenda Item: Park Lighting Improvements

- Request: \$22,400 from District 1 discretionary funds for four additional solar lights.
- The lights will be installed at basketball courts in two District 1 parks.
- The goal is to increase safety, usability, and recreational opportunities.

Why Lighting Matters

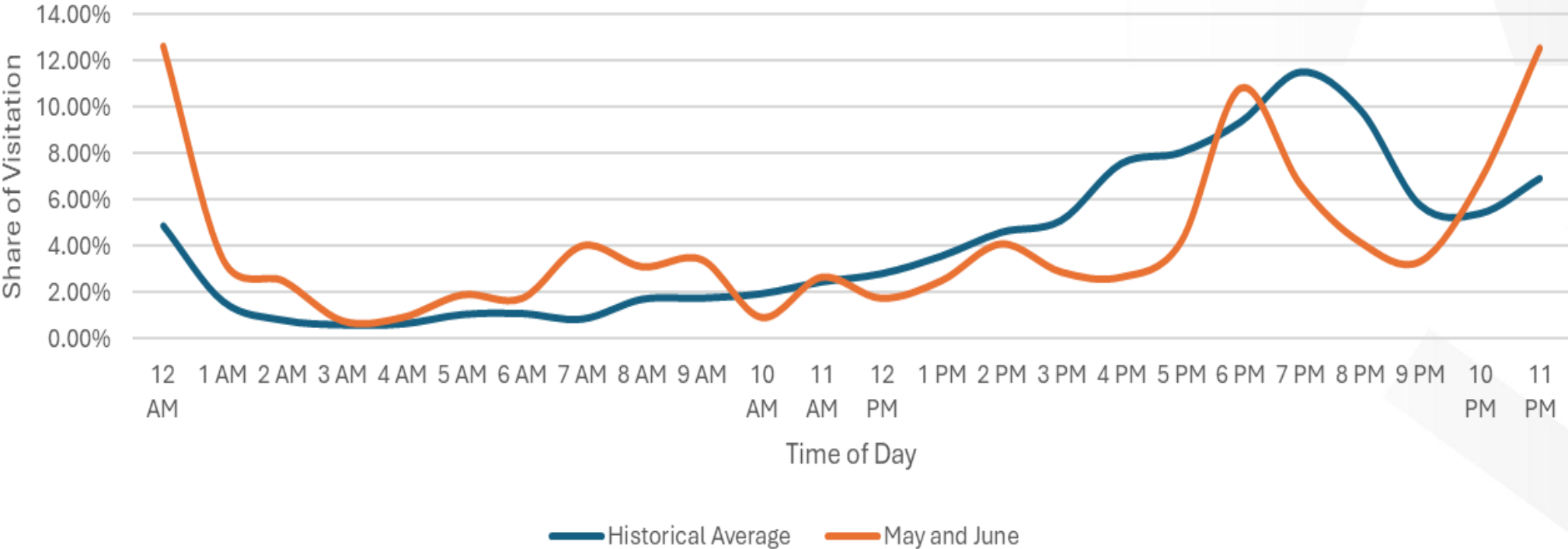
- Data shows basketball court usage drops significantly after dark.
- In winter, it becomes dark too early for evening recreation.
- In summer, daytime temperatures make evening use more practical.
- Lighting supports youth recreation, health and wellness, and safer community gathering spaces.
- Investing in parks means investing in families and quality of life.

West Green Park Data Before and After



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West Green Park: Visitation by Time of Day



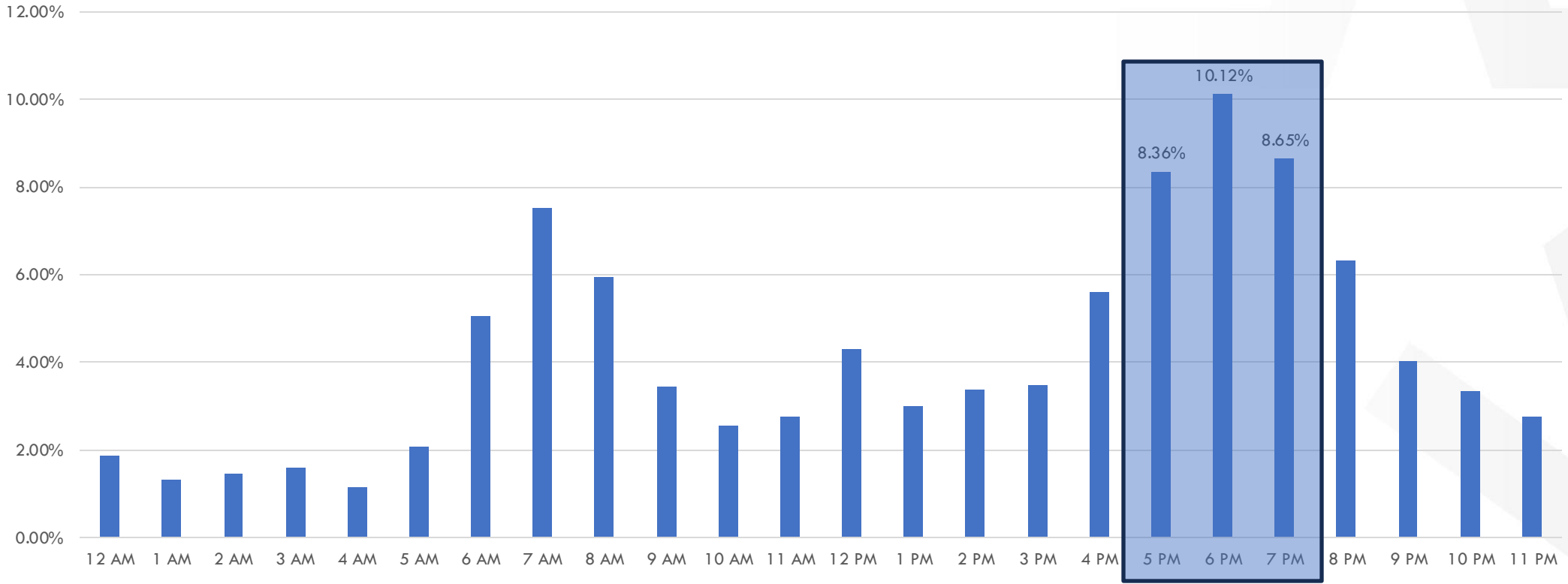


Cimarron Park #2

Share of Visits by Time of Day

Before Improvements

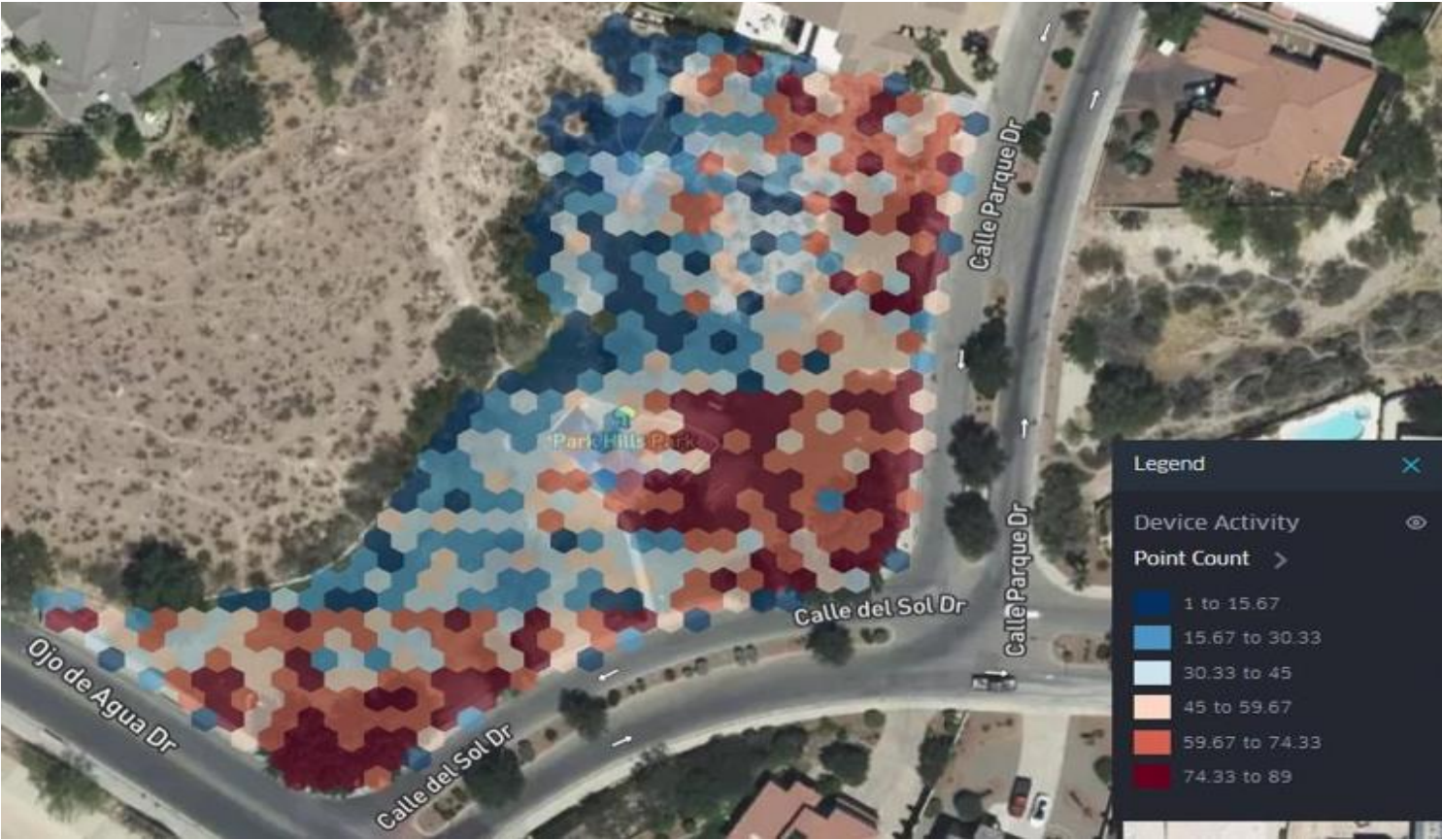
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Cimarron Park #2 Aerial Map



Park Hills Park Heat Map of Park Visits and Activity Before Improvements



Park Hills Park Lighting Plan – Mock Aerial



Corrected Balance

- The previously reported balance of approximately \$110,000 was inaccurate due to unreconciled expenditures tied to completed projects.
- Following reconciliation with Finance and Streets & Maintenance, the projected remaining balance after today's proposed expenditure is approximately \$48,000.

Closing Message

- Transparency and stewardship of taxpayer dollars remains a priority.
- These funds were actively invested into District 1 projects that residents can already see and benefit from.
- The goal is to continue making thoughtful investments that improve safety, quality of life, and community spaces.

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