

City To Spruce Up Balboa Park Area

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More than \$542,000 will be spent in Balboa Park next year to provide a series of improvements mainly in utilities, landscaping and streets.

The largest single expenditure will be \$143,000 to construct arcades on the north side of El Prado adjacent to the West and Timken wings of the Fine Arts Gallery. This improvement, being carried out on recommendation of the Bartholomew master plan report for the park, includes design costs and walkways.

All improvements are listed in a \$17.2 million capital outlay budget for 1964-65 now under review by the City Council.

PLANTERS, LIGHTING

Other projects tied to work being done on the new wings of the gallery include a \$27,500 program to install paving curbs, and gutters on three sides of Plaza de Panama. This will include irrigation, planter beds and lighting in the plaza.

A total of \$21,000 also will be spent for automatic sprinklers and landscaping around the Timken wing.

City Mgt. Tom Fletcher said the city would spend \$15,000 to landscape a slope above the interchange of U.S. 395 and U.S. 101 in the southwest corner of the park. General landscaping for the area was provided in a separate contract let by the state after construction of the freeway interchange.

PLANS OUTLINED

Other improvements:

1. Installation of irrigation lines in a canyon west of Alcazar Gardens parking lot, \$12,000.
2. Construction of connection between south ends of Balboa Drive and 8th Avenue extension, \$8,000.
3. Renovation of the pri-

mary electrical system within the entire park, \$75,000.

4. Widening of Quince Street 300 feet east from Balboa Drive for 600 feet including curbs, \$1,800.

5. Conversion of roque courts to horseshoe courts at

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the shuffleboard club, \$3,000.

6. Construction of two storage rooms at Balboa Stadium, \$4,000.

7. Installation of additional lighting on east side exterior of the stadium and adjacent to the foot bridge, \$10,000.

8. Landscaping at the stadium on the south end adjacent to the peristyle, \$5,000.

9. Replacement of street lighting system on El Prado, \$60,000.

10. Installation of minimum irrigation lines west of the Fine Arts Gallery West wing with permanent irrigation and landscaping in planter beds, \$7,500.

11. Replacement of water lines in gardens north of Natural History Museum, \$8,600.

12. Construction of play area at Golden Hill park and recreation center, \$12,000.

13. Furnishings at Golden Hill center, \$5,600.

14. Construction of four ten-

nis courts at Morley Field, the first of 16 to be added, \$34,000.

15. Replacement of water lines on north road between the Zoo and El Prado, \$22,000.

16. Installation of irrigation system around the organ pavilion and along east side of the mall north of the pavilion, \$14,000.

17. Lighting for the pavilion parking lot, \$4,000.

18. Installation of 800 feet of sidewalk south and west of Marston point to provide access to the point from Sixth Avenue.

19. Installation of automatic sprinklers and landscaping around the Timken gallery, \$21,000.

20. Replacement of a water main on Zoo Drive from Park Boulevard to Laurel Street, \$43,653.

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