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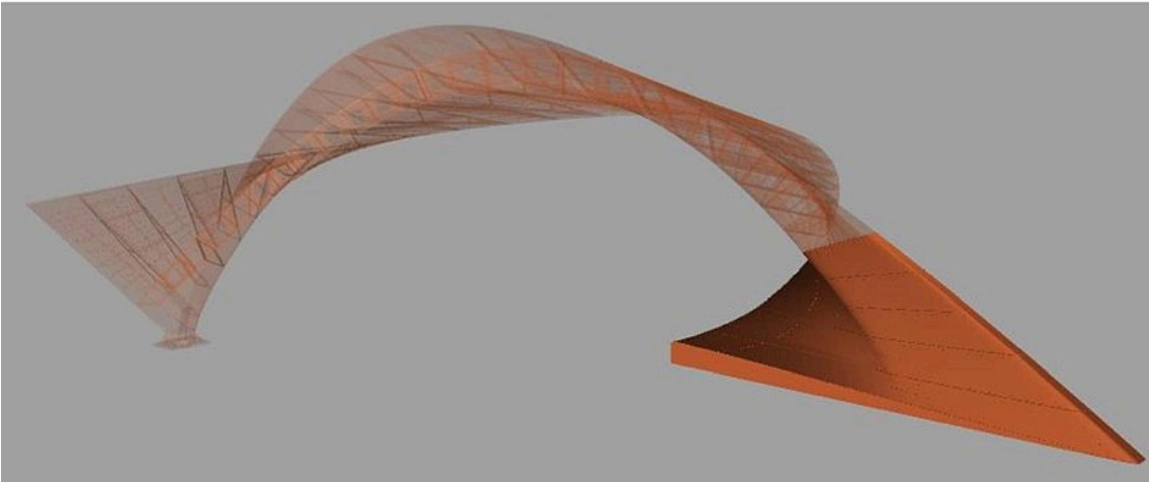
# Springdale council gets glimpse of massive steel structure to serve as focal point of Luther George Park

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Construction (above) is seen in the Netherlands compared to a conceptual drawing of a steel stage planned for Luther George Park in Springdale. The City Council on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, got a presentation from local firm Milestone Construction Co. on progress of the structure. (Courtesy/Springdale)

**SPRINGDALE** -- A 145-ton steel stage shipped piece by piece from the Netherlands will become the focal point of Luther George Park.

Sam Hollis and Mike Davis with local firm Milestone Construction Co. on Tuesday presented slides of the work in progress to the City Council. A company in the Netherlands is building the artistic structure in pieces. Hollis said four out of 25 shipments have arrived thus far. The entire thing should arrive stateside by June, he said.

“This is truly going to be a jewel for the city of Springdale,” Hollis said. “It is a one-of-a-kind amphitheater.”

The stage will stretch 153 feet wide, 52 feet deep and 33 feet tall, Davis said. Only a few companies in the world can craft such a structure, he said.

The firm originally solicited a company in Kansas City, Mo., to do the work, Davis said. However, the projected cost was about \$7.5 million, he said.

The company in Netherlands is building it for about half that, Mayor Doug Sprouse said. Architect Trey Trahan in New Orleans, La., designed the piece.

“I think this will be an iconic structure, for sure,” Sprouse said. “We’ll have folks from all over wanting to see this.”

About \$10 million of the estimated \$13 million Luther George Park is being paid for through private donations, Sprouse said.

In a pair of separate agenda items, the council voted 6-1 to approve contracts for the design and construction of a playground at the park. Council Member Mark Fougerousse voted against.

Cost of the playground is nearly \$1.4 million. Of the total, \$359,000 is coming from project donations. The rest, just more than \$1 million, is coming from the city’s share of federal American Rescue Plan money.

The city received \$21.4 million in total federal pandemic relief money.

The other contract the council approved was for \$24,050 to Spackman Mossop Michaels landscape architecture firm in New Orleans for work related to design of the park.

Sprouse said the city hopes to open the park to the public by late September, in time for the annual Ozarktober festival.

“It’s spurring a lot of redevelopment in that area that surrounds the park,” he said. “I think we’ll continue to see big changes around it.”

Council Member Mike Overton did not attend Tuesday’s meeting.



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