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## News Release Grass Removed From Park

(May 17, 2013) - Parks crews have removed the grass from the Horse Mural Park located on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 1<sup>st</sup> Street South, and have replaced it with bark. The walking paths and benches remain and the community is encouraged to continue to use the park.

The City's insurance company is requiring the removal of the grass, and will not allow any landscaping that requires irrigation. Previously an irrigation problem caused water damage to the basement of a neighboring property. The insurance company decided irrigation on that parcel of land is too great a liability, so it must be removed.

City staff met with downtown businesses and came up with the solution of using bark in the park as an alternative. One of the local business owners has agreed to hand water the trees so they can remain on the property.

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