



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of April 12, 2016

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**UPDATE TO CITY
COUNCIL**
Parks & Recreation Master Plan and
Community Enrichment Funds

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BACKGROUND :

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan was adopted by City Council in October 2012. Based on public input and stakeholder meetings, trends analysis and needs assessments four goals were set for the park system:

- Bring greater efficiency, value to park development and maintenance
- Enhance the experience of visiting parks
- Increase recreation opportunities and activities
- Acquire new parkland for future development in a strategic manner.

Planning efforts to achieve these goals are centered around seven (7) park planning areas that stretch from Labonte Park to Mustang Island. In addition the plan set forth development priorities to be achieved over the next 7-10 years. These priorities include:

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| ▪ Community & regional park development | ▪ Bicycle & pedestrian bridge at Oso Bay |
| ▪ Hike & bike trails | ▪ Bayfront park improvements |
| ▪ Aquatic facilities | ▪ Senior & recreation center improvements |
| ▪ Sports fields & complex improvements | ▪ Tennis center improvements |
| ▪ Southside park maintenance facility | ▪ Heritage Park improvements |
| ▪ ADA upgrades & improvements | ▪ Watergarden improvements |
| ▪ Golf course improvements | ▪ Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve completion |

Development standards based on the size, usage and unique characteristics of park were established as well as identifying major investment parks to guide future capital projects. Finally, the plan features a standards of care matrix and assigned levels of care to each park.

The Community Enrichment Fund was established to hold donations, fees for memorials (trees, benches, plaques etc.) and parkland development fees. The majority of funds are collected through the cash in lieu of parkland dedication requirements and development fee structure established in the Unified Development Code, Article 8.3 Public Open Space. When a developer files a plat for the development of a subdivision they are required to meet two dedication requirements:

- Parkland
 - Single-family developments require 1 acre per 100 dwelling units
 - Multi-family developments require 1 acre per 200 dwelling unit
 - In cases where acceptance of parkland is not in line with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan developers must pay a cash in lieu of land fee using the following calculation:

$\text{Amount of land required (acres)} \times \text{Market Value of an acre} = \text{Fee}$
 - The maximum market value is capped at \$62,500 per acre.
 - These fees are utilized to improve regional, community and neighborhood parks within five miles of the development and executed according to the master plan.
- Park Development
 - A fee of \$200 per dwelling unit
 - These fees are utilized to plan and improve regional, community and neighborhood parks to serve the development and executed according to the master plan.

The Parks and Recreation Department has utilized these funds build playgrounds, improve parks to meet ADA requirements, serve as matching funds for large projects such as the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve and Learning Center and the Schanen and Bear Creek Hike & Bike Trails. Currently funds are planned to supplement the execution of the 2012 Bond program, master plan priorities that were not included in the most recent bond program and support efforts of Adopt-a-Park groups.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

PowerPoint

Exhibit A Major Investment Parks Identified in the Master Plan

Exhibit B Map of Park Planning Areas