



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2019**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE VICTORIA AVENUE POLICY FOR PRESERVATION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT**

## **ISSUE:**

Provide an update on the Victoria Avenue Policy for Preservation, Design and Development.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive an update on the Victoria Avenue Policy for Preservation, Design and Development.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) has updated the Victoria Avenue Policy for Preservation, Design and Development (Victoria Avenue Policy). In October 2018, the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee directed staff to collaborate with the Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF) community group to update the Victoria Avenue Policy in regards to alternatives to planting citrus trees, tree maintenance, right-of-way standards, and private development standards. In 2019, CEDD conducted three meetings with VAF and City Departments impacted by the Victoria Avenue Policy. Together, the team developed the attached updated policy.

On Monday, September 9, 2019, the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee unanimously approved the revised Victoria Avenue Policy as an amendment to the 2003 Victoria Avenue Ad-Hoc-Committee Policy related to tree planting, right-of-way, parkway improvements, maintenance and other requirements for new development, and added the language “even during times of water shortage or restrictions” to Section 1C, 3 of the policy.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The updated policy made changes to: 1) tree rows and species; 2) trails; 3) new development requirements; 4) right-of-way standards; and 5) maintenance responsibilities. Most pertinent to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) are the clarifications to language about trails and park/parkway designation.

The updated policy provides clarification about the location of the paved Class I bikeway on the

north side of the street, and the multi-purpose decomposed granite trail on the south side of the street. The Class I bikeway provides an off-street route in addition to the striped bike lanes on the street.

The previous policy recommended that Victoria Avenue be designated as a linear City Park. However, with concurrence from the PRCSD, Victoria Avenue has instead been designated as a Scenic Parkway.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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### **Attachments:**

1. 2019 Policy
2. 2003 Policy
3. Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee Report
4. Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee Presentation