



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2019**
FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT

ISSUE:

Provide an update on the Park Master Plan project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning Commission receive an update on the Park Master Plan project and provide feedback as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

On July 25, 2017, City Council approved an agreement with RJM Design Group (RJM) to complete a comprehensive Park, Recreation and Community Services Master Plan (The Plan). In 2018, RJM completed a park inventory, analysis and an extensive community outreach effort. The community outreach effort included 18 stakeholder interviews, 5 focus groups, 7 community workshops, sports organization questionnaire, 633 responses in the ESRI online survey and 900 residents' input from the English and Spanish telephone survey.

RJM used the Community's input, as well as, services and needs analysis to prepare the Draft Comprehensive Park Master Plan Update. The Plan includes recommendations for park facilities programs, long term maintenance, as well as, General Plan Policy Updates through 2030. RJM will provide a summary presentation of the process and recommendations for the Commissions input.

DISCUSSION:

The existing Park Master Plan was completed in 2003 and is recommended to be updated every ten years. On February 24, 2015, the City of Riverside adopted a strategic plan, Riverside 2.0, which included the strategic goal of updating the Park Master Plan and Recreation Needs Assessment.

Since 2003, the City's population has grown, neighborhoods changed demographically, and the park system achieved significant improvements during the Renaissance. Therefore, a new Comprehensive Park Master Plan is needed to provide a clear vision, action plan, and financial strategy for creating one of "America's Most Livable Communities" that reflects the needs and equitably serves the residents of Riverside.

The Comprehensive Park Master Plan scope of services includes the following tasks:

1. **Recreation Programs, Services and Park Facility Inventory** - provide an inventory and assessment of existing programs, services, and facilities;
2. **Community Needs Survey** – provide a demographic analysis, including trends, recreation patterns, Community workshops (each ward, stakeholders, sports groups, youth, seniors etc.), a Community-wide, statistically valid, phone survey, and an online questionnaire;
3. **Comparative Analysis, Recreational Needs Assessment and Recommendations** – evaluate and identify recreational needs specific to Riverside, required to serve the community with projections to 2030. Identify underserved neighborhoods, service gaps, and prioritize site-specific projects, acquisitions and services, in a list format considering funding, phasing, and community priorities;
4. **Capital Improvement Plan** – develop a plan outlining park infrastructure improvements required to implement the Comprehensive Park Master Plan recommendations;
5. **Operations and Maintenance Plan** – develop a maintenance management plan for the facilities maintained by Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department;
6. **Park Land Acquisition and Development Policies Manual** – provide a manual with updated policies, General Plan updates, and development impact fees needed to meet long range recreation service objectives;
7. **Financial Strategy Plan** – identify the financial needs and priorities, and recommend funding mechanisms as well as cost recovery strategies needed to implement the proposed Comprehensive Park Master Plan; and
8. **Facility ADA Study** – Conduct an analysis of existing park facilities to identify existing accessibility compliance/conditions, corrective action, cost and priorities.

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Attachment: Presentation

The Parks Master Plan can be downloaded at:

https://www.riversideca.gov/park_rec/planning-projects/parks-master-plan-vision-2030