

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80PROSMP 2020 UPDATE

SUBJECT

Adopt a Resolution Updating the 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and Incorporating the Updated Master Plan in the City's Comprehensive Plan (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution updating the 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth; and
 2. Incorporate the updated Master Plan, by reference, in the City's Comprehensive Plan.
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DISCUSSION:

Since its establishment in 1909, the development of the City of Fort Worth park system has been guided by formally adopted comprehensive master plans. Beginning with the 1909 Kessler Plan, subsequent plans have included the 1930 Hare and Hare Master Plan, a 1957 update of the Hare and Hare Master Plan and more recently, the 1998, 2004 and 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plans.

In 1992, the Park & Recreation Department Strategic Plan (which focused on strategic allocation of resources) was adopted, and in 2001 the Recovery Action Plan was adopted to comply with the Department of Interior, National Park Service Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act grant program.

The first City of Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan, which serves as the umbrella plan for all city services, growth and development was adopted in the year 2000. Since that time, the Park & Recreation Department Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan has been incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan (by reference).

On May 18, 2004, the Parks and Community Services Advisory Board voted to endorse the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, the official plan was adopted by the City Council on June 22, 2004. The update of the 2004 Master Plan was guided by the Park Board, involved a public input process and included input from staff. In February 2010, the final adopted Plan set forth local standards with a basis of established national standards from the National Park and Recreation Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.

On December 17, 2014, the Park Board voted to endorse the current Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, and the official plan was adopted by the City Council on January 27, 2015. The final adopted Plan sets forth local standards with a basis of established national standards from the National Park and Recreation Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. The update of the 2015 Master Plan was guided by the Park Board, involved a public input process and included input from staff.

In order to remain competitive for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Recreation Grant Programs, the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan must be updated every five years. The update shall include accomplishments over a five (5) year period, updated demographics and park system needs in priority.

The City Plan Commission endorsed the update to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan on May 27, 2020.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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