

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 11/29/22

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0934

LOG NAME: 80WILDWOOD PARK NORTH BOUNDARY CONFIRMATION

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Confirm the Boundaries of Wildwood Park North, as Originally Designated by the City Council in 1970, to Include Approximately 124 Acres as Established by an Updated Survey and Dedicate the Property as Parkland

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Confirm the boundaries of Wildwood Park North, as originally designated by the City Council in 1970, to include approximately 124 acres as established by an updated survey and as depicted on the attached survey map; and
2. Dedicate the property as parkland to be known as Wildwood Park North.

DISCUSSION:

On November 30, 1970, the City Council designated twenty (20) park sites around Lake Worth by name and acreage as recommended by the Park and Recreation Board. No exhibits accompanied the designation and it was acknowledged that the acreages listed were only estimates scaled from a Lake Worth map. It was suggested in the Park and Recreation Board recommendation that the actual acreage would be determined by surveys at a later date. No records have been found to indicate that surveys of the park boundaries were formally approved by Council.

In order to facilitate planning efforts around Lake Worth, it is advisable to formally approve and dedicate the attached survey exhibit as the boundaries of Wildwood Park North. Every attempt has been made to match the estimated acreages in the 1970 City Council designation; however, in some cases the parks are bound by geographical constraints such as streets and water and, in other cases, additional land has been added to the parks.

By virtue of Chapter 331 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Texas Legislature delegates to municipal corporations the regulation and control of property held for public uses within their limits, such as public parks. In providing for the use and control of its public parks, the municipality holds the property in trust for the use and benefit of its citizens, and as a general rule, it cannot use or permit the use of such property for purposes other than for which it was dedicated or acquired and appropriated.

To memorialize the status of the park boundaries in the Lake Worth area, staff recommends accepting the attached metes and bounds and survey map exhibits as the official boundaries of Wildwood Park North.

Lake Worth Area Park Designation	1970 Acreage	2022 Acreage
Wildwood Park North	116	124.559

Wildwood Park North is located at 9900 Watercress Drive, north of and along Watercress Drive and east of Lake Oaks Circle in Council District 7.

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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