

**Parks and Recreation Commission Questions**  
**May 10, 2017**

**Item 6.1 - Off-Leash Area Annual Update and Bubba Park Modification of Operational Hours and Days**

1. "Recommend the City Council give staff the authority to make future operational modifications for Off-Leash Areas that do not require an update to City Code." How/When in the new process would citizens voice opinions/concerns for future changes if it is not brought before PRC/Council? Is notice put up at the site for pending changes with time to comment and be taken into account by the Dept.? Or perhaps this is covered in some other portion of the process, in which case could you give a brief description?

*The recommendation is a starting point for conversation with the PRC on how to administer OLA operational changes in a more efficient way. The proposed recommendation would require staff to conduct meetings with neighbors on any operational changes. It may be the case that providing the PRC with authority to rule on them is more efficient. The goal would be to set up a simplified format for minor changes.*

**Item 6.2 - Community Services Department Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

1. It looks like \$750 tree mitigation fee relates to 24" box install. Given the range of "typical" removed heritage trees, how many years would it take to restore equivalent canopy coverage based upon this budget? If this fee were raised to some higher level, what would be the next-size-up (etc.) tree, and how would this affect time-to-canopy-restoration?

*It typically takes 7-10 years for a replacement tree to reach the same canopy coverage of a "typically" removed heritage tree. Larger sizes of box trees can range from 36" to 72". The cost goes up significantly as the box size increases. A 36" box tree costs around a couple thousand dollars per tree due to the costs of shipping and additional time to plant. A bigger specimen would only reduce the time to reach previous canopy coverage by a year or so. The cost significantly increases with the next size up, while the benefits of time-to-canopy-restoration do not follow suit. A 24" box tree provides the best cost/benefit ratio. Care and watering have more of an effect on canopy coverage than increasing the size of the box tree.*

2. \$9, 500 for Heritage Park -- was this to cover the opening day stuff that occurred in this fiscal year?

*The \$9,500 is for ongoing maintenance for Heritage Park. It does not cover any costs for the current fiscal year. Ongoing costs cover plants, fertilizer, tools, small equipment, water, electricity and sewer and meter charges for the park.*

3. For the new Heritage Tree Policy replacement fee of \$750 per tree. Is this per tree based on the 2:1 ratio? For example if 1 Heritage Tree is removed and no trees (of required size) are planted to replace it, will the fee be \$750(missing 1 Heritage) or \$1500(missing 2 replacement trees)? With what is written I could see either being correct

*The fee is \$750 per tree that is unable to be replaced. Therefore, if a tree is removed and zero trees are replanted, the fee will be \$1,500: \$750 for each tree at the 2:1 ratio. Another example would be if a developer removes 10 trees, and is only able to replant 5 of the 20 required, then it would be \$750x15 trees.*