



MEMORANDUM

Community Services Department

DATE: September 13, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Plan for Review of Park Land Acquisition Program

RECOMMENDATION

Review and provide input on the direction and schedule of staff's proposed plan for reviewing the Park Land Acquisition program.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) recommended a City Council goal to review the Park Land Acquisition process and explore alternatives to enhance and increase opportunities for purchasing and acquiring additional land for future park development. The City Council has made this one of their Council goals.

In that effort, staff recommends the following schedule to review the Park Land Acquisition program with the PRC. After completing the planned review, staff will bring a report to the City Council that summarizes the PRC's review of the program and any recommendations the PRC provides.

SCHEDULE

October 2017

Review the current projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for park acquisition and development. Review developments and proposed park projects in the planning areas.

November 2017

With staff from the Community Development Department, review the process they go through for proposed developments with a focus on addressing park land needs. Discuss and review concerns, obstacles, and successes that staff encounters when working with developers, land owners, citizens, etc.

December 2017

Review the Park Land Acquisition process, including successes and obstacles, with the City's Real Property Program Administrator. Review available real estate in Mountain View, the costs, and how Park-In-Lieu fees are calculated. Discuss how the City currently works with developers, landowners, and nonprofits when exploring park land acquisition as well as possible new coordination and partnerships.

January 2018

Review any notes, directions, or questions from previous discussions. Clarify and answer all outstanding issues and follow-up items.

March 2018

Review and provide recommendations for changes, actions, or maintaining current programs and process to the City Council.

April 2018

Provide report and recommendations to the City Council.

Please provide comments, concerns, questions, and direction to move forward on the following schedule as part of the PRC work plan for this fiscal year.

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