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CITY COUNCIL AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 28, 2018

Subject

Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Update

Recommended Action

Accept update on the Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan ("Master Plan") and provide direction.

Background

Development of a Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan is underway. This report package provides an update on recent progress on key topics.

Discussion

On September 19, 2017, the City Council received an update on the Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. A presentation provided an overview of progress to date, results of community outreach efforts, themes that had emerged, and a proposed vision, mission and goals. Among the information were maps showing park distribution and residential access to parks within a half-mile walk.

Since then, further work has provided a comprehensive evaluation of the city's recreation programs, and a project scoping matrix that focused on potential major park and recreation projects to consider, together with site selection criteria and other considerations. All documents that have been prepared are posted on the city's website on the project page at the link below, as well as in the on-line records associated with Commission and City Council meetings.

<http://forms4.cupertino.org/parks&recmasterplan/projectUpdates.html>

The project team will present information about potential major recommendations of the Master Plan, described as "Big Moves." The term Big Moves is being used to describe desires or needs of the community that have been identified which:

- Are major facilities or buildings
- Have significant budget, staffing and spatial impacts
- Require major investments, and/or

- Make commitments of precious park land.

The meeting will include an overview presentation, and the opportunity for discussion and direction from the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission as to what Big Moves options should continue to be considered in the planning process. See Attachment A for additional information.

One of the potential Big Moves is to acquire new parkland to help meet neighborhood needs. To help make policy decisions about the amount and types of parkland to provide, Attachment B, "Park Service and Access", discusses existing policies and presents new maps. A new base map, Map 1, provides context. Maps 2 and 3 show the 10-minute (1/2 mile) "walkshed" distance from residential areas first to all park types, and then to only those parks that serve neighborhood needs. Maps 4 and 5 graphically show the parkland acreage within a 10-minute (1/2 mile) walk from residential areas for all park types, and then once again for only those parks that serve neighborhood needs. This mapping provides a more informative view of the distribution of parkland resources to help support decision-making.

Among the potential Big Moves is to pursue a full-size cricket field. The City Council approved funding to complete a feasibility study to evaluate where an international-size cricket field could be created in Cupertino. Public Works Department staff presented the results of the study to the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 2, 2018. The results are provided in Attachment D. The presentation can be viewed at http://cupertino.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=18&clip_id=2322.

The City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission's feedback is invited to assist in determining the potential projects to be presented to the public at upcoming workshops and carried forward in developing the Master Plan. A summary matrix of existing park and recreation facilities is included as Attachment D for reference.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Sustainability Impact

The project will support the city's sustainability and environmental policies and objectives.

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Attachment A: Big Moves Handout, Draft, Feb. 2018

Attachment B: Park Service and Access, Draft, Feb. 2018

Map 1: Existing Parks, Recreation & Open Space Resources, Feb. 2018

Map 2: Access to All Park Types Within a 10-Minute Walk, Feb. 2018

Map 3: Access to Neighborhood-serving Parks Within a 10-Minute Walk, Feb. 2018

Map 4: Park Service (Accessible Acreage, All Park Types) Within a 10-Minute Walk, Feb. 2018

Map 5: Park Service (Accessible Acreage, Neighborhood-serving Parks) Within a 10-Minute Walk, Feb. 2018

Attachment C-1: International Cricket Feasibility Study, Dec. 2017

Attachment C-2: International Cricket Feasibility Study, Appendix, Field overlays

Attachment D: Park & Facility Inventory Matrix, Feb. 2018