

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

DATE: July 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

No action to be taken.

BACKGROUND

The City of Palo Alto has 37 parks and open space preserves covering approximately 4,165 acres of land, which includes Foothills Park, Pearson Arastradero Preserve, and the Baylands Nature Preserve. A Capital Improvement Project for a Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) was adopted by Council for the 2013 fiscal year. The purpose of this project is to provide the necessary analysis and review of Palo Alto's parks and recreation system for the preparation of a Parks Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan will provide the City with clear guidance regarding future renovations and capital improvement projects aimed at meeting current and future demands on the city's recreational, programming, environmental, and maintenance needs, establishing a prioritized schedule and budget of future park renovations, facility improvements and expansion of recreational programs.

DISCUSSION

Discussion and review of the Parks Master Planning process will cover the following:

1. Review the revisions made to the prioritization criteria discussed in last month's meeting and with the Ad hoc committee.
2. Review the community prioritization outreach process. Discuss the stake holder meeting agenda, the community meeting agenda and the online community prioritization exercise.

NEXT STEPS

On-line Community Survey (August/September 2015)
Community/Stakeholder Priority Workshops (September 2015)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed CIP recommendations are consistent with Policy C-26 of the Community Services element of the Comprehensive Plan that encourages maintaining park facilities as safe and healthy community assets; and Policy C-22 that encourages new community facilities to have flexible functions to ensure adaptability to the changing needs of the community.

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