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TITLE:

OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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RECOMMENDATION:

This report is an update on the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan that will come before the Commission at the meeting in October.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017-18, City staff were working with RJM Design Group, Inc. (RJM), on an update to the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Included in the Scope of Work for the Master Plan update was a series of tasks including Demographics, Community Outreach, A Multimodal Phone Survey, Study Sessions, and Community Presentations. Unfortunately despite the work done by the Consultant at the time, the Master Plan Update was never finalized and/or presented to City Council for final approval. As much of the data included in the draft is now outdated, it was determined the best course of action was to continue the work that was performed years ago, while updating certain tasks that would most likely effect the product of the Master Plan Update. In December of 2021, City Council approved a contract with RJM to complete the Master Plan Update, with certain tasks highlighted for completion.

ANALYSIS:

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Staff have been working with representatives from RJM on the update. To date the tasks that have been completed include Project Familiarization, Demographic Update, a new Multimodal Phone Survey, and Stakeholder Interviews. The next steps include a presentation of the summary findings to the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS), along with a presentation of the summary findings to the City Council during a study session. The update to PACS is currently scheduled for the next PACS meeting, to be held on October 13, 2022. This meeting will serve as an opportunity to all members of the public to join the discussion, provide community input, and participate in this critical Master Plan Update.

As Commissioners, each of you plays a role in connecting to the Community through various organizations, groups, and neighborhoods. As many of you completed the Stakeholder surveys and interviews, you should have a general idea of the types of questions that were asked and the responses in the summary findings. These summary findings will be presented by representatives from RJM. After the presentation, Commissioners will have an opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments before the floor will be opened to the public. Outreach will be performed by the Department and the City Manager's Office, however, staff do ask for Commissioner's assistance in getting the word out to the Community.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal review at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required with this item.

CONCLUSION:

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