



Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

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TITLE: PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PRINCIPLE AND VALUES WORKSHOP

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review, discuss, and approve core principles and values along with key criteria for the development and recommendation of future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) park projects (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

In previous years, PACS received updates on CIP projects in a quasi-pre-approved format, with limited opportunity to contribute to the development of Parks and Community Services Commission CIP initiatives. As a result, City Council would often adopt proposed CIP projects without receiving substantial input or recommendations from PACS.

In response, staff presented at the April 10, 2025, meeting a workshop to define core principles and values that would guide the process in developing recommendations for future CIP projects in a philosophical framework. In the beginning of the process, staff recommended the commission discuss and identify core principles and values which included questions such as, what principles and values drive the commission's decision-making.

ANALYSIS:

The next step of this process is to finalize the principles and values and to identify key criteria for each. This could include cost-effectiveness, environmental impact, public demand, or long-term benefits.

Staff defined a comprehensive list of principles and values based on the commissioner's discussion at the April 10, 2025, meeting. In addition, staff identified some preliminary key defining criteria for each value and principle. Once finalized staff will develop a rubric and worksheet for prioritization based on these decided elements.

FISCAL REVIEW

There is no fiscal review at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW

There is no legal review required since this item is administrative in nature.

CONCLUSION:

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