



Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

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TITLE: PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PRINCIPLE AND VALUES WORKSHOP UPDATE

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

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.

During the May 8, 2025, Parks and Community Services Commission meeting, the Commission discussed various approaches for establishing the framework, including the use of charts, pyramids, descriptive narratives, and other formats. Following this discussion, Commissioners were invited to submit any alternative perspectives or comments on the proposed core principles and values to staff for preparation.

At the June 12, 2025, Parks and Community Services Commission meeting, the Commission formed an Ad Hoc Committee to research information to draft the creation of the Park Capital Improvements Principle and Values and help guide future CIP decision-making process.

Over July and August 2025, the PACS subcommittee, composed of Chair Kelly Anne Brown, Commissioner Cristian Garcia-Arcos, and Commissioner Brandice Leger, met three times and communicated over email and Google documents to research and discuss the values drafted for presentation at the September 11, 2025 PACS meeting (Attachment 1).

ANALYSIS:

In response to this effort, the Ad Hoc Committee is tasked with developing and refining a framework that reflects the Commission's shared vision and values. The committee plays a key role in synthesizing input from Commissioners, identifying core evaluation criteria, and proposing a practical structure to support future CIP recommendations.

The Ad Hoc Committee will present an update to the commission from their research.

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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