



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

District Impacted

- ☐ 1 = Wolosin
- ☐ 2 = Woolard
- ☐ 3 = Scott
- ☐ 4 = Fowler
- ☐ 5 = Macaluso
- ☒ All

AGENDA DATE	<i>October 8, 2019</i>
DESCRIPTION	DISCUSSION ON CITY OF BOERNE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN.
STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)	No Action Required
CONTACT PERSON	Danny Zincke, Community Services Director
SUMMARY	<p>In 2017, The City of Boerne initiated a process of updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The previous plan, adopted July 2012, paved the way for many park facility improvements which serve the community, such as the development of Cibolo Creek Trail (Main Plaza to City Park), the Old #9 Trail and River Road Park Renovations, Veterans Park Plaza and Kinder Park Renovation Projects and numerous other park amenity improvements. As a result of the success of the 2012 plan, an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan was needed to provide City Council and staff the appropriate vision for continuing to enhance its Parks and Recreation facilities and programs for the next 5 to 10 years.</p> <p>The parks planning effort aimed to evaluate existing parks and recreation facilities to determine opportunities for improvements and additions, such as identifying new park and facility opportunities to support the recreation needs of Boerne residents. Burditt Consultants, LLC was engaged by the City of Boerne to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to address current and future recreation needs and is influenced by stakeholder input. The following approaches were implemented in the development of the master plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Standards-Based Approach – utilizing traditional park standards and evaluation of current trends. •Demand-Based Approach - utilizing input from staff, Council, the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee, sports leagues, Boerne ISD, Kendall County, the Boerne YMCA, and the residents to identify current and future needs and desires. •Resource-Based Approach - leveraging available land, natural features, rights-of-way, and city facilities to enhance park and recreation opportunities. <p>The following studies were undertaken in the development of the master plan:</p>

- Inventory of existing parks and facilities
- Evaluation of available growth and demographic data, trends and projections.
- Analysis of stakeholder input conducted by the City including survey input, public meeting results, focus group input.
- Identification of Priority Projects
- Development of concepts for new and renovated facilities
- Probable cost estimation for priority projects
- Evaluation of cost impacts per household

Through the process of community engagement, certain common community values were expressed and opportunities for demonstrating these values through park development and recreation programming are woven into this planning document.

The overall condition of parks and facilities in Boerne is excellent. A total of 12 developed parks and green space properties are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department for a range of purposes including programmed activities such as league sports, community events and passive recreation.

The planning process combined stakeholder involvement with on-the-ground evaluation of conditions and sought to identify projects for further study that would maximize the amount of recreation and fulfil as many of the above intentions as feasible. The following projects were identified, and concept drawings were developed along with statements of probable cost.

The following Priority Projects have been identified in this plan:

1. Northside Community Park - development of sports fields and other improvements. 1A. Northrup Park - Convert Fields 9-11 to Youth Baseball fields.
2. Northrup Park - Miracle League fields and playground
3. Boerne Lake Park additions including ADA accessible fishing pier and kayak launch, walking trails, shaded picnic areas, and landscape improvements.
4. Aquatics Opportunities at City Park.
5. Proposed off-street, multi-use trails.
 - Herff Rd. to City Park
 - Curry Creek Trail Extension from Blanco Rd. to Old No.9 Trail
 - Trails within Northrup Park
6. Waterworks Terrace & Main Plaza - enhancement to streetscape and landscape, including plaza elements, parking and water feature.
7. Northside Neighborhood Park - pathway additions and park expansion to improve access.

	Currently there have not been any funds allocated to projects and the original implementation plan has fallen behind. Staff is working to update that plan along with the 5-year CIP development.
COST	NA
SOURCE OF FUNDS	NA
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.