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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2016

TO: Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee
Sara Grant, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

FROM: Matthew Bachler, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: TCAAP Parks and Open Space Master Plan

Requested Action

Review the Park and Open Space Index (Section 2) of the TCAAP Parks and Open Space Master Plan and provide staff with feedback.

Background

The TCAAP Redevelopment Code identifies approximately 24 acres of future public parks and open space, and refers to a Parks and Open Space Master Plan for the site that includes required amenities for each park. The Community Development and Public Works Departments have been working collaboratively on a draft of this Master Plan document. In addition to identifying required amenities, the Master Plan will also describe the City's goals for the expansion its park system on TCAAP, provide information on existing and future public trails on and adjacent to the site, and outline expectations for private and public improvements of park facilities. It should be noted that the purpose of the Master Plan is to establish a general framework and minimum requirements and not to provide detailed development plans for each park.

Discussion

The Parks and Open Space Index of the Master Plan includes the following sections:

Required Parks and Facilities

The TCAAP Redevelopment Code identifies four public parks: one in the Creek Neighborhood, one in the Town Neighborhood, and two in the Hill Neighborhood. This section provides a brief

description on the location, size, and general character of each park. While the location of the parks in the Creek and Town Neighborhoods has been determined, the City expects to work with Alatus, the TCAAP Master Developer, on a final plan for the Hill Neighborhood parks that will best serve the needs of the community. A minimum of 11.5 acres of land will be set aside for public park use in the Hill Neighborhood and may be within one park or divided between two.

Included under the park descriptions is a list of facilities the City expects to provide in each. Staff developed these recommendations based on existing areas of need within the City's parks system and expected future needs as new residents begin to move into TCAAP. The Master Plan allows the City to revise the proposed facilities due to changes in community interest, site conditions, and development considerations.

Standard Park Amenities

The list of amenities in this section will be required for each of the TCAAP public parks. These amenities are basic items the public would expect to see in any park, such as sidewalks, benches, and picnic tables. The exact number of each amenity to be provided will be determined at the time development plans are created for the parks.

General Development and Design Standards

The purpose of this section is to establish minimum standards for facilities and amenities in order to ensure consistency for the TCAAP park system. Design requirements are also included with an emphasis on durable and cost-effective materials. The City expects to work with Alatus on additional and more detailed design standards to be applied throughout the public parks on the site.

Staff is requesting that the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee review the Parks and Open Space Index included in Attachment A and provided feedback on the following questions:

- 1) Does the PTRC support the facilities recommended for each of the TCAAP parks?
- 2) Does the PTRC agree with the list of standard amenities required in each park? Are there amenities that should be added to or removed from this list?
- 3) Does the PTRC believe additional development and design standards are needed for any of the types of facilities listed? Are there any facilities that should be added to the list?

Attachments:

- A. TCAAP Parks and Open Space Master Plan – Parks and Open Space Index (DRAFT)
- B. TCAAP Parks and Open Space Map