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SUBJECT: Fairmont Park Master Plan

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RECOMMENDATION: None. Presentation Only.

BUDGET IMPACT: No immediate impact. Project completion is subject to future CIP appropriations.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Fairmont Park is a 30 acre park located in Council District 7 at 2361 South 900 East. A master plan development process for the park was started in 2008. A community stakeholder group was organized under the direction of the City Engineering Division and its consultant. The stakeholder committee created a vision, objectives and goals for the planning process (see attached). The end result is a master plan that establishes a direction for future improvements within the park based on the shared community vision of the City and its public. This Master Plan identifies the preservation of many existing amenities within the park, as well as areas of renovation and expansion that are beneficial to the future life of the park. The City envisions a park that is vibrant, safe, well maintained, and accessible.

PUBLIC PROCESS: Stakeholder meetings, public open houses and a Community Council meeting were held during the course of the planning process (see attached).



- Additional Park Improvements**
- Renovate Existing Irrigation System
 - Renovate Existing Lighting
 - Repair Existing Stream Channel
 - Upgrade/Repair Existing Bridges
 - Re-surface and Re-stripe Existing Parking Lots
 - Perform Existing Tree Survey, Develop Tree Planting Plan



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VISION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

VISION

The Fairmont Park Master Plan establishes a direction for future improvements within the park based on the shared community vision of the City and its public. This Master Plan identifies the preservation of many existing amenities within the park, as well as areas of renovation and expansion that are beneficial to the future life of the park. The City envisions a park that is vibrant, safe, well maintained, and accessible that is as much of a community jewel in the future as it has been in the past.

GOAL 1: *Improve functionality and maintainability to encourage long term use and enjoyment of the park.*

Objective 1.1: Implement sustainable designs to promote water conservation.

- Design and install a new irrigation system to interface with the existing central control system.
- Refurbish existing sports fields to improve drainage and play surfaces and eliminate standing water.

Objective 1.2: Renovate and repair park elements that are in dis-repair.

- Renovate drainage in northeast parking lot.
- Pipe existing open ditch between residential lots, tennis courts and Boys & Girls Club.
- Replace/repair existing bridge structures.
- Repair existing stream channel.
- Remove existing turnaround in southeast parking lot.
- Assess spring water seepage from eastern hillside and install new drainage system to drain water through bio-filtration wetland into lake. Renovate existing pond to include developed promenade, increased seating opportunities, and a boardwalk through developed wetlands.

Objective 1.3: Update existing park elements to meet current demands, standards, and guidelines.

- Renovate and expand north playground to meet current ADA and safety guidelines. Add splash pad element to further encourage increased use of the area.
- Widen and repair existing sidewalks, paths, and accesses as necessary to meet current guidelines.
- Provide additional parking, turnaround, and improved circulation and accessibility at current Youth City facility.
- Add expanded parking to southeast parking lot.
- Re-surface and re-stripe existing parking lots.

Objective 1.4: Enhance current park design and programming based on current trends and needs.

- Develop art/sculpture garden near the current Youth City facility and around pond.
- Provide bleacher seating adjacent to existing sports fields.
- Provide shade structures at existing skate park.
- Expand existing half basketball court to full basketball court and relocate volleyball court to this area.

GOAL 2: Improve safety and security in the park.

Objective 2.1: Install equipment and programming elements that increase the safety and security of the park.

- Renovate existing lighting system to provide sufficient area or pedestrian lighting to allow for “eyes on the park”.
- Install off-leash dog park in southeastern corner of park.
- Install large pavilion and develop picnicking grove in location of existing volleyball courts and stage. Remove existing volleyball courts and enhance stage and amphitheater seating.
- Develop and implement a cohesive signage program that provides directional, operational, and/or interpretive information for the park.

Objective 2.2: Provide a safe and secure pedestrian experience within the park.

- Install traffic calming devices to slow vehicular traffic.
- Provide bollard/gates to control vehicular access within park.
- Ensure new and existing landscape addresses Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) issues.

GOAL 3: *Maintain the historic character of the park, its structures and landscape, and ensure all renovations and new development honor this history.*

Objective 3.1: Protect, restore, and enhance the architectural character of Fairmont Park.

- Renovate “Moose Grove” BBQ area including re-installing Order of the Moose plaque.
- Replace/repair stone curb in southwest parking lot.
- Protect and maintain the existing stone monuments, walls, and structures.
- New park development and structures should respect the historic nature and character of the park, and new designs and materials should reflect and complement the original park structures (e.g., the existing stone monuments, walls, and former Senior Center building).

Objective 3.2: Preserve, protect, and enhance the existing open space and mature vegetation.

- Coordinate with the City’s urban forester to perform an existing tree survey to determine the health, condition, and suggested maintenance of existing trees, and to develop a planting program to replenish and enhance the park’s landscape.

GOAL 4: *Develop an accessible, safe, pedestrian-friendly park that serves the needs of the adjacent neighborhoods, businesses, transit ways, and surrounding development.*

Objective 4.1: Enhance connectivity of the park to encourage and facilitate safe pedestrian access and circulation.

- Provide for connectivity to future trail developments including the PRATT/Rail Trail.
- Provide for connectivity to future rail/trolley lines.
- Enhance pedestrian crossings on Sugarmont Drive.
- Re-align sidewalk along 900 East to improve circulation, safety, and maintainability.
- Provide trail connections from 900 East sidewalk to skate park and Moose Grove.
- Conduct an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) evaluation of the existing pathways and use areas, and identify items that need to be upgraded to meet the current ADA.

Objective 4.2: Improve park visibility and appearance at park perimeter.

- Enhance streetscape and landscaping around perimeter of park.
- Provide landscape buffer along I-80 soundwall.