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Administrative Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: Monday, February 04, 2019

SUBJECT:
Recreation Facilities - Vision to Reality Progress Report - Continued

RECOMMENDATION

Review and comment on "Recreation Facilities - Vision to Reality" progress report and system/site alternatives as presented in the report.

BACKGROUND

This is a continued item from the City Council Study Session of Monday, November 19, 2018 and relates to the long-term planning for future recreation facility needs.

The City Council approved the Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP) in September 2016. The RFSP provides a vision for the future system of recreation facilities- community and aquatic centers. Recreation Facilities- Vision to Reality, which was launched in June 2017, is intended to extend and refine this plan; ultimately to develop a master plan for recreation facilities that defines the specific facilities and spaces that should be included at each site, taking into consideration the vision of the RFSP, overall system needs, community feedback, and the various constraints and challenges of each site.

Vision to Reality has included detailed analysis of each site and three rounds of additional community engagement. The results of these efforts were provided to an 11-member Community Advisory Committee for analysis and feedback. From this, staff developed the Progress Report (Attachment 2), which compiles and summarizes the analysis and community engagement to date and provides three broad alternative strategies for consideration and direction by policymakers. Those alternatives include:

- Preferred Strategy- the alternative most consistent with the RFSP and community feedback
- 2nd Alternative Strategy- a scaled-back option that provides some, though not all of the RFSP vision and Strategic Directions
- Status Quo Strategy- Maintains current facilities and programming capacity and diversity, but provides updates to meet modern safety standards, codes, and licensing requirements, and addresses deferred maintenance.

The Progress Report was presented to the Park and Recreation Commission at its regular November 7, 2018 meeting. The general consensus of the Commission was in support of the Preferred Strategy, with one Commissioner preferring the 2nd Alternative Strategy. Attachment 1, the Administrative Report for the November 19, 2018 City Council Study Session, provides a more complete summary of Commission and public comment.

At the City Council Study Session of November 19, 2018, staff and the consultant team provided a comprehensive report on the Vision to Reality effort, findings and alternative strategies. These topic areas were addressed in the meeting that are not included in the Progress Report:

- At the request of Councilmember Rodriguez, a comparison of square footage of recreation facilities per population for neighboring Peninsula cities was provided.
- In response to an email from Bay Meadows Neighborhood Alliance, the City Attorney addressed issues related to:
 - Whether the Bay Meadows CC&Rs restrict inclusion of a recreation facility at Bay Meadows Community Park;
 - Whether Bay Meadows Community Park is subject to the vehicle trip cap; and
 - CEQA requirements for any facility/improvements to Bay Meadows Community Park

Attachment 3 provides the responses to these topics that were provided in the November 19th Study Session.

The key questions raised by Council members on November 19 included current and anticipated future demand for gymnasium use; potential options to expanding/enclosing pools at Joinville and/or King; and further operating financial analyses. Due to there being insufficient time to complete City Council questions and direction, the item was continued. In addition, the City Council indicated its desire to open the opportunity for additional community comment at the continued Study Session. Attachment 4, the minutes from the November 19, 2018 Study Session, includes a summary of the community comment at that meeting.

Staff will provide only a very brief overview presentation in order to allow maximum time for further public testimony and City Council questions, comments and direction. The previous PowerPoint presentation will, however, be available for reference.

BUDGET IMPACT

None at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because tonight's agenda item is for review and comment only and the City Council will not be taking any action, this update is not a project subject to CEQA. An environmental document will be prepared prior to the final Facilities Master Plan returning to the City Council for approval.

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met. In addition, notice was provided to the Project Notify Me list.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - November 19, 2018 City Council Study Session Administrative Report

Att 2 - Recreation Facilities- Vision to Reality Progress Report and Appendices

Att 3 - Responses to Topics Address at November 19, 2018 City Council Study Session not covered in the Progress Report

Att 4 - Minutes from November 19, 2018 City Council Study Session including Summary of Community Testimony

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