



Agenda Item C.3
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: February 5, 2020

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Vyto Adomaitis, Neighborhood Services & Public Safety Director

CONTACT: JoAnne Plummer, Parks & Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Prioritize the Recommendations from the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and prioritize the recommendations in the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan (Plan) for Council consideration.

BACKGROUND:

At a special meeting of the Goleta City Council on January 16, 2020, the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan was adopted, with corrections. The corrections, requested by Council, do not modify the recommendations in the Plan, allowing the Commission to consider the recommendations and prioritize them for Council's review. This process will also allow staff the opportunity to provide recommendations to the City Council related to project planning, work plan components and funding requests as it relates to the city's budget process.

A listing of all of the recommendations, identified as goals, along with the objectives are outlined for the Commission in Attachment 1. Additionally, a listing of current approved capital projects related to Parks and Recreation facilities has been provided in Attachment 2. In this attachment, proposed timelines have also been included.

The Commission is being asked to consider each of the recommendations (goals) provided in the Plan and provide a priority ranking. To establish a foundation for this discussion, staff is asking that the Commission to complete their prioritization independently and bring those rankings to the meeting. To assist Commissioners in this effort, a worksheet with the recommendations has been provided as Attachment 3. Staff will compile all of the individual rankings into a spreadsheet to be reviewed at the meeting. The Commission will receive public comment, discuss the worksheet results and adjust the priorities as necessary.

As mentioned, the final approved priority list will be shared with the City Council as a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission. This list will be utilized to assist staff in the coming budget process and the development of future Parks and Recreation facilities, services and programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As the development of the priorities is a recommendation, there are no fiscal impacts at this time.

Approved By:



Vyto Adomaitis,
Neighborhood Services
& Public Safety Director



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Attachment 1 - Recommendations from Parks Master Plan

Recommendations from Parks Master Plan

Goals	Objectives
5.2.1 Maximize active park acreage on public land without disturbing passive natural areas	1.1 Re-categorize active parks and passive open spaces
	1.2 Identify infill opportunities in open spaces
5.2.2 Consider publicly funded parklands to meet deficiencies	2.1 Focus on identifying a potential park site in areas where a park equity gap currently exists. First focus on under-served areas.
	2.2 Focus on identifying potential park sites in areas where major growth is likely to occur and where undeveloped land could be dedicated for public use as required as a condition of project approvals.
	2.3 Focus on identifying park sites in areas where the City of Goleta currently owns undeveloped or under-developed lands.
	2.4 Focus on identifying a potential park site in areas where lands are undeveloped and where the current land use or zoning designation is in a category that is fully served and where future demand is not likely to need these lands for future projects.
5.2.3 Develop and implement Joint Use Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding with school districts for use of amenities on school sites	3.1 Look for opportunities to create partnerships with schools.
	3.2 Work with school districts to develop neighborhood parks at local schools.
	3.3 Foster discussions and agreements that are mutually beneficial for both sides and ensure that roles and responsibilities are defined for each organization.
	3.4 Find an amenity that both the school district and the city have a need for and use that is the basis for an agreement.
	3.5 Consider partnership for recreational programming.
5.2.4 Continue to work with developers on providing infill parks for future populations	4.1 Recognize emerging publicly accessible private parks.
	4.2 Be equitable in terms of financial responsibility when it comes to paying for future parks.
	4.3 Recognize the role of future development.
	4.4 Be strategic about new park development.
5.2.5 Consider other parks and alternative recreation facilities when determining park deficiencies in certain areas.	5.1 Think outside of the park.

	5.2 Strive to connect open space areas to existing or planned parks.
	5.3 Identify opportunities to turn open space areas into linear connections that can provide nature appreciation and science with education.
	5.4 Consider private development of parklike spaces in the overall plan.
	5.5 Allow other forms of open space areas that are mostly natural areas to count towards park requirements.
5.2.6 Consider non-Goleta parks and programs in determining population-based demand and requirements.	6.1 Integrate parks on state or federal lands that do provide recreational opportunities for citizens of Goleta.
	6.2 Continue to work with private organizations and other service providers that are engaged in recreation programming and potentially offer City of Goleta park lands to deliver these programs.
	6.3 Coordinate recreational requirements with adjacent agencies.
5.3.1 Implement the Active Transportation Plan, with an emphasis on Park Connections.	7.1 Identify open space areas that could benefit from new trails.
	7.2 Develop plans to build new trails through open space areas.
	7.3 Locate new trails in new development where appropriate.
	7.4 Locate missing gaps in pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to parks, recreational facilities and open space.
	7.5 Develop plans to fill in missing gaps in pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.
	7.6 Work with other departments to implement plans to construct public improvements to increase the connectivity to parks.
5.3.2 Improve direct access to and around parks for those that have mobility challenges.	8.1 Provide a more detailed review of the ADA issues and potential approaches to removal of these barriers.
	8.2 Plan for consistent investments in ADA issues and barrier removals in all park and recreation planning, design and maintenance.
	8.3 Prioritize barrier removal amongst all other ADA requirements and commit to a dedicated percent of the City of Goleta's financial resources to fix or remove these barriers on an annual basis.
	8.4 Continually assess the current condition and if the city has above average financial resources in any given year, make sure that barrier removals are given their fair share or more of these resources.
5.4.1 Address off-leash dog matters	9.1 Initiate a study for the possibility of a designated dog park
	9.2 Enhance the enforcement of dog leash rules.
5.4.2 Provide new or upgraded baseball fields (youth), softball fields (youth), and	10.1 Incorporate permanent youth baseball, softball, and soccer fields into the inventory.

soccer fields (youth).	
	10.2 As a result of reviewing the entire parks systems for available undeveloped space or underdeveloped space, consider adding infill sports fields to the following existing parks: Evergreen Park, Goleta Community Center, Stow Grove Park, and Jonny D. Wallis Park.
	10.3 Review the entire park systems for available undeveloped space or underdeveloped space; consider adding infill sports fields to lands adjacent to existing parks that may be available for purchase.
	10.4 After reviewing the entire park systems for available undeveloped space or underdeveloped space as well as adjacent undeveloped lands, consider adding infill sports fields to new parks resulting from new development.
	10.5 Annually update sports facility needs based on standards from the Needs Assessment or use national standards.
5.4.3 Provide new or upgraded aquatic centers and recreation centers.	11.1 Provide new public aquatic facilities or programs.
	11.2 Upgrade convenience and customer service amenities to existing facilities to increase usability and access to more.
	11.3 Create additional recreational facilities and amenities at existing parks.
	11.4 Identify where existing missing amenities can go as part of new park development.
	11.5 Maintain and improve existing facilities, parks, trails, and open spaces.
5.5.1 Preserve and make open space more accessible for the general public.	12.1 Work with other departments and landowners to preserve existing open space.
	12.2 For new development seeking a discretionary permit, work with the applicant to preserve open space where appropriate.
5.5.2 Restore open space.	13.1 Where open space is already preserved or dedicated, look at ways of enhancing the habitat quality or the extent of the habitat.
	13.2 Where open space is already preserved or dedicated, look at ways of enhancing the public's use of the open space.
	13.3 Where open space is already preserved or dedicated, look at ways of enhancing the public's understanding of nature.
	13.4 Where open space is already preserved, analyze site resources and plan for future sustainable preservation or infill.
5.6.1 Expand financial opportunities for park expansion, amenity infills or improved and accessible facilities.	14.1 Create a best practice pricing model.
	14.2 Investigate supplementary funding sources.
	14.3 Study prospects to grow sponsorships.
	14.4 Track grant and charitable opportunities.
5.7.1 Increase partnerships for program	15.1 Improve special event offerings.

delivery or have the city assume programs.	
	15.2 Routinely analyze the usage of the programs, facilities, and services and make appropriate adjustments based on collected facts.
	15.3 Work with other service providers to enhance/develop programs to address changing needs and trends.
	15.4 Monitor the costs of programs and services.
5.7.2 Enhance division efficiencies.	16.1 Improve internal and external communication about division activities, special events, and services.
	16.2 Keep up with current demand by staffing properly.
	16.3 Implement ranger program.
5.8.1 Smart energy use.	17.1 Enhance energy and water efficiency.
	17.2 Promote renewable energy.
5.8.2 Low impact park system.	18.1 Sequester greenhouse gases (GHG).
	18.2 Mitigate heat island effect.
	18.3 Tree maintenance.
5.8.3 Promote healthy lifestyle, active transportation and cultivate awareness.	19.1 Promote active transportation and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
	19.2 Cultivate awareness and consensus.



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Attachment 2 - Current CIP Projects and Proposed Timelines

CURRENT CIP PROJECTS AND PROPOSED TIMELINES**COMPLETED CIP PROJECTS**

CIP #	LOCATION	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
9035	Jonny D Wallis Neighborhood Park	New Park Construction	Completed 3/30/19 Closed 5/20
9071	Community Center Multipurpose Field	Field Renovation	Completed 10/19 Closed 5/20
9068	Parks Master Plan	Ongoing Resource through 2035	Adopted 1/16/2020

CURRENT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

CIP #	LOCATION	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
9063	Evergreen Park	Restrooms	June 2021
9066	Berkeley, Andamar, Winchester 1 & 2	Playground replacement and ADA	June 2020
9074	Stow Grove Park	Multipurpose field renovation	June 2021
9075	Evergreen Park	Multipurpose field renovation	June 2022
9076	Unknown	Construction of a Swimming Pool	Unknown
9077	Unknown	Construction of a Recreation Center	Unknown
9084	Armitos Park	Community Garden and Improvements/ADA	Winter 2020
9093	San Miguel Park	Playground Improvements/ADA	June 2021
9094	Santa Barbara Shores	Replacement for Swings/ADA	June 2022

CURRENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CIP #	LOCATION	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
9064	Evergreen Park	Reclaimed Water	June 2022
9065	Bella Vista Park	Reclaimed Water	June 2022
9067	Community Center	ADA Upgrades	June 2021
9078	Rancho La Patera	Parking Lot Improvements	June 2021



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Attachment 3 - Recommendation Priority Worksheet

RECOMMENDATION PRIORITY WORKSHEET

Ranking	Recommendations/ Goals
	5.2.1 Maximize active park acreage on public land without disturbing passive natural areas
	5.2.2 Consider publicly funded parklands to meet deficiencies
	5.2.3 Develop and implement Joint Use Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding with school districts for use of amenities on school sites
	5.2.4 Continue to work with developers on providing infill parks for future populations
	5.2.5 Consider other parks and alternative recreation facilities when determining park deficiencies in certain areas.
	5.2.6 Consider non-Goleta parks and programs in determining population-based demand and requirements.
	5.3.1 Implement the Active Transportation Plan, with an emphasis on Park Connections.
	5.3.2 Improve direct access to and around parks for those that have mobility challenges.
	5.4.1 Address off-leash dog matters
	5.4.2 Provide new or upgraded baseball fields (youth), softball fields (youth), and soccer fields (youth).
	5.4.3 Provide new or upgraded aquatic centers and recreation centers.
	5.5.1 Preserve and make open space more accessible for the general public.
	5.5.2 Restore open space.
	5.6.1 Expand financial opportunities for park expansion, amenity infills or improved and accessible facilities.
	5.7.1 Increase partnerships for program delivery or have the city assume programs.
	5.7.2 Enhance division efficiencies.
	5.8.1 Smart energy use.
	5.8.2 Low impact park system.
	5.8.3 Promote healthy lifestyle, active transportation and cultivate awareness.