

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of the 2017 Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The 2017 Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan was developed concurrently with the Citywide Comprehensive Plan. The plan is an update to the 2010 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan as is required every five years by Texas Parks and Wildlife for grant eligibility.

The purpose of the plan is to provide guidelines and strategies for future acquisition and development of recreational facilities and opportunities for the City of New Braunfels.

This new plan contains the following:

- Community Needs Assessment
- Facility Assessments and Service Levels Analysis
- Capital Improvements
- Funding Options
- Strategic Implementation Recommendations including:
 - Increase the proportion of park acres per population through a variety of park type amenities, and open space options.
 - Establish connectivity between parks and greenways that is accessible by pedestrians, bikes and parks and open space in New Braunfels.
 - Provide a park system offering the community a variety of parks and services that integrate environmental design, safety, emerging trends and local culture and history.
 - Invest in infrastructure and services along the Guadalupe and Comal rivers to ensure safety and guest comfort.
 - Continue to plan, develop and operate a variety of indoor and outdoor facilities that support multiple activities.
 - Increase community participation in programs from 38% - 40%.
 - Empower and train the Department employees.
 - Pursue adequate funding to support existing parks, new parks, and other park types.

The recommended priority projects were revised based on City Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board comments to include Comal River Projects (Tube chute and Last Tubers Exit) and Cypress Bend Park Master Planning.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a planning document only and therefore has no fiscal impact.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan at their meeting on December 19, 2017.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the 2017 Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan.