

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Park Development Update

DISCUSSION:

Perk Your Park Contest

The online voting contest began on September 1 and will go through September 29. Please continue to vote daily and encourage your colleagues, friends, family and neighbors to vote for Fischer Park.

NRPA and Niagara Bottling are partnering to give two communities a \$90,000 grant to improve a park. It is an online daily voting contest called “Perk Your Park.” Four communities were hand selected by NRPA and Niagara, including New Braunfels. The other cities include Missouri City, Texas, Clermont, FL and Riviera Beach, FL. Two winners will be selected based on the highest number of votes received. Votes are cast daily. The contest runs September 1-29, 2021. Winners will be notified October 6, 2021.

Park Ordinance 3-Year Review

In 2018, the City updated the 10-year-old park land dedication and development ordinance to reflect current population, parkland level of service (LOS), and costs of construction. In the effort, the code requires that the staff review the ordinance every three years looking at population, costs of construction, and level of service for neighborhood and community parks. Changes made to the ordinance in 2018 include:

- Land requirements are set at 1 acre/168 dwelling units
- Fee in-lieu of park land is set at \$208 and not eligible for private park credit
- Park development fee was set at \$2,038/dwelling unit and phased-in over a three-year period
- 75% of the fees are eligible for credit with the construction of a private park or 100% for a public park
 - Year 1 - \$1,736 (\$208+\$1,528) (\$590)
 - Year 2 - \$1,940 (\$208+\$1,732) (\$641)
 - Year 3 - \$2,246 (\$208+2,038) (\$717.50)
- Park fees are deposited into one of four park districts and can only be used within the district
- Park fees must be spent within seven years

As of today, the parkland ordinance fees are fully implemented at \$2,246 per dwelling unit for any new residential development or replat. A formal update will occur in 2022 and align with larger citywide efforts related the Unified Development Code update.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A