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Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

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An adopted Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Master Plan provides guidance and direction to staff, MPFDC and City Council for the future development of the parks and recreation system. The master planning process allows for the community to create a priority list for future park projects, and by having a current, adopted master plan, also allows the City to apply for grants through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to help fund future projects.

Currently, planning for parks and recreation facilities relies heavily on the PROST Master Plan adopted in 2010. The purpose of this plan was to provide direction and set priorities for growth of the park system based upon the growth of the community. Since the adoption of the master plan in 2010, the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation (MPFDC) has completed numerous priority projects. At the same time, the community has continued to grow at a steady pace with new and changing priorities.

Staff would like to start the update process of the current plan this fall, with the goal of adopting a new 10-year PROST Master Plan in early 2020.

January 2019 - During the first quarter, staff started the park assessment process. Every asset in each park will receive a condition assessment with cost estimates for repair/replacement if needed. Ann Beck, Parks and Marketing and Communications Manager, has developed marketing campaign for the project as staff prepares to launch the public process in February. Staff will be briefing the City Council on the project at their January 28th meeting.

February 2019 - Staff briefed the City Council on the project at their February 11th meeting. The project website has launched, and the online survey was posted on February 13th. Advisory committee meetings will begin in March. The first round of public meetings is tentatively scheduled for March 28th and April 2nd, with a virtual meeting to be broadcast the following week.

March 2019 - Approximately 250 survey responses have been received to date, with a closing date of April 15. The first round of public meetings is tentatively scheduled for March 28th and April 2nd, with a virtual meeting to be broadcast on April 10th. Advisory committee meetings will begin in April.

April 2019 - More than 600 survey responses have been received to date, with a closing date of April 15. The first round of public meetings was held on March 28th and April 2nd, with 20 citizens in attendance. A virtual meeting was broadcast live on Facebook on April 10th. Matt Young and Ann Beck answered questions from residents, some submitted in advance and some submitted during the meeting. Advisory committee meetings will begin in April.

May 2019 - The online survey closed on April 15th with 734 responses. Staff is currently analyzing the data in preparation for the advisory committee kick-off meeting to be held in May. A tour of the parks system has been

scheduled for June 1st.

June 2019 - A tour of the parks and recreation system was held on Saturday, June 1st. 25 members of the MPFDC, Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC), City Council and City staff were in attendance. The kick-off meeting of the MPAC was held on June 4th. Agenda topics included: committee responsibilities, project schedule, public involvement process, and online survey analysis. The MPAC was provided a project binder and homework assignments to read before the next meeting on June 27th. Regular meetings will be scheduled on a monthly basis on the first Thursday of the month beginning in August.

July 2019 - The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) met on June 27th. Agenda items included an overview of the parkland dedication ordinance, overview of the parks and recreation system, online survey results, park and facility standards, and sub-committee formation. 31 citizens responded to the request for citizen participation on focus groups. Staff is reviewing the applicants and their areas of interest and will be coordinating the 3-4 focus groups in August. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for August 1st.

September 2019 - The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) met on September 5th. Agenda items included a progress report on the 2010 master plan, MPFDC history report, facility infrastructure report, cost recovery policies, park and facility standards, strategies, and sub-committee assignments. Four focus group meetings will be held in September, and the two sub-committees will schedule meetings in the next few weeks. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for October 3rd.

October 2019 - The Acquisition & Strategies Sub-Committee met twice over the past month. They have discussed changes to the park and recreation amenity standards, current level of service standards, private park and recreation inventory, and land acquisition needs and opportunities. The Parks & Facilities Sub-Committee met on October 3rd and will meet again on October 24th. They have reviewed the facility infrastructure report, trails master plan and the Mansfield Activities Center expansion study. Staff will be coordinating a few more focus groups and an update to City Council over the next couple of months. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for November 7th.

November 2019 - The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) met on November 7th. Agenda items included an update of the October 28th City Council work session and feedback from the focus group meetings and Facebook polls. The second half of the meeting time allowed the two sub-committees to meet separately and continue their discussions on project priorities and strategies. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

January 2020 - The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) met on December 5th. Agenda items included an update of the overall project schedule. The second half of the meeting time allowed the two sub-committees to meet separately and continue their discussions on project priorities and strategies. The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for February 6th. Staff is working on the first draft of the master plan for review in February. The next round of public meetings will be held in late February/early March.

February 2020 - The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) will meet on March 5th to review the first draft of the plan. A series of open houses will be scheduled in the weeks following spring break.

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