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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.

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.

May 2020 - No progress has occurred since the beginning of March due to the pandemic response.

June 2020 - No progress has occurred since the beginning of March due to the pandemic response.

July 2020 - Staff is working on the finalizing the first draft in preparation for public input in August. A series of MPAC, MPFDC and City Council meetings and updates will be scheduled in August and September with the goal to have the final draft adopted by the City Council in October.

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