



Agenda Item: 11.E
Date of Meeting: June 22, 2026
Department: Community Services

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Dan McElroy
Subject: **Adoption of the Bishop City Park Master Plan**
Prepared On: June 16, 2026
Attachments: Bishop Parks Master Plan Final
Appendix A - Public Comments
Appendix B - Existing Facilities Summary
Appendix C - Preliminary Estimate

Background/History:

The Bishop City Park Master Plan was initiated to establish a comprehensive long-range vision for the Bishop City Park, recreational facilities, open spaces, and community amenities. The Master Plan evaluates existing park conditions, identifies current and future recreational needs, and provides recommendations for improvements that support the City's goals for quality of life, health, wellness, and community engagement.

The planning process was aided by selected vendor Wood Rodgers and included extensive public outreach and stakeholder engagement, including community workshops, surveys, meetings with user groups, and consultation with City commissions and advisory bodies. Input received throughout the process helped shape the goals, priorities, and recommendations contained within the Master Plan.

The resulting document provides a framework to guide park development and investments over the next 10 to 20 years and serves as a resource for future grant opportunities, capital improvement planning, and policy decisions.

Analysis/Discussion:

The Bishop City Park Master Plan establishes a community-driven vision for the future of the Bishop City Park. Key components of the Plan include:

- Assessment of existing park facilities and amenities.
- Evaluation of recreational trends and community needs.
- Identification of deficiencies and opportunities within the park system.
- Recommendations for park improvements, renovations, and new amenities.

- Implementation priorities and potential funding opportunities.

Major recommendations of the Master Plan include:

- Rehabilitation and modernization of aging park infrastructure.
- Expansion and enhancement of recreational opportunities for all age groups.
- Improved accessibility and compliance with ADA requirements.
- Development of additional community gathering spaces.
- Enhancement of sports fields, courts, and trail connections.
- Establishment of maintenance and replacement strategies to preserve public assets.

The Master Plan is intended to be a flexible planning document that can be implemented incrementally as funding becomes available. Adoption of the Plan does not commit the City to any specific project expenditure; rather, it provides policy direction and a framework for future decision-making.

Public participation was a critical component of the Master Plan process. Outreach efforts included:

- Community workshops and public meetings.
- Online and in-person surveys.
- Presentations to City Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Public review of draft plan documents.

Community feedback consistently emphasized the importance of maintaining existing facilities, enhancing recreational opportunities, improving accessibility, and planning for future population needs.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

The Bishop City Park Master Plan was identified as a priority for the City of Bishop Strategic Plan.

Budget Impacts:

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with adoption of the City Park Master Plan.

Legal Review:

Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and find that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

- Adopt the Bishop City Park Master Plan as the City's guiding document for future park development, improvements, maintenance, and recreational facility planning.
- Authorize staff to utilize the Master Plan in establishing future capital improvement priorities, grant applications, and funding strategies.

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