



Agenda Item Report

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Parks and Recreation
Commission

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ITEM TITLE: Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding review and revision of the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule. (Tony Host Parks Director)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting that the Parks Commission review the current Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule to ensure fees remain aligned with operational costs, market conditions, maintenance requirements, and the continued growth of the City's parks and recreation system.

As the City continues to expand recreational programming, facility offerings, athletic field usage, rentals, and special event operations, staff has identified areas within the current fee schedule that may require updates or clarification. Proposed revisions are intended to improve operational sustainability, maintain service quality, remain competitive with surrounding municipalities, and support long-term maintenance and capital reinvestment needs.

The Commission's review and feedback will assist staff in developing a finalized fee schedule recommendation for future City Council consideration and adoption.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City's Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule establishes rates and fees associated with park reservations, athletic field rentals, tournaments, recreation programming, facility use, special events, and other departmental services. Periodic review of the fee schedule is necessary to ensure consistency with operational expenses, industry standards, inflationary impacts, staffing demands, utility costs, and maintenance requirements.

Over the past several years, the City has experienced significant growth in recreational demand, athletic tourism, and park utilization. In addition, upcoming projects such as the Sportsplex expansion, City Park improvements, playground replacements, and future recreational programming opportunities have increased the need to evaluate current fee structures and long-term cost recovery strategies.

3. ANALYSIS

A comprehensive fee schedule review allows the Department to evaluate whether current revenues appropriately offset operational and maintenance expenses while continuing to provide affordable recreational opportunities for residents.

Key considerations include:

Increased maintenance and utility costs associated with expanded park infrastructure

Staffing requirements for tournaments, events, and facility operations

Market competitiveness with surrounding cities and private facilities

Long-term sustainability of park operations and capital replacement needs

Balancing affordability with operational cost recovery

Future operational impacts associated with the Sportsplex and expanded recreational programming

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No immediate financial impact is associated with this discussion item.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

FUN EXPERIENCES FOR ALL

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Affordable recreation within the community

7. PROS AND CONS

PROS:

- Helps ensure long-term operational sustainability
- Aligns fees with actual service and maintenance costs
- Maintains competitiveness with surrounding municipalities
- Supports future park and facility improvements
- Creates clearer and more consistent fee structures
- Improves administrative efficiency and customer understanding

CONS:

- Fee increases may impact affordability for some users or organizations
- Higher tournament or rental fees could affect booking competitiveness
- Additional public outreach may be necessary for implementation
- Adjustments may require updates to software, reservation systems, and marketing materials

8. ALTERNATIVES

- Maintain the current fee schedule without revisions
- Approve only partial fee modifications
- Develop phased fee adjustments over multiple fiscal years

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks Commission review the existing Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule, provide feedback on proposed revisions, and forward a recommendation to City Council for consideration.

Attachments:

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