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City Council Staff Report

Subject: Sunset Whitney Recreation Area Proposed Master Plan

Date: February 14, 2023

Submitted By: Kevin Huntzinger, Director of Parks and Recreation

Department: Parks and Recreation

Recommendation:
Provide Direction to Staff Based on Melton Design Group's Findings and Recommendations within the Proposed Master Plan for Sunset Whitney Recreation Area.

Background:
In 2018, the City of Rocklin completed the purchase of approximately 184 acres of unused land, formerly the Rocklin Golf Club, located at 4201 Midas Avenue, Rocklin, CA 95677. The area, now known as Sunset Whitney Recreation Area (SWRA), is envisioned as active and passive parkland. After feedback from public forums and the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, along with direction from the City Council, it was determined that a master plan for SWRA was the next appropriate step to ensure the area is developed appropriately.

On April 26, 2022, City Council approved the master plan contract with Melton Design Group (MDG). (Resolution No. 2022-84) Over the last ten months, City Staff, Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, and City Council have worked with MDG to complete the proposed master plan design. The process included the following steps:

- Project Coordination
- Site Analysis and Utility Study
- Needs Assessment, Stakeholder Outreach and Program Development
- SWRA Visioning and Master Plan Inspiration
- Development, Operations and Maintenance Costs
- Final Phased Implementation Plan

On September 12, 2022, a community meeting was held at the Rocklin Event Center to present initial master plan concepts. A survey was also made available online for comments.

On November 9 2022, MDG presented the conceptual SWRA master plan to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission. The staff report from that meeting is included as Attachment 1. No action was taken by the Commission; however they provided general support for the proposed master plan, with the the following comments:

- Play structures should include all inclusive amenities;
- Additional bike rack locations should be identified other than only near the flow track;
- Shade structure and lighting should be included with the pickleball court design;
- Request the inclusion of art in the master plan;
- Positive feedback for additional pedestrian entrances to the park off of Midas Avenue.

Based on all feedback received, MDG will present the proposed SWRA Master Plan at the February 14, 2023, City Council meeting. Following the presentation, staff is requesting City Council provide direction based on MDG's findings and recommendations.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation. Any direction received by the City Council that may include additional costs will be brought back to the City Council at future meetings for formal approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. November 9 2022 PRAC Meeting SWRA Staff Report
2. Presentation - SWRA Master Plan