



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2008

ITEM NUMBER: \_\_

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN PROCESS**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATION**

**PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

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## RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file report.

## BACKGROUND

At the October 21, 2008, City Council meeting, staff was directed to prepare a report outlining the Fairview Park Master Plan development process, the elimination of the proposed northwest lowland parking lot, and procedures for amending the Master Plan.

After approximately ten years of review and receipt of public input by the Fairview Park Citizens Ad Hoc Committee, and thereafter the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), the Fairview Park Master Plan (Attachment 1) was originally approved in March of 1998, and was revised in February 2001, and in November 2002, and then updated in November 2008.

At the October 19, 1998, meeting, the City Council adopted Council Policy 500-11 (Attachment 2), which provides direction for the implementation and amendments to the Fairview Park Master Plan. The policy was updated on July 17, 2000, and revised on January 9, 2003. It requires that all proposed amendments and/or changes to the Master Plan "shall be submitted to the Public Services Department." This proposal is then submitted to the City Council for further review and for consideration. Staff, if directed to proceed with the request, will then determine if the proposal is consistent with the Master Plan, generally consistent but has minor amendments, or inconsistent with the Master Plan.

## ANALYSIS

At the December 17, 2001, meeting, the City Council reconfirmed the Fairview Park Master Plan, and directed the hiring of a Master Plan Administrator as well as conducting a series of public workshops. Staff and consultants conducted these workshops on July 11, 2002, and August 15, 2002. The results of these workshops were presented to the Council on November 18, 2002 (Attachment 3). The City Council approved the following items:

- Approval of the museum on the east side of the park.
- Approval of the parking lot in front of the OCME train station.
- Approval of the design for areas A, C, and D.
- Deletion of the dog park on the east side.
- Deletion of the parking lot in the northwest lowland area of the park, seek alternatives for parking on the west side.
- Deletion of the pond on the east side.

- ❑ Deletion of a bicycle moto-cross area on the west side.
- ❑ Deletion of the botanical gardens on the east side.

At the October 4, 2005, City Council meeting, a request to review and reconsider the lower northwest parking lot was placed on the agenda. Per Council Policy 500-11, all requests to review the Fairview Park Master Plan must be submitted in writing to the Public Services Department. The Public Services Department then submits the request to the City Council. The City Council voted to keep the Fairview Park Master Plan as is and denied the review request of the lower northwest parking lot (Attachment 4).

On February 22, 2006, staff presented concept plans for the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project to the Parks and Recreation Commission to confirm or deny that the wetlands and riparian habitat improvements conform to the intent of the Fairview Park Master Plan. After review, the Commission confirmed that the concept plans were consistent with the intent of the Master Plan (Attachment 5). Concurrent with the submittal of the wetlands and riparian habitat to the Commission, staff requested that the City Attorney review the plans and comment on the project's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On March 25, 2006, the City Attorney's office determined that the wetlands and riparian habitat site and the switchback trail connecting the site to the main parking lot are, in fact, in compliance with ADA Accessibility guidelines (Attachment 6). The above directions by the City Council, findings by the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as determination by the City Attorney, further confirm that all established and future planned facilities meet public parking, as well as ADA accessibility, needs within this area of Fairview Park.

#### **FISCAL REVIEW**

There is no fiscal review required for this item.

#### **LEGAL REVIEW**

There is no legal review required for this item.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Council Policy 500-11 outlines the process for the review and implementation of Fairview Park Master Plan projects. Requests for a particular change, addition, or deletion will be addressed no more than once in a twelve-month period.

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Attachments: 1- [Fairview Park Master Plan](#)  
2- [Council Policy 500-11](#)  
3- [November 18, 2002, City Council Meeting Minutes](#)  
4- [October 4, 2005, City Council Meeting Minutes](#)  
5- [February 22, 2006, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes](#)  
6- [March 25, 2006, City Attorney ADA Memo](#)

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