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TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
January 22, 2018
5:30 PM

I. Town Council Items

II. Study Session Items

1. Parks, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan: 2018 - 2022, Presentation - Cleveland/Fussa/Guest - 45 minutes
2. Schoolhouse Plaza Update - Mariner/Guest - 20 Minutes
3. Community Development Monthly Update - Fussa - 30 minutes

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Michelle Kivela, Town Administrator
FROM:	Jim Cleveland, Acting Deputy Town Administrator/Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director John Fussa, Community Development Director
DATE:	January 22, 2018
SUBJECT:	Parks, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan: 2018 - 2022

ISSUE:

Update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan by Eppley Institute

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2017 budget, Town Council approved funding for the development of a parks, recreation and open space master plan. Working collaboratively, the Parks and Recreation Department and Community Development interviewed various firms for this important project. Ultimately, the Eppley Institute, affiliated with Indiana University's Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies, was selected. Eppley began their effort in August 2017 with their team conducting a site visit and interviewing several stakeholders. Over the course of this project, they will have received feedback from over 1,000 residents.

The development and implementation of a Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan presents the Town of Parker with a unique opportunity to integrate previous town plans, analyses, community interests, and approaches into a single, focused vision for long-term sustainability and growth of the parks, trails, recreational facilities and programs under the Town's stewardship.

This master plan also addresses priorities identified by the Town of Parker's Community Development Department and their plans for managing growth and development in the community that align with the adopted Parker 2035 Master Plan.

The plan assesses current conditions, identifies community needs and interests, and outlines a strategic action plan that balances opportunity, sustainability, and financial realities. The master plan provides guidance and policy direction for the Parker Parks and Recreation Department's

role in the community. The plan will shape the development of both department-provided parks and recreation services and homeowners' association maintained facilities in a manner that is consistent with the city's sustainability goals and meets the community's level of service and standards. Ultimately, the Parker Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan will guide the Town in policy development, future planning and growth, and meet park and recreation accreditation standards set by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

Tonight's presentation will be an overview of Eppley's findings, major themes and recommendations for moving forward. The final document is scheduled for Town Council adoption on February 20.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and comment

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Review and comment

ATTACHMENT:

None