

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 5/24/2022

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on the sale of property within the City

limits.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA FUNDS REQUESTED: NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff is moving forward with various action items within the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master and Strategic plan including addressing low scoring park components, increase programming and revenue, as well as renovating substandard facilities. One of the parks in need of attention is the Municipal Pool Site.

A survey was developed and active from September 3 to September 30, 2021. In summary, 79 people took the survey and survey results regarding the Municipal Pool Site included the following:

- A majority of respondents would like to see this site used for park development
- Top three park amenity ideas include splash pad, playground (5-12), and playground (2-5)
- 74% of respondents are in favor of this site being a special use park for something like a skate park
- A majority of respondents are not in favor of selling this property
- If there was sidewalk connectivity, individuals would most likely bike or walk

Survey results were discussed with the Parks and Recreation Board and Angleton Better Living Corporation, the following comments were provided:

- June 14 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting: Install a large (epic) splash pad along with a playground unit. Ensure shade structures are present for rental income. Expand the park to other adjacent property and possibly include a dog park in the same area.
- August 9 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting: The Parks & Recreation Board had concerns with redeveloping the municipal pool site due to the size. Staff is researching other options

- and will develop a community survey to assess what types of amenities are desired on the south side of Angleton.
- October 11 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting: The Parks & Recreation Board noted they
 would be willing to sell the current municipal pool site to help fund a future land purchase
 or use the site for future city infrastructure.
- October 18 ABLC Meeting: Utilize the lot for new Animal Control Center.

On March 8, staff presented information to City Council and staff was directed to publish an additional public survey revolved around development for the Municipal Pool Site since the City had recently acquired land for a park on the south side of town. City Council wanted to understand if acquiring land for future park development would impact public input regarding future development on that site. A survey was developed and active from Friday, April 8, 2022 to Monday, May 2, 2022. In summary, 179 people took the survey and survey regarding the Municipal Pool Site included the following:

- Nearly 63% of 86 respondents noted they would recommend the City sell the municipal pool property for future land acquisition. Ninety-three respondents skipped this question.
- About 59% of 86 respondents noted they would like to see the municipal pool site developed into a food truck park. Ninety-three respondents skipped this question.
- About 52% of 86 respondents noted they would like to see the municipal pool site developed into a skate park. Ninety-three respondents skipped this question.
- When asked if respondents would rather see the site developed as a food truck park or a skate park, about 41%, or 35 respondents, responded with food truck and about 45%, or 38 respondents, responded with skate park. About 14%, or 12 respondents, noted other.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council consider and discuss the sale of the Municipal Pool site property within the City limits.