



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 4/2/2024
Agenda Section: Other Business

Department Origination: Community Development

Agenda Item: Approve City of Baxter Oscar Kristofferson Park Masterplan Study

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The City of Baxter requests approval of the attached Oscar Kristofferson Park Masterplan Study. On September 5, 2023, the City Council approved an Agreement for Professional Services with WiDSETH to complete an Oscar Kristofferson Masterplan Study. The study evaluated the following:

- Confirm the goals and expectations for the park.
- Site visit to confirm exiting conditions of the park, vegetation and amenities.
- Confirm site utilities and proposed infrastructure improvements along the park.
- Review parking capacity for the park.
- Gather data and other information related to events held at the park, a count for annual park visitors, and restroom capacity.
- Summary of the community input gathered through public engagement.
- Discuss priorities for this park and what amenities it should provide the community.
- Review the potential for strategic plantings, tree management and other landscape design to provide an enhanced park experience.
- Develop preliminary concept plans.
- Develop final concept plans.
- Prepare masterplan presentation boards.
- Cost estimates for the construction of proposed site improvements and new amenities.
- Cost analysis of maintaining the existing park

The Public Process for the Park study included the following:

- Information on the City Website and a project Website with the ability to provide remote comments and complete a survey.
- Information on the City Facebook Page.
- The study was reviewed by the Parks and Trails Commission on January 22, 2024.
- The study was reviewed by the City Council on February 6, 2024.
- Property notices were sent to property owners within 1,000 feet of the park.
- An Open House was held on February 29, 2024.
- The Parks and Trails Commission recommended approval of Option C with a double court surface in the northeast corner of the park and with two additional batting cages and with the court surface and Hockey rink to be planned as multi-sport surfaces.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The master plan has cost estimates for improvements within the attached masterplan. However, staff notes that no specific improvements are proposed at this time. Therefore, the financial implications will be the times when specific improvements from the masterplan are proposed for construction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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