



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Lloyd White, Councilmember
DATE: June 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction to City Staff Regarding the City of Beaumont's Assistance to the Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks District for the Construction of a Regional Park Generally Located on the North Side of Cherry Valley and Approximately 1 Mile East of IH-10 (Danny Thomas Ranch)

Background and Analysis:

On December 28, 2020, the Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks Districts (District) Board authorized the execution of a certificate of acceptance for the donation of approximately 123 acres from TSG Cherry Valley, L.P. The 123-acre site is the former home of the Danny Thomas Ranch. The District accepted the land and, according to a District staff report, intends to, "... construct more baseball parks and potentially a sports complex." District staff also wrote in the staff report that, "The District could put the Property to many good uses, including, but not limited to, developing the land and constructing more baseball fields and other sports fields and sport recreational facilities, dedicating open space for recreational use, etc."

While this property is not within the City of Beaumont's jurisdiction, it is in very close proximity to the City's northern boundary, and the proposed facility would be heavily utilized by Beaumont residents. As a family-oriented community, Beaumont has a strong need for additional sports fields to accommodate youth sports and would benefit greatly from this endeavor. Additionally, a regional sports complex would bring visitors into the region and would provide indirect economic benefits to Beaumont.

The District has engaged consultants and is initiating the conceptual design phase. The District has been a great partner and has a proven track record of providing quality facilities and services to the region. I propose that the City Council make Beaumont City staff available to the District as needed to support the design and development of the Danny Thomas Ranch and direct me to officially offer the City of Beaumont's assistance.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact related to the preparation of this report. Cost to the City of Beaumont to aid the District may not be quantified at this time.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council make Beaumont City staff available to the District for the design and development of the Danny Thomas Ranch and direct Lloyd White, as the liaison to the District, to officially offer the City of Beaumont's assistance.