



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: March 1, 2023

Agenda Item No.

Agenda Title: Parks Master Plan Prioritization Discussion.

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Approved by Town Manager *Nadia Di Tommaso*

Date: *2/23/2023*

Nadia Di Tommaso / Community Development Director

Name/Title

Originating Department: Community Development	Costs: N/A at this time Funding Source: Acct. # <input type="checkbox"/> Finance _____	Attachments: → Approved Parks Master Plan
Advertised: Date: _____ Paper: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	All parties that have an interest in this agenda item must be notified of meeting date and time. The following box must be filled out to be on agenda.	Yes I have notified everyone <u>ND</u> or Not applicable in this case Please initial one.

Summary Explanation/Background:

On August 17, 2022 the Town Commission approved a Parks Master Plan for Kelsey and Lake Shore Parks pursuant to Resolution 48-08-22. In follow-up to this approval, the children's playground was completed in the park. Given the vast number of projects identified in the Parks Master Plan, it was always intended to bring back a discussion item to the Commission for direction on which projects should be prioritized in the plan. All projects are contingent on available funds, for which none are available in the current fiscal year other than the intended repurposing/restripping of the courts to accommodate pickleball on the west side of Lake Shore Drive. Grant funds may be required to implement certain projects and Staff will continue seeking available grants to match other funding sources that may become available.

If the Commission prefers that Staff prioritize the projects that we deem most appropriate both from a funding perspective and from a logistical and operational perspective, we can certainly do so. For example, we have been recently discussing opportunities to increase special events in the parks so as to attract more individuals to the Town. While this would require additional internal resources (staffing, funds, and other), with this idea in mind, it may be important to prioritize the Master Plan's: *improved shrubs, ornamental/canopy trees, palm trees, accent paving improvements, sidewalk improvements and entryway/gateway upgrading, along with possibly some lighting improvements and covered seating area with some shade structures*, before other capital improvements are funded and made. These combined improvements would serve as a beautification effort for both special events and for the community as a whole, while also addressing safety through better lighting. These are just some preliminary thoughts. Staff is open to the Commission's ideas.

All prioritization ideas shared at tonight's meeting will then be further discussed internally as it relates to next fiscal year's budget, a process that will commence next month. The 5-year capital improvements schedule is also overdue for updating and it can incorporate the projects discussed this evening over the next 5-year horizon (and will be brought forward in the next few months).

Please refer to page 25 of the Parks Master Plan for the approved Master Park Plan. Also refer to pages 47 through 50 of the Parks Master Plan for the future opportunities that are also identified, along with the opinions of cost for the various projects (all costs will need to be updated when a project is selected for implementation).

Recommended Motion: For discussion and direction on desired projects to pursue in Fiscal Year 24 (and beyond), contingent on available funds.