



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Sandy City Council
Meeting Date: April 15, 2024
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Deer Pointe Park: Preferred Concept Review

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Receive the presentation from Lango Hansen Landscape Architects and provide any additional input on the preferred concept plan for Deer Pointe Neighborhood Park.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this report is to present the preferred conceptual plans for the development of Deer Pointe Neighborhood Park to the City Council for final input and decision-making. The objective is to advance the planning process in accordance with the [Parks and Trails Master Plan](#) and City Council goals.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The City Council has established a goal to develop Deer Pointe Park. Tonight's discussion aims to present a preferred concept of Deer Pointe Park based on feedback and input provided by the community, Parks Board, and the Council.

The Parks and Trails Advisory Board initiated the visioning process for Deer Pointe Park on [Jan. 10, 2024](#), and subsequently provided input on three concepts presented by Lango Hansen Landscape Architects on [Feb. 14, 2024](#). On [March 4, 2024](#), Lango Hansen Landscaper Architects and city staff presented to the Council and received input on three conceptual designs.

Following the Council meeting, a public open house was held on March 6, 2024. Staff sent out open house invitations to approximately 200 neighboring residents to encourage community engagement. There was a good turnout with 15-20 people in attendance, with several neighbors attending. To ensure robust neighborhood engagement, City Staff also sent out direct mailers to approximately 200 neighbors, with self-addressed envelopes and park surveys; we received about 54 responses via mail.

On [March 13, 2024](#) the Parks and Trails Advisory Board revisited the three concepts and provided input and discussed a preferred concept.

The conceptual plans presented this evening incorporate feedback received from the open house, Council, and Parks Board. Of note: the architect team is prepared tonight to discuss covered basketball, which was an idea that received significant support at the March 4th meeting.

Next steps involve conducting the second of the two public open houses scheduled for April 18, 2024.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The proposed development of Deer Pointe Park is in line with the City Council's goals and the priorities outlined in the Parks and Trails Master Plan. These considerations include aligning park features with community needs, enhancing recreational opportunities, and ensuring accessibility for all residents. Additionally, the park's design should reflect the desired character and amenities outlined in the master plan to meet the long-term goals of the city for park development and the community's level of service needs.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding for the Deer Pointe Park project has been allocated in the 2023-25 Fiscal Year budget, utilizing Systems Development Charge fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council review the preferred conceptual plan for Deer Pointe Park presented in this report and provide input to guide the further development of the park design.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

1. Deer Pointe Park Concept Presentation: Lango Hansen Landscape Architects