

## Summary of Action (Excerpt from P&Z report to Council)

### Action Items

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- Four target areas identified – Natural Systems, physical systems, fiscal systems, and land use

### **Natural Systems**

Goal - Preserve Woodcreek's natural, rural setting

#### Strategy 1: Protect What Exists

- a) Enforce protective regulations for trees (Created Tree Board, New Tree ordinances and protections in place, Woodcreek earned Tree City USA designation, Park clean up held for 2023 Earth Day)
- b) Community education programs for
  - Rainwater collection
  - Oak wilt
  - Drought tolerant landscaping
  - Reducing chemical use in landscaping
- c) Incentivize rainwater collection
- d) Protect impervious cover limits and create regulations for Middle Trinity and Jacob's Well Recharge Zones
- e) Create Green Building initiatives (Progress pending)
- f) Promote protection of natural habitats and ecosystems
- g) Participate in Annual Arbor Day events and promote tree planting
- h) Invest in public land through tree care, planting, watering and other activities to improve public spaces

#### Strategy 2: Increase and Improve Parks and Greenspaces

- a) Update Parks Master Plan
- b) Pursue purchase of additional parkland or greenspace (Some progress)
- c) Review and revise platting and subdivision codes to promote more greenspace allocation in design
- d) Pursue grants and other funding to improve park amenities with a playscape as top priority
- e) Consider and plan to achieve goal of community pool
- f) Consider placement of a dog park

### **Physical Systems**

Goal: Improve existing structures with focus on roads and mobility

#### Strategy 1: Re-negotiate franchise agreements to lower rates and improve customer service

- a) Electricity – survey showed general satisfaction with PEC.
- b) Water and Sewer – survey showed low satisfaction ratings for

Aqua Texas. This public utility should be seen as a high priority for action

- c) Cable/Internet – survey showed general satisfaction with Spectrum with noted outages, rising costs and slowness/connectivity
- d) Telephone – Fewer people are using landlines
- e) Trash/Recycling – survey showed satisfactory rating for Waste Connections

Strategy 2: Repair all roads in the City of Woodcreek and create a long-term maintenance plan

- a) Develop a Master Transportation Plan and Policy
- b) Finish the creation of the Capital Improvements Plan
- c) Pursue grants and alternative funding sources
- d) Address drainage and traffic calming with road improvements

Strategy 3: Create walking trails to address pedestrian safety

- a) Seek alternative funding through grants
- b) Work with the Hays County on existing trails projects
- c) Obtain engineering studies to work on placement of trails in the community
- d) Utilize citizen feedback to create a plan and prioritize routes
- e) Create a timeline for execution of plan, including funding

## **Fiscal Systems**

Goal: Reduce the burden on taxpayers and over reliance on increasing ad valorem taxes to fund city projects

Strategy 1: Maintain suitable reserves and manage the annual budget to reduce excess spending

- a) Decrease annual spending in Maintenance and Operations budget area to provide funds for projects instead of using reserve funds
- b) Do not spend over \$500,000 of the Net Reserves and maintain 2 months of operating expenses from the Committed Funds Balance in the General Fund
- c) Utilize existing reserves, no more than half of the General Fund reserves in any single year, to fund small projects rather seeking more debt.

Strategy 2: Increase income outside of ad valorem taxes

- a) Promote local businesses course owners are adding new resources Grill and holding events
- b) Use Woodcreek as the city designation for online purchases
- c) Consider increasing the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 0 to create special restricted funds to promote community, tourism and city

wide improvements as allowed by governing code

Strategy 3: Seek advantageous development and franchise agreements

- a) Pursue advantageous annexation agreements for any new development in the ETJ
- b) Consider creation of an Economic Development Plan Committee to oversee these actions and create policy to ensure the City can sustain itself

Strategy 4: Pursue alternative and outside funding

- a) Seek grants to fund desired projects
- b) Encourage Parks Board to pursue a citizen based non-profit 501(c)

### **Land Use**

Goal: Maintain Woodcreek's Character and promote sustainable resource management

Strategy 1: Preserve the rural and residential character of the community

- a) Review and update building and development ordinances
- b) Update subdivision and platting requirements – more strict with regard to division steps and include environmental study

Strategy 2: Protect the watershed

- a) Limit impervious coverage
- b) Encourage sustainable building practices
- c) Promote water-wise landscaping
- d) Create protections in the Jacob's Well and Middle Trinity Aquifer recharge zones to limit development and minimize impervious coverage
- e) Utilize steep slopes and water quality management code to regulate development in the ETJ – managing impervious cover and maintaining natural landscapes to minimize erosion and less impact of flooding
- f) Encourage developers to utilize conservation style development in the ETJ and uphold parkland and greenspace regulations
- g) Enforce the Heritage and Protected Tree preservation efforts

Strategy 3: Seek to encourage development that aligns with resident preferences

- a) Look for commercial opportunities that align with residents interest
- b) Do not duplicate resources available in Wimberley
- c) Enforce minimal impact for resources, such as water.

d) Seek business that bring new money into the community rather than re-circulate existing income or one that takes away income.