

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** FEBRUARY 10, 2003  
**FROM:** CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING PARK MASTER PLANS AND CAPITAL REPLACEMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is for information only.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:**

On February 4, 2003 the Recreation and Parks Commission voted unanimously to recommend that this report be received by the City Council as an information item rather than an action item. The Commission believes that there is not enough information available at this time to determine the total funding needs for park development and capital replacement. The Commission was concerned that costs for capital replacement may be underestimated, that costs for the Arroyo Master Plan cannot be calculated until the plan is adopted, that costs be based on standards adopted for all parks throughout the city, and that a survey of needs be completed prior to developing those criteria.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the City Council meeting on August 19, 2002, Council directed staff to prepare preliminary estimates of cost for the implementation of approved Park Master Plans. As staff began this effort, it became apparent that in order to adequately reflect the true funding needs of the parks, both the cost of master plans and outstanding capital deferred maintenance must also be considered. In addition to identifying the un-funded needs for capital park improvements, staff determined that consideration should also be given to all other available options for meeting the challenge of funding the improvements to the parks.

The attached review of Pasadena parks and capital replacement summarizes the challenges and opportunities that the City faces in providing funding for parks today and in the future. This report was presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission with the following recommendations:

- 1) It is recommended that the City Council approve the following criteria be used to determine when a park should have a formal Master Plan:

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- Community and Citywide parks because they have unique features and serve large populations that have changing needs.
- Parks that have significant historical features to insure that all improvements made to the park are consistent with the historical features in the park.
- Newly dedicated parkland is acquired.

As a result of this action, all of the existing master plans for neighborhood parks that do not conform to these criteria would no longer be valid. The existing master plans are all over twenty years old and no longer represent an accurate vision of how the parks should be improved.

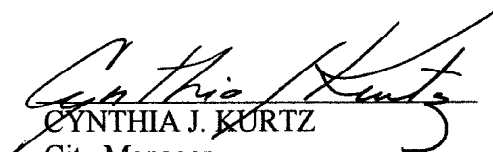
- 2) It is recommended that the City Council direct staff to look at new revenue sources that would cover any state budget reductions for parks and would allow for new projects to be funded.

Staff will continue to work with the commission and bring final recommendations to Council at a later date.

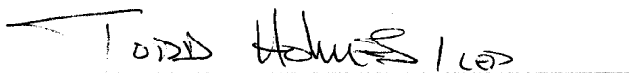
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No funding recommendations are being made at this time.

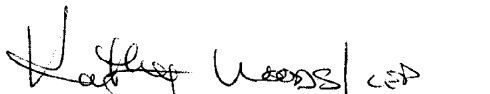
Respectfully submitted,

  
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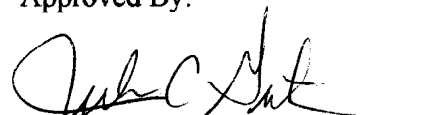
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Attachment A:

Proposal For Funding Park Master Plans And Capital Replacement