

RESOLUTION 2018-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS APPROVING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, in 1990, the San Marcos City Council approved Resolution 90-3375 adopting a Parks Master Plan which presented a vision of the parks and recreational future for the City of San Marcos; and

WHEREAS, the adopted General Plan of 2012 includes a policy, Policy PR-1.2, in the Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Element to update the Parks Master Plan to identify long term goals for the Parks and Recreation Department and the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed staff to update the 1990 Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Parks Master Plan Update ("the Plan") is to identify potential improvements to the parks system, and as funding becomes available, to suggest additional amenities for new parks and improvements to existing park facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is based on significant public outreach and data to make the best recommendations for the community, including national standards from the National Recreation and Parks Association, a community telephone survey, publicly advertised town hall forums and meetings with small focus groups; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is community-driven and intended as a policy guide for the City's departments by identifying the existing levels of services and establishing recommendations for improvements, as well as potential resources available for funding; and

WHEREAS, both the Parks and Recreation Department and the Development Services Department did study the Plan and recommend approval of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of the Plan on November 15, 2017 with a 6-0 vote; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the Plan on November 20, 2017 with a 7-0 vote; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held on December 12, 2017 and June 26, 2018 and were duly advertised and held in the manner prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepted the Parks Master Plan Update on December 12, 2017 and asked for additional information about future park sites before adopting the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's decision is based on the following findings and determinations:

1. The proposed project will not adversely affect the implementation of the General Plan and is in conformance with its elements. The proposed update to the Plan implements Policy PR-1.2 of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Health Element of the General Plan and is consistent with the General Plan's Implementation Plan.
2. The proposed project has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that this is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines because there is no potential for it to result in a physical change in the environment, either directly or indirectly. Even if the proposed project was considered a project subject to CEQA, it would be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the update to the Parks Master Plan would have no significant effect on the environment.
3. Adoption of the proposed project will help the City with its short term and long term park and recreational policy needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Marcos resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Parks Master Plan Update in the attached Exhibit B is hereby approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos, at a regular meeting held on this 26th day of June 2018 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

APPROVED:

James M. Desmond
Mayor

ATTEST:

Phillip Scollick
City Clerk