



City Plan Commission Agenda Item

December 13, 2012

TO: City Plan Commission
FROM: Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Richard Garcia, Parks Planning and Development Manager
DATE: December 3, 2012
SUBJECT: Discussion and Action on the revised **Design and Construction Standards for Park Facilities**

The Design and Construction Standards (Design Standards) are proposed to be revised in its entirety in order to reflect current best practice standards, community input, and addition of new sections.

- The Design Standards were recommended and approved by the City Plan Commission in 2008. City Council acted by resolution to adopt the standards on June 3, 2008.
- The Parks and Recreation Department undertook a complete revision of the 2008 document that includes:
 - Revision of certain sections to eliminate duplication, redundancy and provide clear and concise language
 - Addition of a general design principle section giving guidance with overall design considerations
 - Amendment of every section to adopt best practice standards for parks and recreation; search for low maintenance, efficient solutions, and improve facilities that will withstand high levels of public use.
 - Guidance for City constructed projects as well as developer-built
 - Construction Specification Sheets updated and incorporated by reference in Appendix
- Input was taken through four major drafts, incorporating review and amending the document at each stage.

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- Internal review by City agencies, including:
 - General Services
 - Planning
 - Engineering
 - El Paso Water Utilities/PSB
- Three presentations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, culminating in a recommendation to approve the final draft on September 12, 2012
- Outside Landscape Architect review
- Development Coordinating Committee Review on October 24, 2012
- Chamber of Commerce – Infrastructure and Development Committee. Review at two meetings: October 31, 2012 and November 26, 2012

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Revised Design and Construction Standards for Park Facilities, with Appendices

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