CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: **Parks and Recreation**

AGENDA DATE: **March 29, 2011**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Nanette Smejkal, Director (915) 541-4283**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: **ALL**

SUBJECT:
Approve a resolution of City Council amending the Park Facilities Standards in order to be consistent with revisions to the park provisions of Title 19.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
This amendment in the Parks Facilities Standards is to add a seven foot Parkway from back of curb to the face of a seven foot wide sidewalk along park perimeter on street right of way. The change was predicated by an amendment to Title 19.20.050 requiring street trees in the Parkway at 30-foot intervals.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On November 30, 2010, the El Paso City Council approved moving forward with a Smart Growth implementation plan. The items on the implementation plan have been divided into separate timelines and this is the first group of changes.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

**********REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**********

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Title 19 (Subdivisions) of the El Paso City Code (the "Code") was adopted to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community by guiding the future growth and development of the city in accordance with The Plan for El Paso and by encouraging the orderly and beneficial development of the city through appropriate growth management techniques and by establishing reasonable standards of design and procedures for subdivisions and resubdivisions of land in order to further the orderly layout and use of land; and,

WHEREAS, the design standards for parks within the subdivisions submitted under the provisions of Title 19 were adopted by Resolution on June 3, 2008, as the Park Facilities Standards; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of El Paso is revising the park provisions of Title 19 (Subdivisions) and such revisions require the Park Facilities Standards to be amended to avoid any conflicts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the Park Facilities Standards, Division XI, Concrete Sidewalk Standard, be amended as follows:

Division XI, Concrete Sidewalk Standard

Provide a minimum 7 ft. wide Parkway from back of curb to the face of 7 ft. wide sidewalk along park perimeter on street right of way. Sidewalk construction must comply with all Municipal, State and Federal Regulations to include TAS and ADA.

Sidewalk Construction Standard:
1. Four inches thick minimum.
2. Concrete strength to be 3,000 psi minimum
3. Rough broom finish.
4. Cross-slope may not exceed two percent (2%), require standard cross slope to be set at one percent (1%).
5. Expansion joint must be provided along back of concrete curb and be provided with ½" thick expansion joint material.
6. Scored joint marks ¼" wide and ½" deep, every three and half feet (3.5') on center, both ways.
7. Expansion Cold joint every twenty-one feet (21') with ½" thick expansion joint material.
8. Running slope of sidewalk may not exceed five percent (5%) in any direction.

Wheel Chair Ramp:
1. Wheel chair ramp will not exceed six feet (6') in length or exceed an eight point three percent (8.3%) slope.
2. Wheel chair ramp(s) at street intersections must be provided by installation of two ramps running along direction of sidewalk with a landing at the bottom level to standard

concrete curb and gutter, gutter line and a landing at top level to the concrete sidewalk.
3. Wheel chair ramp(s) and landing(s) must have a cross slope of one percent (1%) and not exceed two percent (2%). Surfaces must be sloped to insure that water does not collect or stand after a rain. Drain onto street or park site as required.
4. Wheel chair ramps and landing are to have a six inches (6") high by six inches (6") wide and six inches (6") deep curb installed on park side to insure that erosion does not occur onto ramps and landings.
5. Wheel chair ramp must comply with other requirements as set forth in City of El Paso design criteria for compliance with TAS and ADA.

Construction:
1. Forms – provide clean and damage free forms.
2. Install using good industry practices and methods with proper vertical and horizontal control to insure compliance with slope and cross-slope requirements.
3. Maintain forms in good repair prior to and during installation and while pouring of concrete sidewalk.
4. Sub-grade – scarify and compact eight inches (8") of sub-grade. Sub-grade must be compacted to 95% density per ASTM D-1557.
5. Densities – provide density tests of sub-grade as deemed necessary based on length of concrete sidewalk. Provide a minimum of one every 300 feet.
6. Site cleaning – complete and thorough cleaning is required of site after concrete sidewalk is installed. This is to include concrete waste (debris) found in soils and concrete splatter residue found on existing concrete curb and gutter or adjacent sidewalks.
7. Site restoration – adjacent ground and/or landscaping surfaces must be restored to previous condition as directed by Park Staff to insure that site is clear and free of any foreign materials not suitable for a park setting or maintenance of turf.

2. That except as expressly herein amended, Park Facilities Standards adopted on June 3, 2008 remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS _____DAY OF _____, 2011.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Nanette L. Smejkal, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation