

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**STAFF COORDINATOR:**

**COUNCIL DISTRICT IMPACTED: 6**

**SUBJECT:**

Interlocal Agreement with Northside Independent School District

**SUMMARY:**

This resolution recommends the Planning Commission authorize an interlocal agreement with Northside Independent School District for the disposition of 0.47 acres containing Meadowcliff Community Center and acceptance of 4.231 acres of property located in the floodplain adjacent to Timberwilde Elementary School to serve as part of the Culebra Tributary Greenway located in Council District 6.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City acquired Meadowcliff community center from NISD in 1976 and has met a recreational need in the community by providing structure programming for youth during the summer months. NISD contacted the City in 2017 to request that the community center become integrated into the Anson Jones Campus.

The proposed interlocal agreement will be considered by the Northside Independent School District (NISD) Board of Directors on August 25. The interlocal agreement includes a property exchange to include the disposal of Meadowcliff community center which will allow the NISD to enhance community offerings. The City desires to acquire property behind Timberwilde Elementary for a future Culebra Tributary Greenway trail. The 4.231 acres behind the school is in the floodplain and will allow the construction of the greenway trail connection from Cathedral Rock Park to the future Tezel Road City Facility, a 2017 voter-approved Bond Project. There will be a trailhead also located at this facility funded by the 2015 Venue Sales Tax.

NISD has committed that the school or community center building will continue to be available for the City to utilize for summer programming including camps and the Summer Food Service program. In addition, NISD will offer after school programming and open the school or community center for the annual City Council District 6 backpack giveaway for the community.

The Parks and Recreation Department consistently looks for opportunities to collaborate with potential partners to establish public green space and provide recreational opportunities to meet the needs of the community. This property exchange is consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the SA Parks System Plan which recommends providing equitable access to parks and recreation activities and addressing a recreational need in an urban environment. The property is accessible to pedestrians and will provide additional public parkland in an underserved area once the construction of the Culebra Tributary Greenway trail is complete.

**ISSUE:**

This acquisition is consistent with the goals and objectives of the SA Park System Plan which recommends providing equitable access to parks and recreation activities and is consistent with the master plan for Anson Jones Middle School.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this land exchange not be accepted, the City would have to seek alternatives for the Culebra Tributary Greenway trail alignment and NISD would have to reevaluate options for growth consistent with the master plan for Anson Jones Middle School.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action. The estimated market value of the 0.47 acres with the community center is \$238,000.00. The estimated value of the 4.231 acres is \$50,000.00. The City and NISD will share the closing costs on the land transaction, with the City's portion of the closing costs coming from greenway sales tax funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this Interlocal Agreement with Northside Independent School District.