

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Xavier D. Urrutia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 6

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of a Land Donation from the Timber Ridge Community Association

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a property donation from the Timber Ridge Community Association of 3.01 acres of land located at 3103 Rim Rock Trail. The property will be utilized as a future neighborhood park in Council District 6.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The proposed property donation will be utilized for the future development of Timber Ridge Park as a neighborhood park in Council District 6. This acquisition is consistent with the policies outlined in the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan which recommends increasing the number and quality of parks to ensure a more equitable distribution of parks and recreation opportunities.

Discussions began with the representatives from Timber Ridge Community Association, District 6 Council Office and the Parks and Recreation Department in early 2018. The Parks and Recreation Department has worked closely with the neighborhood and Council Office to address the desire for additional park land in the community. The Association has agreed to give a fee simple ownership of the property to the city by a warranty deed with no conditions or restrictions.

The current property is a former neighborhood recreation facility which is no longer utilized and provides an opportunity to add public parkland in an underserved area. The nearest public park to this neighborhood is over

one and a half miles away, and is not accessible by foot to the residents of the Timber Ridge neighborhood. The donated property will be developed using \$550,000.00 in funding allocated in the approved FY 2019 Capital Budget.

ISSUE:

The proposed property acquisition will provide additional recreational opportunities for park users in the future. This acquisition is consistent with the policies of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan which recommend increasing the number and quality of parks to ensure a more equitable distribution of parks and recreation opportunities.

ALTERNATIVES:

The property is located within the Timber Ridge neighborhood, thus it is pedestrian accessible. Should the land donation not be accepted, the opportunity to provide a pedestrian accessible park facility would not be achieved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated market value of the 3.01 acres of donated land is \$198,660.00. The development of this property into a park is included in the FY 2019 Capital Budget in the amount of \$550,000. The annual operating cost to maintain and provide security to this park is included in the FY 2019 General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this land donation from the Timber Ridge Community Association. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this proposed land donation.