

Item #7: Public Involvement and City Council Approval

A Park Concept/Master Plan is a planning process that includes collaboration with neighborhood stakeholders to identify desired park use. Staff also reviews other adopted or recognized plans for consistency with the proposed parkland or park amenity. After collaborating with citizens, the resulting park concept or master plan of a pocket, neighborhood, district, metropolitan park, or trail system is presented to the Parks & Recreation Board (PARB) for review and comment, and then presented to City Council for approval. Staff will convey the PARB recommendations on the concept or master plan in a memorandum to the Council.

For parkland that has no adopted park master plan, that has no identified use in an adopted park master plan, or for which proposed uses may be inconsistent with an adopted park master plan, the PARB shall review and make a recommendation to Council and the City Council shall approve projects that meet at least ONE of the following criteria:

- a. Requires an increase in the number of parking spaces;
- b. Requires an adjustment to the existing maintenance plan, operation, or program budget;
- c. Costs greater than ~~\$25,000~~ \$55,000 or current City Manager Authority, including staff time and maintenance;
- d. Conflicts with an adopted neighborhood or small area plan;
- e. Changes the traditional use of any portion of parkland or facilities; or
- f. Changes the programming or management of a facility or parkland.

If a park amenity is requested, either from staff or other stakeholders, that is inconsistent with a recognized Park Concept Plan or Master Plan, the City Council shall review and consider approval of the proposed park amenity prior to significant staff resources being spent on such amenity.