



CITY OF SALINAS

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

DATE: MARCH 14, 2018

DIVISION: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: CARY ANN SIEGFRIED, LCS DIRECTOR

TITLE: CITY OF SALINAS PARK CLASSIFICATIONS AND SPORTS FACILITY STANDARDS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Endorse the current draft of the City of Salinas Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards and recommend that the document be presented to and approved by the Salinas City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Library and Community Services Commission endorse the current draft of the City of Salinas Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards and recommend that the document be presented to and approved by the Salinas City Council.

BACKGROUND:

November 2017 the City of Salinas entered in to a Professional Service Agreement with Conservation Technix to complete a Master Plan for Park, Recreation Centers and Libraries. Also included was the review and update of the 2009 draft of the City of Salinas Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards. The Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards will provide guidance for acceptance of park land, collection of park fees, or provision of in lieu improvements and will also provide criteria for design of new public and private parks.

DISCUSSION:

Conservation Technix conducted a thorough review of the 2009 draft standards and updated them based on current professional trends and industry standards. The draft Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards have been reviewed by Library & Community Services and Community Development staff. A Study Session of the Library & Community Services Commission was held on February 14, 2018. During the Study Session, the draft Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards were presented to the Commission section by section. The main concern raised by the Commission during the Study Session was in relation to accessibility and inclusion for all. This is specifically addressed in Section I (c) of the Park Standards and Classifications which states: parks shall provide universal access to the maximum extent feasible and ensure accommodation for persons with disabilities in compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA). Federal Law requires future park development to include at

least 50% of park elements to be ADA accessible. At the Commission's request, Community Garden was added as a potential amenity for Community Parks and the Special Use Recreational Facilities section was updated to include Skate Parks.

The draft Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards document was also distributed to the Future Growth Area developers for their review and comments.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The preparation of the Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards will guide the development and redevelopment of parks in support of the City Council's goals (2016-2019) of:

- Safe, Livable Community
- Well Planned City and Excellent Infrastructure
- Quality of Life

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The Park Classifications and Sports Facility Standards will allow the City to conduct a Nexus Study and develop Park Impact Fees to be used for future park development.

ATTACHMENTS:

City of Salinas Park Classifications and Sports Standards