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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael Hartner, Parks & Forestry Department, 248.841.2552

DATE: February 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Parks & Recreation Master Plan

REQUEST:

We are requesting that City Council adopt the Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2006-2010 approved by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

In order to qualify for state and federal recreation grants, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a current 5-year master plan be on file.

To get the opinions and desires of our citizens on the direction of parks and recreation for our city for the next 5-year period, the public was informed of the update to the master plan on the Parks website and in the 2005 Fall/Winter *Hills Herald* and their input was requested. A public Visioning Workshop was held on September 20, 2005. McKenna & Associates, Inc. conducted telephone interviews with the city's key stakeholders (e.g. youth organizations, homeowners associations, recreation providers, etc.) and compiled the draft Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2006-2010 that was presented to the Planning Commission for review on January 31, 2006.

The draft copy of the master plan was made available on the city's website and copies were made available for public review in the Parks & Forestry Department and at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Notification of the meeting dates were also sent to those in attendance at the Visioning Workshop that requested this information and well as to our recreation providers. Mr. Jim Ludwig from McKenna and Associates, Inc. made a presentation on this plan to City Council on February 15, 2006. The Leisure Activities Committee also had the opportunity to review the draft document. After a public hearing was held on February 21, the Planning Commission adopted the Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2006-2010 as an element of the Master Land Use Plan and directed that the Plan and a copy of their resolution be forwarded to City Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

We are recommending that City Council adopt the Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2006-2010 so it can be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and the Oakland County Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION

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