



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2016-0019

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development, ext. 2572

DATE: January 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Presentation and request for Adoption of the Riverbend Park Strategic Framework Plan – Ralph Nunez, Design Team+

REQUEST:

That Mr. Ralph Nunez, President of Design Team +, present the Final Draft of the Riverbend Park Strategic Framework Plan and that the Plan be adopted as the guideline for developing Riverbend Park. With this adoption it will be included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2016-2020.

BACKGROUND:

This presentation to the City Council is a threshold that denotes nearing the conclusion of the Design phase and the beginning of the Implementation phase of Riverbend Park. However, some of the design elements have been built such as parking and the main trail. This design phase began in February of 2015 with the Request for Proposals from qualified firms on a nationwide search. Design Team+, based in "our own backyard", was the selected firm to guide the city through an intense public involvement campaign, meeting with a Steering Committee comprised of 20+ members from the Schools, other recreational providers, overseers of the environment such as the Clinton River Watershed Council, SEMCOG, Oakland County Planning, and so on.

The Plan is noted as a Strategic Framework Plan and intended to present the Plan as a whole yet enable it to be separated into segments or elements that can stand on their own. To say it another way the City does not need all the monies to develop all of the park at one time but rather the park can be done over time and as monies become available to fund the various elements. Some might call it "piecemeal" but every piece adds another exciting and unique feature to the park and is also intended to keep the park dynamic by adding new adventures over time.

It is important to note that nature is the absolute driving theme of this park design. The elements are intended to support one's discovery and enhance their experience as they enjoy the park.

As of this writing a public open house is scheduled from 4:00pm until 6:30pm just prior to the January 25, 2016 City Council meeting. Design Team+ will be presenting the plan and answering questions the public may have.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Administration and all those closely involved in the development of the RIVERBEND PARK Strategic Framework Plan recommend the City Council adopt this Plan as the guide for moving into the Implementation Phase of the Park's development. Attached is a Resolution for your consideration. With your adoption the Plan will be included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update that will be placed on file with the MDNR as required to be considered for grants for various park development projects. Thank you.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
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Mayor		
City Council Liaison		

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