



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Establish Parks Council Ad Hoc Committee

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Establish a Parks Ad Hoc Council Committee to review and provide input regarding opportunities for collaboration between agencies regarding parks and recreational facilities operated by Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District located within Menifee city limits.

DISCUSSION

Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District (Valley-Wide) oversees 22 parks within Menifee city limits. Both the City and Valley-Wide are public agencies who receive special tax district revenues from residents' property tax assessments to maintain and operate their respective facilities. Since incorporation in 2008, the City of Menifee has placed a high value on local oversight and operation of Menifee's public parks. To this end, one of the key objectives outlined in the City's strategic plan includes annexation of the parks located with Menifee city limits that are currently operated by Valley-Wide. While initial efforts to annex the 22 Valley-Wide parks into the city did not move forward, it is important that the City continue to look for ways to work collaboratively with Valley-Wide to ensure that the needs of city residents are being served as they relate to parks and recreational facilities.

In December of 2018, the Mayor and City Council established an Ad Hoc Council committee to review and provide input regarding the annexation of the Valley-Wide parks and recreational facilities located within city limits. Mayor Bill Zimmerman and Council member Lesa Sobek were appointed to serve on the committee. Given the continued need for Mayor and Council engagement with Valley-Wide, it is recommended that a Council Ad Hoc committee be reestablished. The ad hoc committee will work with staff to gain a greater understanding of the issues related to a possible annexation/detachment process and identify opportunities for partnership with Valley-Wide to better serve the needs of Menifee city residents.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Accessible and Interconnected Community

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS

1. City of Menifee Park Map