

STAFF REPORT

Agenda item: 8

Report To: Parks and Recreation Commission **Meeting** February 1, 2022

Date:

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Agenda Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the

Board of Supervisors regarding the updated Ross Gold Park Master Plan.

An update to the Ross Gold Park Master Plan was recommended for approval by the Parks

Staff Summary: and Recreation Commission in 2019. Staff recommend additional modifications to the

plan to address on-going maintenance challenges related to the park, pond, irrigation system and municipal well at the park. This item is for the Commission to review the updated master plan and possibly make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** 5 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Ross Gold Park Master Plan as presented.

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

August 20, 2019- The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Ross Gold Park Master Plan.

Background/Issues & Analysis

Carson City, through its Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department previously conducted a community survey, workshop, and public meetings in 2019 regarding an update to the master plan for Ross Gold Park. The Plan was not taken to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, due to outstanding items related to the parks original grant funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Those outstanding items have since been resolved and were related to a third party utility easement granted on the eastern portion of the park property.

With increasing maintenance challenges related to the park, pond, irrigation system, and municipal well, the City is proposing further updates to the master plan, for consideration by the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Ross Gold Park pond was originally designed to store city water when the well is flushed multiple times each year and not intended to support recreation activities or wildlife. Unfortunately, years of the public feeding

wildlife and introducing fish to the pond, accompanied with algae/bacteria growth have created maintenance challenges which could lead to potential health and safety issues for wildlife and the public. This revised master plan concept for consideration modifies the pond and previously proposed infiltration gallery, creating a larger turf area for park users to enjoy and utilize. The plan would create a grass detention basin, similar to those at Mayors, Blackwell's and Schulz Ranch parks. The turf detention basin is intended to temporarily hold water from scheduled well flushing and stormwater activities but would ultimately drain and filter water to not negatively impact the park or its users.

Attached is a copy of the draft master plan update for consideration. A public meeting notice along with the attached plan was mailed to 44 property owners in the Ross Gold Park vicinity, consistent with those previously noticed in 2019. Public noticing was sent as a courtesy and not a legal requirement.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

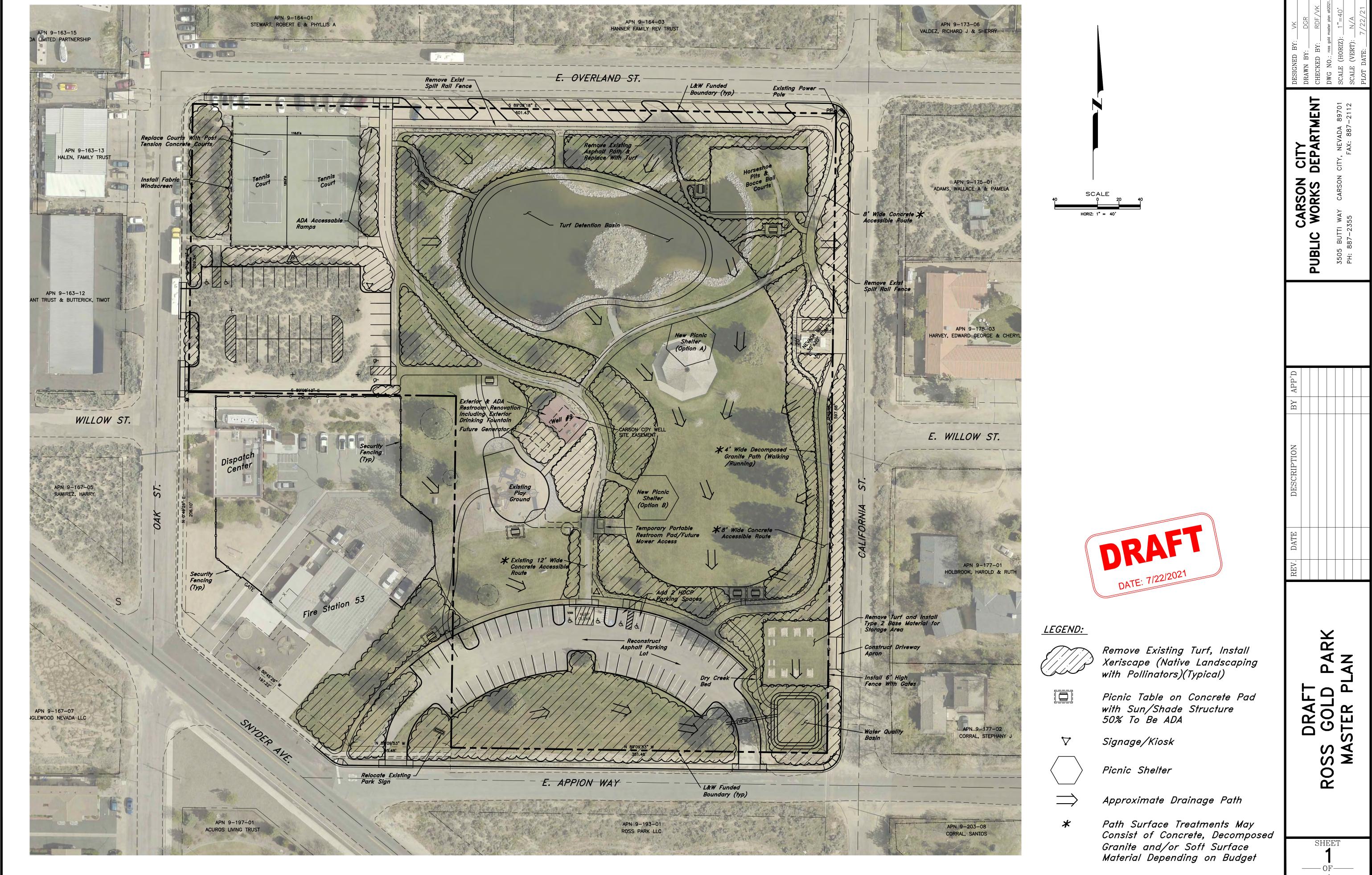
Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No; Not at this time. The Ross Gold Park Master Plan is a conceptual site development plan that will guide future priorities for expenditures and efforts to secure funding. As project(s) and funding are identified in the future, these projects will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration, or through the budget process.

Alternatives

Attachments:

Do not approve the master plan and provide alternative direction to staff.



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