Regional Parks System Additions Project: Boundary Adjustments

June 15, 2020

Community Development Committee





2020 Timeline for Regional Park System Additions

Review criteria, seek advice

February and March

- February 26 Implementing agency (I.A.) partner meeting
- March 5 MPOSC info item Process focus
- March 26 I.A. partner meeting Draft application

Propose action to release Policy Plan amendment for public comment, open public comment period

August

- August 6 MPOSC business item
 - Propose action to release Policy Plan amendment for public comment on Aug. 26
- August 17 CDC business item
 - Propose action to release Policy Plan amendment for public comment on Aug. 26
- August 26 MC business item
 - Release Policy Plan amendment for public comment through Oct. 30 and set public hearing date for Oct. 19
- August 27 I.A. partner meeting

April and May

- April 9 MPOSC info item
- April 20 CDC info item

- May 20 System additions application due

Update on comments, open public hearing -Close public comment period and public hearing

October and November

- October 1 MPOSC info item
- Update on comments rec'd to-date October 19 - CDC info item
 - Open public hearing
- public hearing close
- November 5 MPOSC info item
- November 16 CDC info item Update on comments rec'd and themes

Develop, submit applications

o Draft application Draft application April 22 - Launch system additions application April 30 - I.A. partner meeting May 7 - MPOSC info item May 18 - CDC info item

May 28 - I.A. partner meeting

- October 29 I.A. partner meeting
- October 30 Public comment period and
 - Update on comments rec'd and themes

Initial review, feedback -Draft staff recommendation

June and July

- June 4 MPOSC info item
 - Outline agency proposals
- June 25 I.A. partner meeting
- July 2 (+/-) MPOSC info item Draft recommendation
- July 20 CDC info item
 - Draft recommendation
- July 30 I.A. partner meeting

Summarize public comments, propose Policy Plan amendment adoption

December

- December 3 I.A. partner meeting
- December 3 MPOSC business item
 - Summary of public comment, how it has impacted staff recommendation; propose Policy Plan amendment adoption
- December 7 CDC business item
 - Summary of public comment, how it has impacted staff recommendation; propose Policy Plan amendment adoption
- December 9 MC business item
 - Summary of public comment, how it has impacted staff recommendation, Policy Plan amendment adoption





Boundary Adjustments

- Most boundary adjustments are considered through the system additions process
- Minor boundary adjustments can be accomplished through a master plan amendment or acquisition master plan amendment to provide a more timely and simplified process
 - Minor adjustments are sometimes needed for land exchanges, utility crossings, boundary corrections, and/or new acquisition opportunities
- There is a need to establish clear guidance on what constitutes "minor"







Boundary Adjustments continued

- Minor boundary adjustments will meet the following criteria:
 - Be a maximum of 20 acres 1.
 - Be contiguous to a Council-approved master plan boundary 2.
 - 3. 4-2 of the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan



Be consistent with the Siting and Acquisition Policy general criteria listed in tables 4-1 and





Boundary Adjustments continued

Takeaways from April 30,2020 Agency partner meeting

- Whether 20 acres is too much or too little may depend on the size of the park.
- Would using a percentage be better? For example, allow boundary adjustments up to 10% of the total approved master plan acreage.
- For existing units, should boundary adjustments be handled through the master plan amendment process and not the systems addition process? This would allow for boundary adjustments to occur as they are needed, rather than just every four years.
- What about trails? What would be a "minor" trail boundary adjustment?





Boundary Adjustments continued

Takeaways from May 7, 2020 MPOSC meeting

- exchanges, conversions, or utility changes?

 Should boundary adjustments be handled through the master plan amendment process and not the systems addition process? This would allow for boundary adjustments to occur as they are needed, rather than just every four years. Conversely, should boundary adjustments only be allowed for necessary land





Discussion

- **Committee have?**
 - Is 20 acres as a size threshold too much or too little?
 - Would using a percentage of the park area be better? What implications does that have for managing cost of the system?
 - Should boundary adjustments only be allowed only for necessary land exchanges, conversions, or utility changes?
 - Conversely, should boundary adjustments be handled through the master plan amendment process and not the systems addition process?
 - Question about balancing doing boundary adjustments on an as-needed basis versus every 4-year update process



Given the MPOSC questions, what direction for boundary adjustments does the





Thank you!

