



Agenda Item Summary

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Request Approval of St. Peter/St. Paul Community Lease Agreement for Neighborhood Park Improvements

Presenter:

Jason Maurer, Parks & Open Space Director

Description:

Request Approval of a Lease Agreement for public Neighborhood Park Improvements

Recommended Action:

Approve the Agreement as presented and authorize the Chair to sign

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no cost for the lease itself. The expenses are from the amenities that the County will install. Parks has determined a budget not to exceed \$2,000,000 for design, permitting, and construction and \$75,000 annually for operations - per the adopted Master Plan estimate; funded through Fund 140-Surtax- Wild Spaces Public Places.

The FY24 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes \$1.5 million from Fund 140-Surtax funds for planning and construction of a park in this area between FY25 and FY26. As the plan is developed, the budget and the CIP will be adjusted. Maintenance was not part of the CIP budgeted costs, though it is allowed under the rules of the surtax funding.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

The adopted Parks 10-year Masterplan showed a gap in service for the St Peter/St Paul community near Archer (Neighborhood Park "F"). The two-acre property to be leased by the County is owned by the Trustees of St. Peters Baptist Church. The Church has agreed to lease the property to the County to be used as a public park.

Per the Agreement, the County is authorized to install, construct, and place improvements, structures, buildings, fixtures, stormwater systems, and other amenities including (a) playground equipment, (b)

benches, (c) tables, (d) grills, (e) shade structures, (f) pavilion, (g) trails, (h) sport/game courts, (i) fencing, (j) sidewalks, (k) landscaping, and (l) signage. The community expressed interest in an agreement during the joint City of Archer and Alachua County meeting. St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church has agreed to maintain the property until October 2024 to allow the county time to budget for mowing and maintenance.

A final determination of the amenities and structures for the property will be determined during the design and permitting phase.