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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 3, 2017

### Subject

Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Update – Geographic Analysis

### Recommended Action

Accept update on the Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan (“Master Plan”) and provide direction.

### Background

A planning process for Cupertino’s citywide parks, open space and recreation system is underway. In April, the Commission and public provided feedback on a draft park classification system (Attachment A), a map of parks and recreation facilities (Attachment B), an inventory matrix, and the consultant’s observations about our parks and recreation system. In June, the Commission and public provided feedback on an Existing Parks and Facilities Summary report, a draft Community-wide Survey summary report regarding results of the 2016 citywide survey, a draft Community Outreach and Vision Summary report, and an overview presentation.

### Discussion

The consultant has performed a geographic analysis of the city’s parks and recreation facilities. The Geographic Analysis narrative contains a discussion of seven maps that highlight access to and distribution of park land and recreation facilities (see Attachment C). It is important to read the narrative to understand the maps.

The associated maps are included as Attachment D. Map 1, Nearby Park Access, depicts ¼ mile and ½ mile walking or bicycling distances to neighborhood and community parks. It relates to Cupertino General Plan Policy RPC-2.4, which seeks to ensure that all residents have “access within a ½ mile walk of a neighborhood park or a community park with neighborhood facilities.” For purposes of the evaluation, the consultant defined “neighborhood facilities” as including both an opportunity to play, and an opportunity to picnic (i.e. seating with tables) to facilitate socializing. Feedback in this definition is invited. This map solely addresses proximity to the city’s small neighborhood parks, large neighborhood parks, and community parks. It does not

include proximity to any other parks or facilities (for example, school or college sites, special use sites such as Mary Ave. dog park, trails, county or regional parks, or private recreation).

The ¼ and ½ mile distances are based on real routes that can be walked or biked; they are not just simple buffer distances ‘as the crow flies’. The intention is to better represent real world walk-ability and bike-ability. This analysis also addresses the connectivity challenges in our community caused by Highway 85, Interstate 280, the railroad tracks and other barriers.

Map 1 is further refined to help highlight unserved areas. Map 1B shows all areas with residential zoning that are beyond a ½ mile walk to a park with neighborhood facilities. However, there are areas of residential-zoned land on the west side of the city that are undeveloped, lack public roads and are uninhabited. Map 1A removes the uninhabited areas from the unserved residential designation to more closely depict current unserved residential areas.

Map 2 denotes access to parks with Specialized Facilities. It addresses areas where residents live within ½ mile and 1 mile of park land that provides specialized recreation options. Such options have unique recreation features that meet other goals beyond addressing local neighborhood needs. These sites therefore may attract users from a mile or more distance. This map uses similar methods to Map 1 for identifying distances on real routes that can be walked or biked.

Maps 3 through 7 show the distribution of various types of recreation elements to illustrate locations of specific types of recreation opportunities. These maps highlight sports fields, sport courts, aquatics and water play facilities, outdoor event spaces and natural features.

The attached Geographic Analysis and maps will be presented at the Commission meeting. Input by the public and the Commission is invited. The findings of this geographic evaluation will be further interpreted in the upcoming Needs Assessment and Opportunities Analysis portion of the master planning process.

### **Fiscal Impact**

None.

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Attachment A: Parks System Description and Classification, Draft, April 2017

Attachment B: Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities Map, Draft, April 2017

Attachment C: Geographic Analysis Narrative, Draft, July 2017

Attachment D: Geographic Analysis Maps

- Map 1A, Nearby City Park Access, unserved residential-zoned areas excluding uninhabited, Draft, July 2017
- Map 1B, Nearby City Park Access, unserved residential-zoned areas, Draft, July 2017
- Map 2, Access to Parks with Specialized Facilities, Draft, July 2017
- Map 3, Facility Distribution, Active Recreation, Draft, July 2017
- Map 4, Facility Distribution, Sports Fields, Draft, July 2017
- Map 5, Facility Distribution, Aquatics & Water Play, Draft, July 2017
- Map 6, Facility Distribution, Outdoor Event Space, Draft, July 2017
- Map 7, Facility Distribution, Access to Nature, Draft, July 2017