May 14, 2020
Item No. 4.12.
Stephen C. Beachy Central Park Expansion

Sponsor: David Schmitz, Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed By CBC: Parks & Recreation Board

Agenda Caption: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the conversion of 40.5 acres of greenway and 18.8 acres of City of College Station property to park land. Once added to the existing 47.1 acres of Stephen C. Beachy Central Park, total park acreage will sum 106.4.

Relationship to Strategic Goals:

1. Sustainable City
2. Core Services and Infrastructure

Recommendation(s): Staff recommends support and approval for the conversion of the 59.3 acres of greenways and city owned property to park land. On February 11 2020, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board unanimously passed a motion to approve the properties surrounding Central Park as park property.

Summary:
In proposition 4 and 6 of the 1998 Capital Improvements Program, City leaders approved the purchase of the above-mentioned acreage for city property and greenways. The descriptions of both propositions include implicit statements regarding the ability of land use for hike and bike trails, passive recreational activities and park facilities (though limited in the greenways without properly mitigating flood damage). Through the conversion of this land to parkland, it is protected for the expansion of Stephen C. Beachy Central Park and the future park development.

Budget & Financial Summary:
No budgetary or financial implications.

Reviewed & Approved by Legal: No

Attachments:

1. Parkland Expansion - CP
2. CentralPark_PreExpansion
3. CentralPark_PostExpansion

Consideration of Expanding Park Land at Stephen C. Beachy Central Park

College Station Parks & Recreation

CURRENT

- 47.1 acres of park land
- 40.5 acres of greenways
- 18.8 acres of city owned

CONSIDERATIONS

1998 Bond Language – Funding Source

- Proposition #4 | As well as provide park facilities
- Proposition #6 | Drainage mitigation, hike and bike trails, and passive recreational opportunities

CONSIDERATIONS

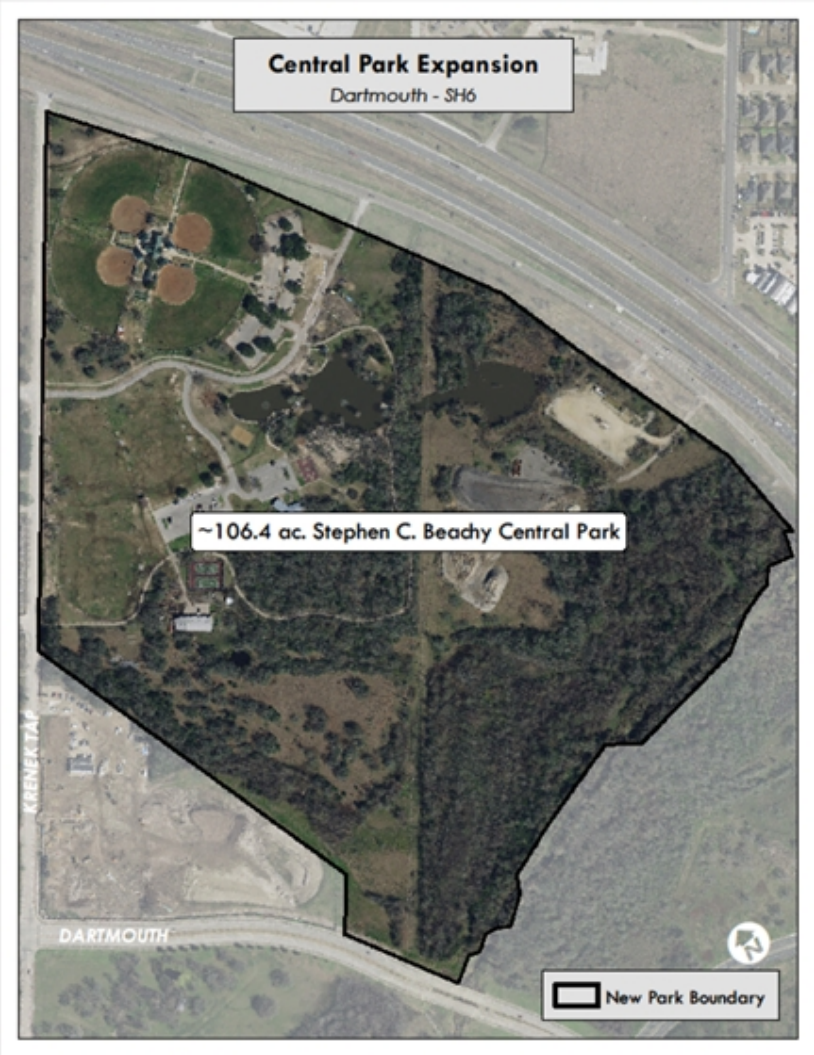
Local Government Code 253.001 (b)

- Land owned, held, or claimed as a public square or park may not be sold unless the issue of the sale is submitted to the qualified voters of the municipality at an election and is approved by a majority of the votes received at the election

POTENTIAL USES

- Hike & Bike Trails
- Birding Areas & Wildlife Viewing
- Monarch & Bee Plantings
- Natural Resource Protection
- Expansion of Park Amenities
- Drainage Mitigation

RESULTING PARK LAND



- 106.4 acres of park land

DISCUSSION

Approval of proposed property, converting to park land as an expansion of Stephen C. Beachy Central Park

- 40.5 acres of greenways
- 18.8 acres of city owned

Central Park Expansion
Dartmouth - SH6
0.5 ac.
1.9 ac.
47.1 ac.
Stephen C. Beachy Central Park
3.2 ac.
1.4 ac. Greenway
39.1 ac. Greenway
11.3 ac.
1.9 ac.
Police Department Parcel Split
KRENEK TAP
DARTMOUTH
Other CS Property
Greenways

Central Park Expansion
Dartmouth - SH6
~106.4 ac. Stephen C. Beachy Central Park
KRENEK TAP
DARTMOUTH
New Park Boundary