



City of Venice
Development Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

From: Jeff Shrum, AICP, Development Services Director

Date: November 28, 2017

Re: **Planning Commission Review of the Draft Parks Master Plan**

As you are aware, Planning Commission reviewed the initial draft of the Parks Master Plan back in August of 2016. The plan was then transmitted to City Council with Planning Commission's comments for council consideration. Upon review, City Council scheduled a workshop with the consultant to further discuss the plan that occurred in December of 2016. On January 24, 2017 City Council certified the draft plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board for comment. At that time, the Planning Commission placed review of the certified parks master plan on hold pending completion of the update to the Comprehensive Plan. Now that the comprehensive plan update has been completed by the Planning Commission, review of the City Council certified parks master Plan must be complete.

To facilitate review, the agenda packet includes a copy of the certified plan for review and comment to City Council. Although your review is of the entire document, prior discussions on this topic focused on two primary areas of concern by the Planning Commission:

- Identified improvements to the City's parks (need for additional parks/acreage).
- Level of service (LOS) for parks...recommendation was not consistent with the direction of the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Staff will be available for questions.