



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	ID 17-607	Version:	1	Name:	
Type:	Work Session Report				
File created:	5/2/2017	In control:	City Council		
On agenda:	5/23/2017	Final action:			
Title:	Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding park turf maintenance and reforestation of parks.				
Sponsors:	Legistar System				
Indexes:					
Code sections:					
Attachments:	1. Exhibit 1 - Park Acreage by Maintenance Classification Exhibit 4.pdf, 2. Exhibit 2 - Class A and B, 3. Exhibit 3 - Class C and D, 4. Exhibit 4 - PowerPoint				

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
------	------	-----------	--------	--------

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2017

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DCM: Bryan Langley

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding park turf maintenance and reforestation of parks.

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 2017, Parks and Recreation received direction from City Council to provide details regarding mowing policies at the parks and how the mowing impacted tree regrowth in the parks. The resulting content is compiled and provided for that purpose.

The City of Denton hosts 32 parks, many with a mix of passive areas such as open spaces and walking trails; some with active areas such as trails and athletic fields. Denton parks are separated into five maintenance classifications, each defined as follows:

Class A: Public buildings, fire stations, parks. These areas have irrigated turf that is mowed a minimum of 32 cycles a year, weekly during the growing season.

Sports Class A: Athletic field turf is irrigated and mowed twice weekly during the growing season and weekly during off-season when it's over-seeded.

Class B: Most neighborhood parks and medians. The turf in these in these areas is usually non-irrigated and mowed a minimum of 20 cycles per year, every other week during the growing season.

Class C: Large open spaces and rights of way. Turf is mowed once monthly using large tractors with

flail mower attachments.

Class D: Maintenance of natural, undeveloped areas. The perimeter of each area is mowed consistent with Code compliance, and a narrow path adjacent to trails is often mowed to prevent encroachment.

Most Class D areas are never mowed and one-half of the park inventory is comprised of acreage classified as Class D. This acreage remains in its natural state to promote natural reforestation, afford habitat for resident wildlife, and provide safe harbor for migrating birds.

EXHIBITS

1. Exhibit 1A and 1 B - Park Acreage by Maintenance Classification
2. Exhibit 2 - Class A and B
3. Exhibit 3 - Class C and D
4. Exhibit 4 - PowerPoint

Respectfully submitted:
Emerson Vorel, Director
Parks and Recreation

For information concerning this matter, please contact: Emerson Vorel at 349-7460.