

# A Resolution

NO. 4399-01-2015

## ADOPTING THE 2015 PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**WHEREAS**, in 1909, the first Park Master Plan, authored by George Kessler, was adopted by the City of Fort Worth Park Board, and successive Park Master Plans by Hare and Hare were adopted in 1930 and 1957;

**WHEREAS**, these plans laid the foundation for the park system in Fort Worth and, on November 10, 1992, the City Council adopted a Strategic Plan for the Fort Worth Park and Recreation Department to guide the management of its resources;

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 1998, the City Council adopted the 1998 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which included the first locally determined needs-based standards in the history of the Parks and Community Services Department;

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, the City Council adopted the first City of Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan, which serves as the umbrella plan for all City services, growth, and development;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the 2004 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan on June 22, 2004, along with an update to that plan on February 9, 2010, incorporating them both by reference into the City's Comprehensive Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a new Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan every ten years is vital to the City's ability to remain competitive for outside funding for capital improvements, renovations, and maintenance of the City's park system, including funding from state grants administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan ("2015 Master Plan"), the Parks and Community Services Department commissioned a Needs Assessment Study for use in setting local standards; prioritizing park, recreation and open space needs both citywide and within each of the City's five Park Planning Districts; and developing an action plan to comply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's grant guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Master Plan builds upon the legacy of planning and stewardship and provides for assessments, standards, objectives, priorities, recommendations, strategies, and actions that will guide the development of the park, recreation and open space system for the next five to ten years;



**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Master Plan includes, among other things, an updated park facility inventory, current demographics, population growth projections to 2025, current trends, and revised park classifications, along with a geographically defined level of service for dog parks, regional skate parks and universal playgrounds;

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2014, the Parks and Community Services Advisory Board unanimously endorsed the 2015 Master Plan;

**WHEREAS**, December 19, 2014, the City Plan Commission endorsed the 2015 Master Plan;

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2015, the City Council received an informal report (IR No. 9697) and a briefing on the 2015 Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the official copy of the 2015 Master Plan, which is the subject of this resolution, is on file with the Fort Worth City Secretary's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. The standards and classifications included in the 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, the official copy of which is on file with the Fort Worth City Secretary, are officially adopted as the standards and classifications for the City of Fort Worth Park, Recreation, and Open Space System;
2. The 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth is hereby officially adopted as the guide for allocation of resources for the improvement and continued development of Fort Worth's Park, Recreation, and Open Space System;
3. The 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Fort Worth is hereby incorporated as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and
4. The adoption of this 2015 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan supersedes previous park, recreation and open space master plans.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:



Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

