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City of Sugar Land
**2018 PARKS, RECREATION
& OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN**

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Adopted February 20, 2018

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ORDINANCE NO. 2126

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND.

WHEREAS, Chapter 213 of the Local Government Code authorizes the City to adopt a comprehensive plan for the long-range development of the City; and

WHEREAS, the plan may:

- (1) Include, but is not limited to, provisions on land use, transportation, and public facilities;
- (2) Consist of a single plan or a coordinated set of plans organized by subject matter and geographic area; and
- (3) Be used to coordinate and guide the establishment of development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update is necessary to provide updated guidance and vision for the future of parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities in the City, which includes prioritizing action recommendations into an Implementation Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update incorporates community input gathered at stakeholder meetings, public open houses, online town halls, and a needs assessment survey; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2017, the City's Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update (an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan), as required by law; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2018, after holding a public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on February 6, 2018, at which time the public was given an opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence regarding the update of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, as required by law; NOW, THEREFORE;

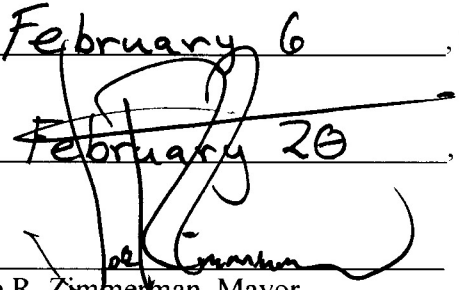
**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the facts and recitations set forth in this Ordinance are declared true and correct.

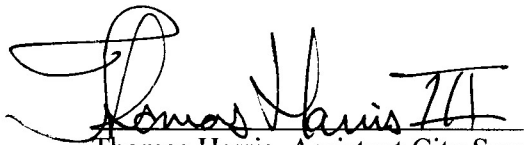
Section 2. That the City of Sugar Land Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update, shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance, is adopted

APPROVED on first consideration on February 6, 2018.

ADOPTED on second consideration on February 20, 2018.


Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Thomas Harris, Assistant City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

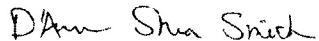


Exhibit A: City of Sugar Land Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update



March 21, 2018

City of Sugar Land
Mr. Joe Chesser
Parks and Recreation Department Director
PO Box 110
Sugar Land, TX 77487

Reference: City of Sugar Land 2018 Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Master Plan

Dear Mr. Chesser,

Halff Associates, Inc. is pleased to submit the adopted version of the City of Sugar Land 2018 Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Master Plan for your records. This document is a culmination of effort involving the elected and appointed officials, various boards and commissions, City staff, and the greater Sugar Land community. The Plan seeks to capture the numerous observations and findings identified during the extensive planning process. Recommendations encompass the various components of Sugar Land's parks and recreation system and address the desired vision and expectations of the community. The 2012 Comprehensive Plan goals of destination activity centers; outstanding cultural arts, education, and recreational opportunities; great neighborhoods; environmentally responsible community; and beautiful community are further defined in this Plan.

As with any comprehensive analysis, this document contains many recommendations. The recommended action items include parks development, recreation, events, policies, and land acquisition and address immediate needs in the community as well as longer-term actions which are visionary. The implementation action plan is intended to guide the City towards further enhancement of an excellent parks system to serve both residents and visitors for the next 10 years and beyond. The Plan is intended to guide the management and enhancement of the parks system, but incorporates flexibility to allow the City to respond to unique opportunities as they arise.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to have worked with you, your staff, and the Sugar Land community, and believe that this Plan will help guide the City of Sugar Land as it continues to develop a high-quality, premier parks system which is active, passive, multigenerational, and diverse.

Sincerely,

Halff Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Bucchin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Acknowledgments

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan update process began in 2016 and was completed in 2018. During the almost two years of the Plan's development, approximately 600 people including Sugar Land residents, City elected and appointed officials, City staff, and interested community members were involved in one way or another. However, without the extensive efforts of the following people, this Plan update would not have been possible.

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