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Stacey

Please provide this to the council meeting on this item. Thanks

Dear Council member

After reviewing the engineer's report for the upcoming above referenced assessment, I have come to the conclusion that the report is inadequate for its intended purpose.

Specifically this report states that it's purpose is:

*prepared to establish the budget for the services that will be funded by the 2021-22 assessments, determine the benefits received from the park maintenance and improvements by property*

Also note these **Benefit assessments are for special, not general, benefit** and the services and/or **improvements funded by assessments must be clearly defined**

I draw your attention to the following:

Reference (Page 7) : improvement plan highlights: These improvement may include:

- Maintenance of the aquatic center
- Additional walkways and security lighting at neighborhood parks
- Acquisition and improvement of new and existing parks and recreation facilities
- Development, improvements, and repairs at the following parks:

Figure 1 Improvement Plan Highlights for upcoming period

This figure / table appears to include items which have already been completed, which raises the question on what is being done in this area with these funds. For example Jewel of the Valley Mural, the Bike Skills Park (maintained and improved by local nonprofit), Disk Golf Course, and the Fallen Warrior Memorial. This figure / table appears to just be a carryover from previous reports.

Then in Figure two (page 9) which is where the estimated cost for upcoming period are

specifically identified. However there does not appear to be a correlation to figure 1.

Specific examples are :

The Aquatic center is receiving a projected funding of ~\$1.8 M, a significant amount and it is not in Figure 1.

Barkin park is receiving \$210,000 of funding but also not contained in figure one. In addition this park is improved by a local nonprofit so it would be interesting to identify what those improvements are?

In conclusion, this report seems to simply be a method to authorize a continuation and / or an increase in the assessment rather than a proper planning tools for actual activities. **The report does not meet the stated goal.**

Suggestion

At a minimum, it would be suggested that this report includes a table showing the last assessment funding and what actual assessment related activities occurred with how much money.

This addition to the report would provide information / insight to allow the council to determine the accuracy of the previous report and provide direction in ways to more efficiently and effectively improve / assign the assessment funding to meet the present and future needs of the community.

Sincerely

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