



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: May 8, 2018

Reference: Discussion regarding expansion of the parking lot at the Coppel Senior and Community Center

2030: Community Gathering Places, Excellent City Services with High Level of Customer Satisfaction, and Excellent and well-maintained City infrastructure and facilities

Introduction:

In 2007, the original site plans for the Coppel Senior and Community Center at Grapevine Springs included an expansion of the parking lot with the anticipation of future growth. The Coppel Senior and Community Center opened in spring of 2010 with approximately 500 patrons and 70 community rentals per year. In its first year, the facility operated approximately 1,600 programs. As of 2018, the Coppel Senior and Community Center has grown to 2000 patrons, 160 rentals and approximately 2,600 programs per year. The larger Senior Center events have seen attendance of up to 300 people. Community Center rentals have serviced private events as large as 160 people and community events as large as 350 people. With this growth, the existing parking lot is no longer meeting the needs of the community. Due to the lack of parking, visitors have had to park in fire lanes as well as several large events have opted for valet parking to make sure their guests were not inconvenienced when attending the facility. The expansion of the parking lot was added to the Five Year Plan in fiscal year 2015-2016. A consultant was hired in fiscal year 2017-2018 to design the next phase of the parking lot with construction expected to begin in the fall of 2018.

Analysis:

The current parking lot at the Coppel Senior and Community Center has (73) regular spaces and (4) handicapped spaces, plus shared parking for Grapevine Springs Park (10) regular spaces and (2) handicapped spaces. The anticipated expansion of the west parking lot includes (56) new spaces and (6) handicapped spaces (converted). After the expansion is complete, the parking lot at the Coppel Senior and Community Center will have (121) regular spaces and (10) handicapped spaces, plus shared parking for Grapevine Springs Park (10) regular spaces and (2) handicapped spaces.

Legal Review:

Agenda item does not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

This is a CRDC project that is funded in fiscal year 2017-2018.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation department recommends the expansion of the Coppel Senior and Community Center parking lot.