



PROTECT OUR PARKS



# GOAL

Provide broader protections applicable to all 50+ parks within the city.

Encourage compatible development of commercial enterprise when supported by neighborhoods.

# TIMELINE



**JAN 4, 2025- COMMITTEE  
FORMED AT CCNA MEMBER  
MEETING.**

**FLO ENTLER - CHAIR  
BARBARA POWELL HARRIS  
SHERMAN BALWIN**



## TIMELINE



- **Jan 29, 2025**- Initial meeting. Committee met with Steve Cover & Lucia Panica to discuss how we should proceed to protect our parks.
- **Feb 17, 2025**- Committee met to discuss rezoning the parks from Governmental (G) Zone to a Parkland Designation.
- **March 4, 2025**- Committee met with Jerry Fogle, Director of Parks & Recreation who expressed concerns about the unintended consequences and of the need to keep things flexible.



## TIMELINE

JUNE 10, 2025- COMMITTEE MET WITH JERRY FOGLE, LUCIA PANICA, JOE POLZAC & JOHN SHAMSEY. KELLY BROWN ATTENDED.

- 4-1 COMMISSION VOTE TO SELL OR ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE.
- PARKS ARE NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT & CREATING ANY EASEMENT WAS NOT SEEN BY STAFF AS A GOOD OPTION.
- REFERENDUM? THIS WOULD TAKE THINGS OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE COMMISSION AND WOULD BE A HUGE UNDERTAKING.
- STAFF IS IN FAVOR OF REZONING ALL PARKS TO G ZONE.

**RECOMMENDATION – ZONE ALL PARKS TO G ZONE**



## TIMELINE

**Oct 14, 2025**- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Jerry, Lucia Joe & John. Kelly Brown attended.

- Lucia provided us with information on additional park rules, vacation/sale of parks, and uses in each zone.
- Staff is not worried about parks being sold because we have a process in place. (See next slide)
- Park Rules: we have flexibility as we can add or remove park rules for each park if other issues occur.

# PROCESS TO SELL/LEASE CITY PARKS



1. Notice of filing to property owners within 500 feet of site.
2. Notice of filing sent to Neighborhood Association/CCNA.
3. Public able to provide input at this time.
4. Reviewed and Signed off by Development Review Committee (DRC) once compliance is reached.
5. Notice of public hearing sent to owners within 500 feet of the site.
6. Notice of public hearing posted at the site.
7. Notice of public hearing published in the newspaper.
8. Notice of public hearing sent to the neighborhood association/CCNA.
9. Public hearing by the Planning Board to recommend decision to the City Commission. Citizen input allowed.
10. Notice of public hearing sent to property owners within 500 feet of the site.
11. Notice of public hearing posted at the site.
12. Notice of public hearing published in the newspaper.
13. Notice of public hearing sent to the neighborhood association/CCNA.
14. Public hearing by the City Commission to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application. Citizen input allowed.

**RECOMMENDATION – ADD NOTICE TO PREP BOARD**

## TIMELINE

### DEC 17, 2025- 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING WITH JERRY, LUCIA, JOE & JOHN. KELLY BROWN ATTENDED.

1. G Zone gives more protection than RSF & RMF. G Zone must be rezoned to sell property.
2. Parks and Open Space (POS) Zone is more restrictive than G Zone. Staff would like to keep G Zone because it gives more flexibility in the parks.
3. Staff is not in favor of a parks district because it could take control of the parks away from staff.
4. If we had a parks district; it would be up to the parks department to fix all damage.
5. Sale of park property has never happened in the city. It's a long process to sell.
6. According to staff, it takes a super majority commission vote to sell park property. Unfortunately we were unable to find that assurance in writing.

**RECOMMENDATION – Update zoning code to include the 4-1 super majority vote for sale of any park property.**

## **NEXT STEPS**

**Follow up with city on  
recommendations**

**G Zone**

**Super Majority Ordinance**  
**PREP Board Notification**



THANK YOU

