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City of Schertz

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014: Live and Play!



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Schertz, Texas

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The Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are pleased to submit the City of Schertz Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2014: Live & Play! This new plan, built on the foundation of the city’s 2001 Comprehensive Land Plan and the 2007 Parks & Open Space Master Plan, strives to set the vision for the growth and expansion of our city’s parks and open spaces, as well as plan for the maintenance and improvement of our existing parks and facilities.

Our plan was developed with input from multiple sources from the city staff, several of the city’s Boards and Commissions and direct input from our citizens. We hope it captures the needs of a rapidly growing community, while preserving the “small town” feeling that the residents of Schertz prefer.



This long range plan addresses all aspects of the city’s park and recreation system and covers a variety of issues, ranging from management, funding, maintenance and operations, parks standards and facility requirements, athletics and our partnership with local youth organizations, the expansion of our athletic fields and aquatics programs, the addition of new activities like a Skate Park and Dog Park, as well as and other key concerns.

As in any comprehensive analysis, this document contains many recommendations. Our recommendations include actions that address immediate needs as well as long term actions that will guide the city in its future growth.



We look forward to helping guide the city in developing a “State of the Art” Parks & Recreation system, which we can all be proud of!

Sincerely,

Mustapha Debboun
Parks & Recreation Advisory Chair



Michael R. Carpenter
Mayor

CITY OF SCHERTZ

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL, SCHERTZ

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of our indomitable Parks and Recreation Board and the Parks Master Plan they have written and produced.

Just 9 years ago, the City of Schertz did not have a Parks and Recreation Board. It is a great achievement to go from having no citizen-led body overseeing our parks and recreation strategic direction to having a citizen-led team develop and publish, independently, our City of Schertz Parks Master Plan.

Envisioning, creating and maintaining a premier park system is integral to building a place where people truly desire, and therefore choose, to live.

Since its beginnings in 1958, the City of Schertz has maintained, at the forefront, its desire to focus on the quality of life enjoyed by our residents. Planned parks, natural parks, sports facilities, pavilions and family gathering places, hike and bike trails, safe pedestrian ways, fitness facilities, swimming facilities and social gathering places are all part of a large picture that meets the needs of our community, at exactly the place where they emerge, and at the time they emerge, during this time of unprecedented growth.

Our Parks and Recreation Board have done an outstanding job of putting together a sustainable plan that aggressively seeks to meet the current and future needs of our community.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating every contributing member on this, their outstanding accomplishment.

Warm Regards,

Michael R. Carpenter, Mayor



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ORDINANCE NO. 14-S-41

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS
AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas (the “City”) desires to maintain an updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan by fulfilling many of the goals outlined in the Schertz Parks Plan that that provides for a diverse blend of parks, encourages conservation of natural resources and promotes a variety of recreational opportunities.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Schertz recognizes the need for a Strategic Parks and Recreation Master Plan (the Plan) to provide goals, assessments, standards, recommendations and strategies for implementation over a five year period in an effort to provide for and continually improve park and recreational facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open spaces and rehabilitate existing parks in the City of Schertz; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Plan is to provide recreational services desired by the citizens of Schertz, acquire needed open spaces and preserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Schertz has sought input from the citizens of Schertz through surveys, public input meetings, and the Parks and Recreation staff; and that input has been incorporated into the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan complies with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan guidelines which require parks and recreation needs to be prioritized and addressed in an action plan format; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having taken into consideration the results of the in-depth study conducted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the City of Schertz, determines that the Plan is reasonable; NOW

WHEREAS, the City’s Unified Development Code Section 21.4.6.D. provides for certain conditions to be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission in making recommendations to City Council and by City Council in considering final action on an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Plan (the “Conditions”); and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and, after considering the Conditions, hereby makes a recommendation of approval of the amendment to the Comprehensive Land Plan by adopting the associated Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014: Live and Play! set forth in Exhibit A attached herein (the “Parks Master Plan”); and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2014 the City Council conducted a public hearing and after considering the Conditions and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission, determined that the amendment to the Comprehensive Land Plan be approved as provided for herein.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS:
THAT:**

Section 1. The current Comprehensive Land Plan is hereby amended to incorporate the Parks Master Plan as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section 3. All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of final adoption hereof and any publication required by law.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Schertz, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any other ordinances of the City of Schertz except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, are hereby repealed.

Approved on first reading the 5th day of August, 2014.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on final reading the 12th day of August, 2014.

Michael R. Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Dennis, City Secretary

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