

Request for Council Action

Originator Planning	Item Update and review of the draft Minnesota Valley Master Plan
Agenda Section Study Item	Date 5/11/2015

Description

Planning and Parks & Recreation Division staff have been preparing a master plan focused on city-owned land in the Minnesota River Valley. The planning process has involved coordination with other governmental agencies, property owners, and stakeholders. Public input on the Minnesota Valley Master Plan (MVMP) has been received through an online survey, a community open house (July 31, 2014), and through email and written correspondence.

The primary purpose of the MVMP is to identify and evaluate opportunities to enhance access, use, and stewardship of this unique resource. The plan is organized around four goals:

1. Enhance Access
2. Improve Utilization
3. Increase Awareness and Understanding
4. Protect and Preserve Natural and Cultural Resources

The draft plan contains recommendations for each of these goals. In November 2014, initial feedback on the draft recommendations was provided by the Park, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC), Planning Commission, and City Council.

Since then, staff completed a draft of the entire MVMP, refined the recommendations discussed in November, and identified priorities for implementation. At the May 11 study meeting, staff will provide an MVMP overview. Staff is particularly interested in getting the City Council's input regarding implementation priorities. These are described beginning on p. 33 of the draft MVMP (Attachment 1)

Requested Action

No formal action is required. Staff seeks input on the review draft of the Minnesota Valley Master Plan, particularly regarding implementation priorities and funding.

Attachments:

Staff report
Attachment 1 Draft MVMP
Attachment 2 final format sample
Attachment 3 PARC and Planning Commission minutes