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Community Development

Item
Update and review of the draft Minnesota Valley Master Plan

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Description

Staff from the Planning Division and Community Services have been leading the effort to prepare 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 key goals:

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

Recommendations were drafted relative to 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 has completed a draft of the entire MVMP, refined the recommendations discussed in November, and identified priorities for implementation. At the April 9 study meeting, staff will provide an overview of the review draft MVMP (see Attachment 1). Staff is particularly interested in input regarding implementation priorities.

Also attached are:

- A final formatted version of the History section of the MVMP. This illustrates the format that will be used in the final version of the plan (see Attachment 2).
- A list of maps that will be prepared and inserted into the final MVMP (see Attachment 3).

Staff will also review this information with PARC on April 8 and is tentatively scheduled for review with City Council on April 27. A final community open house will be scheduled for late May or early June. It is anticipated the MVMP will be finalized and formally approved this summer.

Requested Action

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

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Review Draft MVMP
- Attachment 2 - Final Format
- Attachment 3 - Maps and Figures