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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARK OPERATIONS ~ ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES

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Ryan Howser Project Manager El Paso County Development Services Department

Subject: Meadow Lake Commercial Park Rezone (CS-221)

Ryan,

The Community Services Department has reviewed the Meadow Lake Commercial Park Rezone application and is providing the following administrative comments on behalf of El Paso County Parks.

This is a request by N.E.S Inc, on behalf of the O'Neil Group to rezone the subject property from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to CS (Commercial Service). The property is part of the Meadow Lake Industrial Park Zoning and Conceptual Plan. The subject property is approximately 31 acres of the overall Meadow Lake Industrial and Commercial Park. The site is currently vacant and is located east and south of Meadow Lake Airport, along the west side of Curtis Road, and along the north side of Falcon Highway. The overall Meadow Lake Industrial and Commercial Park site area is comprised of 254.7 acres.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2013) identifies proposed bicycle routes on Curtis Road and Falcon Highway, which can provide access to the site by alternative transportation modes. These bicycle routes would be accommodated within the right of way and would not be impacted by the project. The proposed Judge Orr Secondary Regional Trail was proposed to bisect the subject property through the drainage-way and continue to the northwest before connecting to Judge Orr Road. Since the 2013 County Parks Master Plan was adopted, this alignment has changed. The draft 2022 County Parks Master Plan shows the proposed Judge Orr Road Secondary Regional Trail running north and south along the west side of Curtis Road before going west along Judge Orr Road towards Falcon.

County Parks requests trail easements where development projects impact proposed County trails. As it pertains to this application, the County requests that the landowner provide a 25-foot public trail easement along the west side of Curtis Road that allows for the construction and maintenance by El Paso County of a secondary regional trail, and this easement shall be shown and dedicated to El Paso County on the Final Plat.

No regional park fees are recommended, as the Board of County Commissioners has elected to not require park fees for commercial subdivisions. These comments are being provided administratively, as this application does not require Park Advisory Board consideration.



Recommended Motion:

Recommend that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Meadow Lake Commercial Park Rezone: (1) No regional park fees are recommended, as the Board of County Commissioners has elected to not require park fees for commercial subdivisions (2) Dedicate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot public trail easement along the west side of Curtis Road that allows for the construction and maintenance by El Paso County of the Judge Orr Secondary Regional Trail, and this easement shall be shown and dedicated to El Paso County on the future Final Plat.

Sincerely,

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