El Paso County Parks

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Hillside at Lorson Ranch PUDSP

Agenda Date: March 9, 2022

Agenda Item Number: #6 - F

Presenter: Jason Meyer, Planning Supervisor

Information: Endorsement: X

Background Information:

Request by Lorson, LLC for approval of Hillside at Lorson Ranch Planned Unit Development Plan and Preliminary Plan. The project site is located in the southeastern corner of the larger Lorson Ranch development and is one of the final undeveloped areas within Lorson Ranch.

The site consists of 128.33 acres and includes 489 single-family residential lots on 79.06 acres, open space tracts totaling 25.07 acres, and public rights-of-way totaling 24.20 acres. This site is currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) as illustrated on the Lorson Ranch Minor Sketch Plan Amendment which was approved on April 21, 2016.

Open Space dedications total 25.07 acres, or 19.53% of the project site which meets the minimum 10% dedication for PUD zoning. This includes several tracts along the powerline easement, eastern and southern edges of the site, and several internal tracts within the site. Staff notes the applicant is also showing two proposed pocket parks within Tracts J and O. Park staff appreciates the inclusion of the park sites but notes that any credits against urban park fees must be memorialized through a Park Lands Agreement.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no County regional trails within Hillside at Lorson Ranch project site. The Jimmy Camp Creek Regional Trail is over one mile west of the project area. The Fontaine Blvd Bicycle Route is north of the site and will be accommodated with the right-of-way for Fontaine Boulevard. Staff notes that a non-county trail is proposed along the overhead power line corridor which connects to the larger trail network within Lorson Ranch.

Parks staff recommends fees in lieu of land for regional park purposes in the amount of \$224,940 and urban park fees in the amount of \$141,810 will be required upon recording of the forthcoming final plat(s). A park lands agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording of the forthcoming final plat(s).

Recommended Motion (PUD Plan and Preliminary Plan):

The Park Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following condition when considering and/or approving Hillside at Lorson Ranch PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan: Require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$224,940 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$141,810 will be required upon recording of the forthcoming final plat(s). A park lands agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording of the forthcoming final plat(s).

Development Application Permit Review



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Park Operations - Community Outreach - Environmental Services Veterans Services - Recreation / Cultural Services

February 23, 2022

Subdivision requirements referenced in Section 8.5.2 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. Fees are based on average land values within designated areas. See El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Resolution for fees established on an annual basis. The Park Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., BoCC Auditorium, second floor of Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs.

Name: Hillside at Lorson Ranch - PUDSP Application Type: PUDSP

PCD Reference #: PUDSP 221 Total Acreage: 128.33

Total # of Dwelling Units: 489

Applicant / Owner: Owner's Representative: Dwelling Units Per 2.5 Acres: 9.53

Lorson, LLC Matrix Design Group Regional Park Area: 4
212 N. Wahsatch Ave 2435 Research Parkway Urban Park Area: 4

Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Colorado Springs, CO 80920 **Existing Zoning Code:** PUD

Proposed Zoning Code: PUD

REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK DEDICATION AND FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park land dedication shall be 7.76 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents, while Urban Park land dedication shall be 4 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

The EPC Land Development Code defines urban density as land development of higher density and intensity which is characteristically provided with services of an urban nature. This category of development includes residential uses with densities of more than one dwelling

unit per 2.5 acres.

LAND REQUIREMENTS Urban Density (> 1 Dwelling Unit Per 2.5 Acres): YES

Regional Park Area: 4 Urban Park Area: 4

Neighborhood: 0.00375 Acres x 489 Dwelling Units = 1.83

0.0194 Acres x 489 Dwelling Units = 9.487 Community: 0.00625 Acres x 489 Dwelling Units = 3.06

Total Regional Park Acres: 9.487 Total Urban Park Acres: 4.89

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park Area: 4 Urban Park Area: 4

Neighborhood: \$114 / Dwelling Unit x 489 Dwelling Units = \$55,746 \$460 / Dwelling Unit x 489 Dwelling Units = \$224,940 Community: \$176 / Dwelling Unit x 489 Dwelling Units = \$86,064

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Total Regional Park Fees: \$224,940
Total Urban Park Fees: \$141,810

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation:

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Park Advisory Board Recommendation:

Endorsed 3/09/2022

