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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

April 10, 2022

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Subject: Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass Filing No. 4 Final Plat (SF-2223)

Kari,

The Community Services Department has reviewed the Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass Filing No. 4 Final Plat and has the following administrative comments of behalf of El Paso County Parks. This application was presented to the Park Advisory Board August 10, 2022, and the motion below was recommended for endorsement. There does not appear to be any changes to the plan since it was previously considered so no additional endorsement is necessary. Staff does note that the provided trail easement should be dedicated to El Paso County.

NES, Inc., on behalf of Challenger Homes, Inc., is requesting approval of the Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass Filing No. 4 Final Plat for 39 single-family residential lots on 10.42 acres. This is the fourth filing of the approved overall PUD Development titled "Falcon Meadows at Bentgrass PUD Preliminary Plan."

The Bent Grass Filing No. 4 Final Plat contains two open space tracts, Tract A and Tract B. These open space tracts total 4.0 acres and represent 38% of the total area of Filing No. 4. This percentage exceeds the 10% minimum open space requirement for PUD zoning.

The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows the proposed Woodmen Hills Secondary Regional Trail running north and south through the west side of the Bent Grass Filing No. 4. Sections of the Woodmen Hills Secondary Regional Trail are already shown as recorded on adjacent filings north and south of Filing No.4.

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-wide public trail easement along the west side of the development, through Tracts A and B that will allow for the construction and maintenance by El Paso County of the Woodmen Hills Secondary Regional Trail.

Administrative Staff Comments (Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass West Filing No.4 Final Plat):

El Paso County Parks and Community Services Staff recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass Filing No. 4 Final Plat: (1) designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot-wide public trail easement through Tract A and B that allows for the construction and maintenance by El Paso County of the Woodmen Hills Secondary Regional Trail, and dedicate the easement to El Paso County prior to the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat (2) label the aforementioned trail easement "El Paso County Public Trail Easement" on the final plat drawing and include a designation note (3) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$17,940, and urban park fees in the amount of \$11,310 will be required at time of the recording of the final plat(s).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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**Development
Application
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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Park Operations - Park Planning - Environmental Services
Recreation / Cultural Services**

April 10, 2024

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:	Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass Filing No.4	Application Type:	Final Plat
PCD Reference #:	SF-2223	Total Acreage:	10.42
Applicant / Owner:	Owner's Representative:	Total # of Dwelling Units:	39
Challenger Homes	Galloway & Companies	Dwelling Units Per 2.5 Acres:	9.36
8605 Explorer Dr.	1155 Kelley Johnson Blvd	Regional Park Area:	2
Colorado Springs, CO 80920	Colorado Springs, CO 80920	Urban Park Area:	3
		Existing Zoning Code:	PUD
		Proposed Zoning Code:	PUD

REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK DEDICATION AND FEE REQUIREMENTS

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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LAND REQUIREMENTS

Urban Density (>= 1 Dwelling Unit Per 2.5 Acres): **YES**

Regional Park Area: 2

Urban Park Area: 3

0.0194 Acres x 39 Dwelling Units = 0.757
Total Regional Park Acres: 0.757

Neighborhood:	0.00375 Acres x 39 Dwelling Units =	0.15
Community:	0.00625 Acres x 39 Dwelling Units =	0.24
	Total Urban Park Acres:	0.39

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park Area: 2

Urban Park Area: 3

\$460 / Dwelling Unit x 39 Dwelling Units = \$17,940
Total Regional Park Fees: \$17,940

Neighborhood:	\$114 / Dwelling Unit x 39 Dwelling Units =	\$4,446
Community:	\$176 / Dwelling Unit x 39 Dwelling Units =	\$6,864
	Total Urban Park Fees:	\$11,310

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation: Recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Falcon Meadows at Bent Grass Filing No. 4 Final Plat: (1) designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot-wide public trail easement through Tract A and B that allows for the construction and maintenance by El Paso County of the Woodmen Hills Secondary Regional Trail, and dedicate the easement to El Paso County prior to the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat (2) label the aforementioned trail easement "El Paso County Public Trail Easement" on the final plat drawing and include a designation note (3) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$17,940, and urban park fees in the amount of \$11,310 will be required at time of the recording of the final plat(s).

Park Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A Admin Review