

El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan

Agenda Date: February 14, 2024

Agenda Item Number:

Presenter: Ross Williams, Park Planner

Information: **Endorsement:** X

Background Information:

This is a request for endorsement by HR Green Development, LLC, on behalf of 4 Site Investments, LLC, for approval of the Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan. The 68.72-acre property consists of 418 single-family townhome and duplex residential lots, and is currently zoned RR-2.5, although this application concurrently requests a zoning reclassification to PUD. The site is located between Eastonville Road and East Highway 24, northeast of the intersection of Londonderry Drive.

The 2022 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no impacts to existing or proposed parks, trails, or open space. The project site is located approximately 0.15 mile east of Falcon Regional Park and the proposed Eastonville Primary Regional Trail, both of which will be accessible by an internal network of trails and sidewalks. The existing Rock Island Regional Trail is located approximately 0.50 mile southeast of the site and will also be accessed by internal subdivision trails provided by the developer.

The Candidate Open Space Master Plan of the Parks Master Plan shows the Judge Orr Road Candidate Open Space encompassing the entire project site. Natural resource values include tallgrass and bluestem prairie communities intermixed with permanent and intermittent wetland areas, serving as habitats for various aquatic species. The project would not be in conflict with the plan, as long as its development does not adversely affect the surrounding existing environment. Within the current application, the applicant has included approximately 19.75 acres of open space areas for the park, trail corridor, open space, and landscaping areas as shown in the submitted PUD Preliminary Plan and Landscape Plans, as well as being highlighted in previously submitted Sketch Plans and Phase I PUD Preliminary Plans.

The Phase II PUD Preliminary Plan currently shows approximately 19.75 acres of open space, dedicated stormwater detention facilities and utilities, but also includes the locations for a proposed neighborhood pocket park in Tract V, common open spaces, an interconnected internal trail network, and various landscape buffers (see highlighted Landscape Plan). Combined, these open spaces constitute approximately 29% of the total project area of 68.72 acres. The applicant's PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan includes extensive representations of the development's trail and park system, including connections to the El Paso County regional park and trail system, and the Letter of Intent additionally states the following:

- *“Residents of this area will be able to easily access the above listed area by vehicle or future trails/walks.”*
- *“Not many natural features exist on the property, however a floodplain area does occur in part of the subject site which is being channelized (named Channel B). This will provide control of the drainageway and provide a key trail linkage along the corridor that connects to the overall trail system for Grandview Reserve.”*
- *“Significant open space and amenities are provided within Phase 2 and ultimately for the entire project. Trails and open space are interconnected through this first filing which provide connections to the Amenity Center, Falcon Regional Park and future parks and open space for Grandview Reserve.”*
- *“Additionally, this community has plentiful parks, trails, and open space that should help reduce air pollution by providing opportunities for pedestrian or bike travel versus vehicular travel to these features.”*

EPC staff is encouraged by the applicant’s willingness to provide extensive recreational amenities for its residents and citizens of El Paso County through the development of an expansive and connected park, trail, and open space system. Staff recommends that the applicant submit detailed site plans for the proposed neighborhood park and include multi-generational recreational amenities such as a playground, multi-use turf field, and/or seating and picnic areas. The submitted Landscape Plans are rather limited and only show half of the proposed park area.

Lastly, staff recommends regional and urban park fees in lieu of land dedication on the forthcoming Final Plat(s). Due to the extensive nature of proposed urban recreational amenities within the Phase II development, a Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees provided the agreement, including all site plans, are approved by the County and executed prior to recording the forthcoming Final Plat(s).

Recommended Motion (PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan):

The Park Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan: (1) provide detailed site plans for the proposed neighborhood park; (2) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$211,090 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$126,654 will be required at time of the 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 the forthcoming Final Plat(s).

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PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Park Operations - Recreation and Cultural Services

Parks Planning - Environmental Services - CSU Extension Office

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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:	Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Preliminary Plan	Application Type:	PUD / Prelim Plan
PCD Reference #:	PUDSP-23-006	Total Acreage:	68.72
		Total # of Dwelling Units:	418
Applicant / Owner:	Owner's Representative:	Dwelling Units Per 2.5 Acres:	15.21
4 Site Investments, LLC	HR Green, LLC	Regional Park Area:	2
1271 Kelly Johnson Boulevard	Phil Stuepfert	Urban Park Area:	5
Suite 100	1975 Research Parkway, Suite 230	Existing Zoning Code:	RR-2.5
Colorado Springs, CO 80920	Colorado Springs, CO 80920	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

Regional Park Area: 2

0.0194 Acres x 418 Dwelling Units = 8.109
Total Regional Park Acres: 8.109

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

Urban Park Area: 5

Neighborhood: 0.00375 Acres x 418 Dwelling Units = 1.57
 Community: 0.00625 Acres x 418 Dwelling Units = 2.61
Total Urban Park Acres: 4.18

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park Area: 2

\$505 / Dwelling Unit x 418 Dwelling Units = \$211,090
Total Regional Park Fees: \$211,090

Urban Park Area: 5

Neighborhood: \$119 / Dwelling Unit x 418 Dwelling Units = \$49,742
 Community: \$184 / Dwelling Unit x 418 Dwelling Units = \$76,912
Total Urban Park Fees: \$126,654

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation: The Park Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan: (1) provide detailed site plans for the proposed neighborhood park; (2) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$211,090 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$126,654 will be required at time of the 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 the forthcoming Final Plat(s).

Park Advisory Board Recommendation: Park Advisory Board Endorsed 02/14/24