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**Subject:** Re: Park Maintenance

Rebekah,

Here's my position on the fees. I do not support any fees where the money is going to new parks or new park projects when the city is unable to maintain its current parks. It makes no sense to build a new park when you can't maintain it. The deterioration of our public parks is what I have seen from my local parks and what the people in D-10 and other areas are telling me. To me it is irresponsible and disingenuous to tax developer's funds to build new parks or projects when the city is unable to maintain what we have now. The city is millions of dollars behind in maintaining the parks and getting them up to acceptable standards.

Also, we have not seen anything on this board to show us why there is a need for an increase in the park fees? The statement was made that we have not raised fees since 2017. To me this alone is not a good reason to raise fees. How about a study to lower these fees?

My recommendation would be to stop building any new city parks with the exception of POPS projects paid for and maintained by developers. We work to create a plan to bring our current parks up to acceptable standards and only then look to build new parks or projects citywide.

I understand these park fees can only be used for new parks or projects, but I also understand there are exceptions.

After listening to these meetings for these past months my recommendation to my city councilperson will be to not increase the park fees until existing parks are up to acceptable standards and a successful maintenance program in place. To the people in D-10 maintenance is the overwhelming need, not new parks.

**Robert Braunstein**