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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: January 2, 2019

To: Troy City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager
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Subject: Request for Study Session February 25, 2019, 6pm- Green Space Sub-Committee Results Presentation

History

Troy City Council tasked staff to engage a committee of residents to define open space and green space as it relates to the city. They were tasked with analyzing the current city inventory of developed and undeveloped parks; identify open land parcels not owned by the city, and research surrounding communities as to what different ordinances are used to protect these types of parcels.

The Parks and Recreation Board conducted a special meeting on January 11, 2018, to discuss City Council's direction to utilize the board for feedback on green space preservation. A subcommittee was initiated and appointed Tim McGee to be the chairperson of the Green Space Sub-Committee. Mr. McGee led the committee to meet the objectives established by City Council. The committee started very large and concluded with 15 key contributors. The committee used the information gathered to make recommendations to the Troy City Council.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends scheduling a Study Session on February 25, 2019, at 6pm, to discuss the results of the Green Space Sub-Committee. The Study Session will provide an opportunity for committee members to highlight their important findings and make recommendations. The dialog will allow City of Troy Administration to develop future practices on open and green space in the city.