

# City of Alvin, Texas

Paul Horn, Mayor

Gabe Adame, Mayor Pro-tem, District E  
Brad Richards, At Large Position 1  
Chris Sanger, At Large Position 2  
Scott Reed, District A



Adam Arendell, District B  
Keith Thompson, District C  
Glenn Starkey, District D

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## ALVIN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

(Council Chambers)

**Alvin City Hall, 216 West Sealy, Alvin, Texas 77511**

*Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting that will require special services please contact the City Clerk's Office at 281-388-4255 or [drobot@cityofalvin.com](mailto:drobot@cityofalvin.com) 48 hours prior to the meeting time. City Hall is wheel chair accessible and a sloped curb entry is available at the east and west entrances to City Hall.*

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NOTICE is hereby given of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, to be held on **Thursday, June 2, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at: City Hall, 216 W. Sealy, Alvin, Texas.

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Life Saving Award; Officer McDonald
  - B. Proclamation - Alvin Noon Lions Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration month; June, 2016
5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
  - A. Conduct a public hearing and review of the City of Alvin, Texas, juvenile curfew ordinance, Article IV, curfew hours for juveniles; to determine the need to re-adopt, abolish, continue or modify the ordinance.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** An item(s) may be removed from the Consent Agenda for full discussion by the request of a member of Council. Item(s) removed will automatically become the first item up for discussion under Other Business.
  - A. Approve minutes of the May 18, 2016 Special City Council Meeting.
  - B. Approve minutes of the May 19, 2016 City Council meeting.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council may approve, discuss, refer, or postpone items under Other Business.

  - A. Consider Resolution 16-R-12; honoring Terry Droege for years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council At Large Position 2, from May 2010 – May 2016.

- B. Consider agreement through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) PlanSource Procurement Program with Kendig Keast Collaborative for the purpose of updating the current Park Master Plan and creating a Park Standards Manual, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and authorize City Manager to sign.

**8. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- A. Review preliminary list of items for next Council meeting.
- B. Items of Community Interest.

**9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Pursuant to S.B. No. 1182, City Council Members may make a report or an announcement about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body. No action will be taken or discussed.

- A. Announcements and requests from Council members.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The City Council will convene into a Closed Executive Meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, pursuant to the authority contained in:**

- A. Section 551.071(2) Attorney consultation to receive attorney advice and counsel in connection with the city’s legal rights, duties, privileges, and obligations related to the ongoing negotiations of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- B. Section 551.074 Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

- 1. Discuss the evaluation of city attorney.

**11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

- A. Consider action(s), if any, on item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

I hereby certify that a copy of this notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City’s website: [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code on THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.



Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

Removal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* All meetings of the City Council are open to the public, except when there is a necessity to meet in Executive Session (closed to the public) under the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Council reserves the right to convene into executive session on any of the above posted agenda items that qualify for an executive session by publicly announcing the applicable section of the Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to sections 551.071 (litigation and certain consultation with the attorney), 551.072 (acquisition of interest in real property), 551.073 (contract for gift to city), 551.074 (certain personnel deliberations), or 551.087 (qualifying economic development negotiations).**

Minutes of the Alvin Library Board—February 4, 2016 at 6pm

The Alvin Library Board met for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting at 6 00 pm on Thursday, February 4, 2016

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved

Danna discussed closing the library for Frontier Day, summer reading program, monthly book club and adult coloring class The board approved the renovation of chairs for the library using funds from the Library League Alvin Decorating will complete the renovation

The Library League has approved funds for all summer reading programs, is working on a spring newsletter and will be completing door counts the first full week in May They are also needing suggestions for annual meeting in October

David reported collection has increased from January 2015 to January 2016 and cardholders are up by 4% They are looking to increase broadband by the fall and roll out new AWE computers. Celebrating the 75 anniversary this year with a large celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup>

Judy reported for the Brazoria County Library Board that the book sale was more successful because of the text blast and there will be no annual luncheon until 2017

The Open Meeting Act was read and accepted The next regular meeting of the Alvin Library Board will be held Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6pm in the Alvin Library conference room

Submitted by

Shandar Hobbs

Secretary, Alvin Library Board

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
April 19, 2016**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on the above date, the Planning Commission met in the First Floor Conference Room, at Public Services Facility, 1100 West Highway 6, Alvin, Texas, at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present, Chris Hartman, Vice Chair; Missy Jordan, Secretary; Santos Garza; Randy Reed; Charles Buckelew; Martin Vela; and Robin Revak-Golden. Also present were staff members Shana Church, Administrative Assistant and Michelle Segovia, City Engineer. Absent were Darrell Dailey and Sussie Sutton.

**1. Call To Order.**

Call to order at 6:03 P.M.

**2. Petition and Requests from the Public.**

There were no petitions or requests from the public.

**3. Approve the Minutes of the City Planning Commission meeting of March 15, 2016.** Commission Member Santos Garza motioned to approve the minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of March 15, 2016. Seconded by Charles Buckelew, the motion carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Members Randy Reed and Martin Vela abstained from the vote since they did not attend the March meeting.

**4. Consider a Final Plat of Ramirez Subdivision, being a subdivision of 4.162 acres (along County Road 179 South of Rowan Burton Road) being a part of lots 12 and 13 of the Samuel Bard Subdivision of the Hooper and Wade Survey Section 20, abstract number 487, Brazoria County, Texas.** City Engineer recommends final plat for discussion and approval. Commission Member Vela motioned to recommend for approval to City Council. Seconded by Member Reed, the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**5. Comprehensive Plan Update.**

Michelle Segovia, City Engineer stated the Comprehensive Plan Update will be postponed until the next Planning Commission meeting.

**6. Reports or requests from Commission Members.**

Martin Vela mentioned there are several street lights out in the Forest Heights subdivision. Randy Reed thanked City staff and everyone for their support during the Rotary Club Music Festival and Cook-off. Santos Garza mentioned there are a lot of weeds on the sidewalks on the North side of South Street. Chris Hartman mentioned there is a large pothole on the 1100 block of Rosharon Rd. Shana Church; Administrative Assistant will notify the Public Works department regarding the street lights, weeds on sidewalks and pot hole.

**7. Staff report and update.**

Michelle Segovia, City Engineer stated Council approved the variance requested by Palm Harbor Homes contingent upon a black wrought iron fence being put up around the property.

**8. Items for the next meeting.**

Michelle Segovia, City Engineer stated the Commission may see a final plat for Kendall Lakes, Section 7 and the Master Preliminary Plat for Martha's Vineyard.

**9. Adjournment.**

Commission Member Charles Buckelew motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Martin Vela. The motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes. The meeting ended at 6:25 p.m.

Office of the Mayor, City of Alvin, Texas



# *Proclamation*

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**WHEREAS,** The Alvin Noon Lions Club was chartered in 1936 by a group of prominent business men. This year's celebration marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alvin Noon Lions Club; and

**WHEREAS,** through the years, this organization has demonstrated their dedication to the civic, cultural and moral welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** this long record of accomplishments merits a public expression of appreciation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Paul A. Horn, as Mayor of the City of Alvin Texas and on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2016 as:

## *Alvin Noon Lions Club Month*

and congratulate the Alvin Noon Lions Club on this 80th Anniversary celebration; and urge all citizens to be mindful of the many contributions this organization has provided to Alvin and the surrounding community.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal  
this 2nd day of June, 2016.

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Paul A. Horn, Mayor



# AGENDA COMMENTARY

**Meeting Date:** 6/2/2016

**Department:** Police Department

**Contact:** Robert E. Lee, Police Chief

**Agenda Item:** Conduct a public hearing and review of the City of Alvin, Texas, juvenile curfew ordinance, Article IV, Curfew Hours for Juveniles; to determine the need to adopt, abolish, continue or modify the ordinance.

**Type of Item:**  Ordinance  Resolution  Contract/Agreement  Public Hearing  Discussion & Direction

**Summary:** Section 370.002 of the Local Government Code requires that after a city adopts a juvenile curfew ordinance, the city must review and readopt the ordinance every three years. The statute requires that a city:

1. review the ordinance's effects on the community and on problems the ordinance was intended to remedy;
2. conduct public hearings on the need to continue the ordinance; and
3. abolish, continue, or modify the ordinance.

Council's last review of this ordinance was in May, 2010.

This is the first of the two required public hearings. The second public hearing will be held on June 16, 2016, at which time an ordinance will be presented for City Council's consideration.

**Funding Expected:** Revenue \_\_\_ Expenditure \_\_\_ N/A  **Budgeted Item:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ N/A

**Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **1295 Form Required?** Yes \_\_\_ No

**Legal Review Required:** N/A \_\_\_ Required  **Date Completed:** May 26, 2016

## Supporting documents attached:

- Draft Juvenile Curfew Ordinance 16-I

**Recommendation:** No action is required for the public hearing.

Reviewed by Department Head, if applicable

Reviewed by City Attorney, if applicable

Reviewed by Chief Financial Officer, if applicable

Reviewed by City Manager

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
216 W. SEALY STREET  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY MAY 18, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in a Special Meeting at 5:32 P.M. in the Downstairs Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Roger Stuksa, Keith Thompson, Scott Reed and Brad Richards.

**Staff members present:** Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney; and Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

Consider Resolution 16-R-14; canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 7, 2016, for the purpose of electing (3) council members.

Ms. Roberts read the official canvass of the returns aloud for the benefit of the record:

<b>Council Member District A</b>				
	<b>Absentee Voting</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>	<b>Election Day Voting</b>	<b>Total</b>
Scott Reed	7	131	63	201

<b>Council Member District D</b>				
	<b>Absentee Voting</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>	<b>Election Day Voting</b>	<b>Total</b>
Glenn Starkey	9	221	94	324

<b>Council Member At Large Position 2</b>				
	<b>Absentee Voting</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>	<b>Election Day Voting</b>	<b>Total</b>
Terry Droege	46	483	204	733
Chris Sanger	19	507	221	747

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Seconded by Council member Richards; with all members present voting aye; motion carried.

PASSED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
216 W. SEALY STREET  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY MAY 19, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-tem Adam Arendell; Council members: Gabe Adame, Roger Stuksa, Keith Thompson, Scott Reed, Brad Richards and Council Member elect Chris Sanger and Glenn Starkey.

Staff members present: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Junru Roland, Assistant City Manager/CFO; Dixie Roberts, City Clerk; Larry Buehler, Economic Development Director; Robert Lee, Police Chief; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; and Dan Kelinske, Director of Parks and Recreation.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Judy Zavala, Alvin Police Department Chaplain gave the invocation.

Council member Stuksa's grandson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Council member Stuksa's grandson led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council member Stuksa provided the following statement "I have been sworn in as a member of the Alvin Community College Board of Regents and therefore I will not participate in deliberations or voting tonight".

**CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Approve minutes of the May 5, 2016 City Council meeting.

Acknowledge resignation of Chris Sanger from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Council member Adame moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council member Arendell; motion carried on a vote of 5 Ayes.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Consider Ordinance 16-H; repealing Ordinance No. 07-CCC, whereby the City Council adopted the City of Alvin Personnel Policy; and repealing Ordinance Nos. 08-II, 09-R, 10-O, 11-V, 11-SS, 12-B, 12-E, 12-F, 12-G, 12-II, 13-K, 13-W, 13-KK; whereby the City Council amended the Personnel Policy.

*This ordinance repeals the existing personnel policy and subsequent amendments to it since its adoption in 2007. Resolution 16-R-10 provides the newly updated personnel policy manual.*

Council member Reed moved to approve Ordinance 16-H; repealing Ordinance No. 07-CCC, whereby the City Council adopted the City of Alvin Personnel Policy; and repealing Ordinance Nos. 08-II, 09-R, 10-O, 11-V, 11-SS, 12-B, 12-E, 12-F, 12-G, 12-II, 13-K, 13-W, 13-KK; whereby the City Council amended the Personnel Policy. Seconded by Council member Arendell; motion carried on a vote of 5 Ayes.

Consider Resolution 16-R-10; adopting the City of Alvin Personnel Policy Manual.

*This resolution adopts a new comprehensive Personnel Policy Manual. The new Manual updates the existing personnel policies to bring the City into compliance with current federal and state laws and City practices. Several Department Directors along with the Human Resource Manager provided input regarding various provisions and the applications to their respective departments. This Manual is the result of the cumulative suggested changes and combines multiple policies that were previously 'stand-alone' city policies. Ordinance 16-H repealed the prior Personnel Policy in its entirety.*

Council member Arendell moved to approve Resolution 16-R-10; adopting the City of Alvin Personnel Policy Manual. Seconded by Council member Thompson; motion carried on a vote of 5 Ayes.

Administer Oath of Office to: City Council member District A, Scott Reed; City Council member District D, Glenn Starkey; and City Council member At Large Position 2, Chris Sanger.

Municipal Court Judge Donna Starkey administered the oath of office to City Council member District A, Scott Reed; City Council member District D, Glenn Starkey; and City Council member At Large Position 2, Chris Sanger.

Consider mayor's appointment of mayor pro-tem.

Mayor Horn selected Council member Adame to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Council Member Adame moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Council member Adame to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Council Member Reed; motion carried a vote of 5 Ayes.

Consider Resolution 16-R-11; honoring Roger Stuksa for years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council District D, from May 2008 – May 2016.

Mayor Horn presented Council member Stuksa with a copy of Resolution 16-R-11.

Council Member Reed moved to approve Resolution 16-R-11; honoring Roger Stuksa for years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council District D, from May 2008 – May 2016. Seconded by Council Member Arendell; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider Resolution 16-R-12; honoring Terry Droege for years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council At Large Position 2, from May 2010 – May 2016.

Council Member Arendell moved to table Resolution 16-R-12; honoring Terry Droege for years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council At Large Position 2, from May 2010 – May 2016. Seconded by Council Member Adame; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider variance request from Everest Design Group to the façade requirement of Chapter 35, Section 35-19(a)(4) of the Code of Ordinances, for a restaurant to be located on Reserve F of the Heritage South Development (Highway 6 across from Joe's BBQ).

*On April 26, 2016 the Engineering Department received a variance request, from Everest Design Group on behalf of the franchisor of King's BierHaus Restaurant and Tommy Bui (retail center developer), for a waiver to the façade requirement of section 35-19(a)(4) of the City Code of Ordinances. Mr. Bui is proposing to build two multi-tenant retail buildings on the 2.5 ac. Reserve F of the Heritage South development adjacent to Highway 6 as shown on the attached building layout. King's BierHaus Restaurant is proposing to owner occupy the end cap of the easternmost building and wishes to use Hardi-Plank siding on a portion of the building to provide a "wood plank" appearance in compliance with their franchise branding (rendering attached). The Corridor Land Use Ordinance does not allow for the use of this type of façade on portions of the building elevation that are visible from the corridor (Highway 6). The majority of the façade of both buildings will be a combination of stone and stucco which are acceptable for use in accordance with the ordinance. The City Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve this variance request at their meeting on May 17, 2016.*

Council Member Adame moved to approve variance request from Everest Design Group to the façade requirement of Chapter 35, Section 35-19(a)(4) of the Code of Ordinances, for a restaurant to be located on Reserve F of the Heritage South Development (Highway 6 across from Joe's BBQ). Seconded by Council Member Thompson; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider second variance request for the property owners at 404 Lulac Street to waive the building setback requirement of Chapter 21, Section 37 (a) of the Code of Ordinances.

*On May 9, 2016 the Engineering Department received a second variance request, from the property owners of 404 Lulac Street, for a waiver to the 25' front building setback required by section 21-37(a) of the City Code of Ordinances. The homeowners are proposing to construct a 20' X 24' porte cochere along the front of their home located at 404 Lulac Street. The porte cochere, as proposed, will encroach 8 feet into the 25' front building setback, however the nearest edge will be 33' from the edge of the Lulac Street pavement. The Homeowners are wanting to construct this addition to provide protection for their vehicles, as well as, to provide protection from the weather when entering and exiting the front door of their residence since they do not have a garage.*

*The identical original variance request was approved by the Planning Commission on November 17, 2015. The request was considered by the City Council on December 3, 2015, a motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Reed, but failed due to the lack of a second.*

*The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve this second variance request at their meeting on May 17, 2016.*

Council Member Arendell moved to approve second variance request for the property owners at 404 Lulac Street to waive the building setback requirement of Chapter 21, Section 37 (a) of the Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Council Member Sanger. Mayor Horn called for a roll call vote:

Council member Thompson	No	Council member Sanger	Aye
Council member Reed	Aye	Council member Adame	Aye
Council member Arendell	Aye	Council member Starkey	Aye
Council member Richards	No		

Motion to approve carried a vote of 5 Ayes and 2 No's.

Consider Consulting Services Agreement with RPS Klotz Associates in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for engineering design services relating to the second phase of the City's Thoroughfare Plan Update; and authorize the City Manager to sign.

*On April 7, 2016 RPS Klotz Associates completed Phase I of the Thoroughfare Plan Update which concluded with the acceptance of the Thoroughfare Plan map and roadway classifications by City Council. Phase II of this two phase Thoroughfare Plan Update includes the preparation of an Implementation Plan with cost estimates, a Capital Improvements Program, and the development of funding options including Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submittals to the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and is scheduled to be completed in 18 months.*

*The update of the City's Thoroughfare Plan was one of the short term projects recommended by the recently approved 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update.*

Council Member Reed moved to approve a consulting Services Agreement with RPS Klotz Associates in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for engineering design services relating to the second phase of the City's Thoroughfare Plan Update; and authorize the City Manager to sign. Seconded by Council Member Richards; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider Engineering Services Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$97,810 for engineering design services to update the 2011 M-1 Ditch Watershed Study, including a drainage analysis for the Durant Road detention pond; also including

the design of the proposed dry detention pond at the northwest corner of South Street and Durant Road; and authorize the City Manager to sign.

*In 2011 Dannenbaum Engineering completed a grant funded drainage analysis/study of the M-1 Ditch Watershed. The study identified possible locations for storm water detention ponds along South Street. Following the study, the City acquired two tracts of land; a 15-acre tract at the northwest corner of Kost/South Street (Kost Pond site) and a 5-acre tract at the northwest corner of Durant/South Street (Durant Pond site) to be used for detention. The Kost Pond is currently under construction and the design of the Durant Pond is included in this agreement and will commence once this agreement is approved.*

*The Engineering Services Agreement being considered will update the 2011 M-1 Ditch Watershed Study to include drainage analysis for the Durant Pond and provide a design with complete plan set for this proposed dry detention pond. Approval of this agreement will insure that construction plans are available in order to start construction on the Durant Pond in 2017 following the completion of the Kost Pond. More information on both of these projects can be found in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Quarterly Report that was distributed to City Council May 5, 2016.*

Council Member Adame moved to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$97,810 for engineering design services to update the 2011 M-1 Ditch Watershed Study, including a drainage analysis for the Durant Road detention pond; also including the design of the proposed dry detention pond at the northwest corner of South Street and Durant Road; and authorize the City Manager to sign. Seconded by Council Member Sanger; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider Resolution 16-R-15; authorizing the Alvin Museum Society to utilize and occupy the old Post Office building located at 302 Sealy Street.

*This resolution will allow the Alvin Museum Society to use and occupy the old Post Office building, which is owned by the City. Certain provisions to occupy and use the building are:*

- Museum Society is responsible for cleaning and maintaining after any event or function.*
- Museum Society will be responsible for damage from their use of the building.*
- Museum Society will indemnify and hold the city harmless from any claims from their use of the building.*
- City will allow the Museum Society to serve alcohol during events and functions.*
- Prior City Manager approval before any event or function.*

Council Member Arendell moved to approve Resolution 16-R-15; authorizing the Alvin Museum Society to utilize and occupy the old Post Office building located at 302 Sealy Street. Seconded by Council Member Reed; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider request from the Alvin Historical Society for the authorization to install a LED scrolling sign on city property located in front of the Alvin Historical Museum (302 West Sealy).

*This will take the place of the current sign in front of the building. The City is the owner of said property. The Museum Society will pay for the sign, installation, and maintenance. They are asking for City Council's approval for the placement of the sign and operation on city property.*

Council Member Adame moved to approve request from the Alvin Historical Society for the authorization to install a LED scrolling sign on city property located in front of the Alvin Historical Museum (302 West Sealy); and waive permit fee for said sign. Seconded by Council Member Richards; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider purchase of eleven (11) replacement consolette radios through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) for Emergency Service Departments in an amount not to exceed \$132,986.22.

*The City currently has nine (9) Motorola XTL 5000 Consolettes that need to be replaced. Consolettes are the RF (radio frequency) control stations of our radio system; and the "heart" of the radio system. Motorola informed staff that as of April 2016 they will no longer manufacture or service our brand of consolettes. In addition, our current consolettes do not have the capacity to download time division multiple access (TDMA) software; which Harris County Radio (our*

provider) notified us as being required for continued radio service by year's end 2017. TDMA is a channel access method for shared networks that allow several users to share the same frequency channel by dividing the signal into time slots. This allows more data to be sent/received without having to increase channel capacity. Without this upgrade our dispatch center will not be able to communicate with our mobile and handheld radios or with other agencies once Harris County's service change becomes effective. Additional to the nine (9) consolettes are two (2) back up consolettes which will be available in case of failure of a primary consolette.

An additional dispatch console is also included in this project. The third console completes a partial work station and will allow for expanded operational coverage during major incidents. All current equipment is Motorola as is all the proposed replacement equipment. Since Motorola is a HGAC vendor it was not expected that a bid would have returned a lower purchase amount. On April 7, 2016 City Council adopted Ordinance 16-G amending the Fiscal Year 15-16 mid-year budget which allocated funds for this purchase as a non-recurring capital expenditure.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the purchase of eleven (11) replacement consolette radios through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) for Emergency Service Departments in an amount not to exceed \$132,986.22. Seconded by Council Member Sanger; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider bid award for Uniform Services to Unifirst for two (2) years with an option to continue for an additional two (2) years at the same price and conditions.

Uniforms are provided for employees in Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Inspections, and Fleet Departments. The uniform services contract provides for eleven (11) uniforms per employee, the cleaning on a weekly basis and repair to damaged garments, yearly fittings, and a set of new uniforms annually. Each departmental uniform is color coded, making the departments more identifiable by staff and the community.

On March 15, 2016 bids were opened and Unifirst was the lowest bidder. Unifirst is the current vendor, and has provided these services for the past two years.

Council Member Arendell moved to approve a bid award for Uniform Services to Unifirst for two (2) years with an option to continue for an additional two (2) years at the same price and conditions. Seconded by Council Member Thompson; motion carried a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider Resolution 16-R-13; adopting a Hiring Incentive Program for the City of Alvin Police Department.

In a concerted effort to attract qualified TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement) certified police applicants the City proposes implementing a Hiring Incentive Program. It is anticipated that such an incentive would attract qualified certified officers as a lateral transfer or as certified but not yet employed candidate. These types of candidates, once they pass an extensive background check and intensive field training program, would shorten the time from hire to independent officer by a minimum of 6-months. The proposed hiring incentive encompasses two phases, the hiring incentive and the additional hiring incentive. The hiring incentive of \$3,000 would be paid to qualified employees who have successfully completed the field training program and who agree not to voluntarily terminate their employment prior to completing the 1-year probationary period. The additional hiring incentive of \$3,000 would be paid to the employee after completion of the 1-year probationary period on condition that they do not voluntarily terminate their employment for 2 additional years from the date of completion of probation. If the employee voluntarily terminates their employment prior to the end of either period, it results in a requirement of a prorated repayment of the hiring incentive or the additional hiring incentive as outlined in the attached Hiring Incentive Agreement. The attached Hiring Incentive Agreement also outlines the City's recourse if an employee voluntarily terminates employment then defaults on repayment. Departmental savings from personnel vacancies will cover the cost of the implementation of this program for the current fiscal year.

Council Member Reed moved to approve Resolution 16-R-13; adopting a Hiring Incentive Program for the City of Alvin Police Department. Seconded by Council Member Arendell; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Consider appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Chris Sanger.

*Council member elect Sanger resigned from the Parks and Recreation Board. His resignation will leave one seat vacant on the board. City Council appointed Mr. Sanger in December 2015 to serve a 2-year term. The Charter says that this board is to have 7 members. These members shall reside within the Alvin city limits for at least 6 months, be a registered voter and be interested in leisure time of the citizens. The individual selected by City Council to fill this unexpired term will serve out the remainder of Mr. Sanger's term through December 2017.*

Council Member Sanger moved to appoint Milton Morgan to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Chris Sanger through December 2017. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Police/Humane Departmental Update

Chief Robert E. Lee gave the Police Departmental update. Autumn Miller, Alvin Animal Adoption Center manager gave the Humane Departmental update.

## **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

### Review preliminary list of items for next Council meeting.

Ms. Breland reviewed the preliminary list for the June 2, 2016 City Council meeting.

### Items of Community Interest.

Mrs. Roberts reviewed items of community interest.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** Pursuant to S.B. No. 1182, City Councilmembers may make a report or an announcement about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body. No action will be taken or discussed.

### Announcements and requests from Council members.

Council member Thompson thanked Council member's Stuksa and Droege for their service to the City. He also wished Ms. Mary Dearing a happy birthday.

Council member Reed stated that he is still very passionate about the municipal shooting range and hopes to move forward with the project. He thanked Council member Stuksa and Council member Droege for their service.

Council member Arendell thanked Council member Stuksa and Council member Droege for their service. He asked staff to look into the high grass along Heritage South.

Council member Richards thanked Council member's Stuksa and Droege for their service. He welcomed the newly elected members of Council.

Council member Sanger thanked Council member's Stuksa and Droege for their service to this community and thanked all of those who voted in this election. He asked staff to look into a situation on S. House Street where someone is parking a horse trailer in the bike lane.

Council member Adame reported that the Education Foundation will be unveiling a rolling library which is an old school bus that has been converted into a library on wheels.

Council member Starkey thanked Council member Stuksa and Droege for their service and stated that he looks forward to working with City Council. He thanked members of staff for their assistance in providing information to help bring him up to speed. He asked staff look into the intersections at Bypass 35 at Mustang Road and Johnson at South Street.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Horn called for an Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. in accordance to the following:

City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) Attorney consultation to receive attorney advice and counsel in connection with the city’s legal rights, duties, privileges, and obligations related to the notice of intent to bargain submitted the Alvin Police Officers Association to the City for a new bargaining cycle.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Consider action, if any, on item discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Horn reconvened to Open Session at 9:48 p.m.

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Arendell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

PASSED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk



# AGENDA COMMENTARY

**Meeting Date:** 6/2/2016

**Department:** City Clerk

**Contact:** Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

**Agenda Item:** Consider Resolution 16-R-12; honoring Terry Droege for years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council At Large Position 2, from May 2010 – May 2016.

**Type of Item:**  Ordinance  Resolution  Contract/Agreement  Public Hearing  Discussion & Direction

**Summary:** Years of Service:  
May 2010 – May 2013  
May 2013 – May 2016

Mayor Horn will present a framed resolution to Council member Droege on behalf of the City Council in honor of his years of service.

**Funding Expected:** Revenue \_\_\_ Expenditure \_\_\_ N/A  **Budgeted Item:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ N/A

**Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **1295 Form Required?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Legal Review Required:** N/A  Required \_\_\_ **Date Completed:** May 12, 2016

**Supporting documents attached:**

- Resolution 16-R-12

**Recommendation:** Move to approve Resolution 16-R-12; honoring Terry Droege for his years of service to the community as a member of the Alvin City Council At Large Position 2, from May 2010 – May 2016.

Reviewed by Department Head, if applicable

Reviewed by City Attorney, if applicable

Reviewed by Chief Financial Officer, if applicable

Reviewed by City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-R-12**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN,  
TEXAS, HONORING TERRY DROEGE FOR HIS SERVICE AS COUNCIL  
MEMBER, AT LARGE POSITION 2, CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, Terry Droege, has unselfishly contributed time, talents and energies to serve the people of the City of Alvin as Member of the City Council, At Large Position 2, for the period of May 2010 to May 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, such contribution has become a part of the foundation upon which this City stands; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the City Council of the City of Alvin, Brazoria County, Texas, wish to recognize the service and contribution of:

**TERRY DROEGE**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council and the people of the City of Alvin do gratefully acknowledge and express their sincere thanks and appreciation for your outstanding service.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 2nd day of June, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Horn, Mayor



# AGENDA COMMENTARY

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**Meeting Date:** 6/2/2016

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Contact:** Dan Kelinske, Director

**Agenda Item:** Consider agreement through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) PlanSource Procurement Program with Kendig Keast Collaborative for the purpose of updating the current Park Master Plan and creating a Park Standards Manual, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and authorize City Manager to sign.

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**Type of Item:**  Ordinance  Resolution  Contract/Agreement  Public Hearing  Discussion & Direction

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**Summary:** On April 7, 2016, city council amended the FY16 budget to appropriate funds (\$50,000) to update the 10-year Park Master Plan and create a Park Standards Manual which was adopted by council on May 18, 2006. The purpose of a Parks Master Plan is to develop a comprehensive vision for parks & recreation, including management of open spaces, recreation opportunities and programming related to location, natural resources and visions of the community for the next ten years. During that planning process in 2006, community members were surveyed on sixteen different items they wanted to see more emphasis on, the top seven of sixteen items were; Security Lighting (85%), Recreation Center (72%), Water Playgrounds (72%), Pedestrian Trails (71%), Park Benches (63%), Passive Natural Areas (63%), Picnic Shelters/Areas (62%), Bicycling Trails (62%), Playgrounds (61%) and Swimming Pools (60%). The City has accomplished several of these items with the development of Briscoe Park, installing trail lighting along the hike and bike trail, replacement of worn/rotten playground border, use of engineered wood fiber as fall surface material for every playground, completion of Phase II of the hike and bike trail, adding three new playgrounds, sixteen new picnic pavilions and various new park benches, picnic tables and water fountains throughout the park system. The Bob Owen pool received a refurbished shade pergola, deck coating and landscaping. In addition, a 1.4 acre dog park, outdoor basketball courts, skate park and new restroom have been installed for public use.

Community engagement during the planning process is an essential part of creating a successful Park Master Plan. This process allows for feedback from our community members which will help to ensure that their vision stays in the forefront of park and recreation planning. The input process calls for meetings with a stakeholder advisory committee which shall be led by the Park and Recreation Board, holding a public hearing and ultimately presenting the final plan for Council approval.

The Park Master Plan will be prepared in accordance with the Texas Recreation and Park Account (TRPA) master plan standards established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Having an approved Park Master Plan with these standards greatly improves the success rate when applying for grant funding.

Staff is recommending utilizing the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) PlanSource Procurement Program\* to engage the services of Kendig Keast Collaborative for the purpose of updating the Park Master Plan and creating a Park Standards Manual. Kendig Keast Collaborative recently completed the City's 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan. The scope of the services include: demographic analysis; input from the Parks and Recreation Board, city staff, and residents; and an assessment of land, facilities, and improvements.

*\* H-GAC PlanSource assists local governments in reducing costs by streamlining their procurement processes through a competitive bidding process. H-GAC PlanSource qualified 35 planning firms, giving local governments access to top local, national, and international planning firms while providing competitive rates and expediting the procurement process.*

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**Funding Expected:** Revenue \_\_\_ Expenditure x N/A \_\_\_ **Budgeted Item:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_

**Account Number:** 111-7001-00-3100 **Amount:** \$50,000 **1295 Form Required?** Yes x No \_\_\_

**Legal Review Required:** N/A \_\_\_ Required x **Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Supporting documents attached:**

- HGAC – Project Inquiry Form
  - City of Alvin PlanSource Confirmation - Open Spaces - Kendig Keast
  - HGAC PlanSource Service Providers
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**Recommendation:** Move to approve agreement through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) PlanSource Procurement Program with Kendig Keast Collaborative for the purpose of updating the current Park Master Plan and creating a Park Standards Manual, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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Reviewed by Department Head, if applicable

Reviewed by City Attorney, if applicable

Reviewed by Chief Financial Officer, if applicable

Reviewed by City Manager

## PlanSource Project Inquiry

Project Name: City of Alvin Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan  
Submitted Date: May 19, 2016

### Project Background and Description

The City has been undergoing steady growth (i.e., the population has increased by 13 percent between 2000 and 2010, from 21,413 to 24,236 persons and is projected to increase to 33,472 persons by the Year 2035). This growth has increased the costs and complexity of providing adequate parks and recreation services to City residents, in addition to reducing the future amount of quality open space. Additionally, the aforementioned growth is expected to expand the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from one-mile to two-miles, which warrants a reassessment of the City's Park Land Dedication and Development Fee Ordinance, including designated park zones. The City of Alvin intends to engage a qualified consultant to guide the process of preparing a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan and Park Standards Manual for the Alvin city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction. The City is interested in a Park Master Plan that is of a finer grain of detail than the information provided in Chapter 4 of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The resulting plan documents will be focused on the specific improvements needed in the City's park, recreation, and open space system.

### Scope

A systematic program of technical analyses and planning studies will be performed for the development of the Alvin Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. The primary technical roles the City's consultant will be expected to perform include the following:

#### **TASK 1 | Plan Introduction, Context, and Overview**

The introduction of the Plan will include the purpose of the project and an overview of the City including information pertaining to location, climate, and local demographics, which are required by the TPWD.

Included in the demographic analysis will be the historical and projected future population, age, income, ethnic and racial diversity, and descriptions of the community's historic and cultural resources, community facilities and attractions, natural resources, and the area economy. A summary of the City's demographics will be gleaned from the *2035 Comprehensive Plan Update*.

#### *Deliverable:*

- Chapter 1, *Plan Introduction, Context, and Overview*

#### **TASK 2 | Goals and Objectives**

The goals and objectives of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan will be developed with the Park and Recreation Board and City staff based on input received through plan development.

Guidance will be provided in preparing the goals and objectives to ensure favorable consideration by the TPWD.

#### *Deliverable:*

- Chapter 2, *Goals and Objectives*

#### **TASK 3 | Plan Development**

The TPWD requires citizen involvement opportunities in the plan development process. To meet the state's qualifications, all meetings and workshops relating to parks and recreation will be listed in Chapter 3, *Plan Development*, including meetings of the Parks and Recreation Board, stakeholder interviews, meetings held or presentations made to local clubs and organizations, and the outcomes of other public input opportunities. In addition, public meeting notices, sign-in sheets, and minutes must be certified by an official sponsor representative and documented in the plan appendix.

Citizens will be involved in the plan development process for the City and KKC to collect information, solicit input to the community's goals and objectives, assess neighborhood and Citywide needs, and establish the priorities for future parks and recreation facilities and improvements. Involvement activities will include the following:

1. Four Small Group Interviews.
2. Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Four meetings with the Parks and Recreation Board
3. Public Hearing. One (1) final presentation and public hearing before the City Council to provide an opportunity for questions and discussion prior to consideration of adoption.

#### *Deliverables:*

- Chapter 3, *Plan Development*
- Appendix A, *Public Development Summary*, which includes a compilation of public meeting notices, sign-in sheets, and meeting minutes.

#### **TASK 4 | Concepts And Standards**

The Master Plan will address the community's parks and recreation needs by utilizing the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards, which were published in the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. As part of the process of preparing the master plan, the standards will be evaluated to determine their applicability to Alvin and local standards of development may be established as appropriate. It is important for the standards to reflect the values and current interests of the park users as well as the local conditions and characteristics, community values, and public opinion.

##### *Deliverable:*

- Chapter 4, *Concepts and Standards*, including quantified facility and equipment standards and site selection criteria.

#### **TASK 5 | Area and Facility Inventory**

The foundation of an adequate parks and recreation system is the availability and condition of the existing parks, recreation facilities, and open space areas. To assess the need for additional land, facilities, and improvements, it is necessary to first determine the level of sufficiency of the existing parks and recreation system. The City's consultant will complete an inventory of the existing parks and recreation areas owned, operated, and maintained by the City, including facilities such as buildings, bandstands, gazebos, pavilions, community centers, restrooms, and swimming pools, as well as all improvements such as playground equipment, athletic fields and courts, parking lots, and other amenities (documented in tabular format and photo documented).

In addition to the municipal parks and recreation areas, the City's consultant will assess the school park and playground areas to determine adequacy and potential for joint partnerships to better meet the community's recreational requirements. The inventory will also include a condition assessment of each City-owned site, which will be conducted by the City's consultant. The results of the inventory will be compared to the facility development standards suggested by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to determine the parks and recreation system needs.

##### *Deliverable:*

- Chapter 5, *Area and Facility Inventory*, including tabular inventories of each individual park and a physical condition assessment.

#### **TASK 6 | Needs Assessment And Prioritization**

The needs assessment will combine demand- and standard-based approaches to determine the overall needs for parks and recreation areas and facilities in the City and its pending two-mile ETJ. The combination of these two approaches will yield an assessment of need based on local demands for specific types of facilities and on national standards to ensure development of a system that meets the needs of all users.

The results of the above efforts will be balanced with the existing facilities and the standards for facilities. The needs assessment will focus on the acres of parkland and the types of improvements and facilities needed in the community based upon local standards and community input. The aggregate deficiency of park and recreation area will be calculated by taking the difference between the needed acreage and the acreage existing in the City and ETJ. The results will be exhibited in tabular format indicating the current and future needs. The existing equipment, improvements and facilities will be compared to the facility development standards suggested by the NRPA – or alternatively locally developed standards - to determine the parks and recreation system needs.

Potential geographic areas/locations for future parks and recreation facilities will be identified based upon the areas of deficiency. A systems approach will be recommended, which provides a mix of different park sizes to serve as many individual recreation needs as possible, including pocket parks, neighborhood parks and playgrounds, community parks, linear linkages, and special use facilities. KKC will be available on an Additional Services basis to identify specific parcels of land that are suitable targets for near- and long-term park development.

Based upon the improvements identified through the course of the plan development process - including the condition assessment, and citizen input - a list of improvements will be generated for each park. The list of improvements may be new facilities and equipment as well as replacement or refurbishment of existing structures and equipment. Estimated unit costs will be prepared for each item to generate an estimated current year improvement cost. Such unit cost estimates will be determined mutually by the City and its consultant to reflect the City's procurement experience. The overall costs will be assembled into a tabular capital improvement program (CIP). The priorities of the CIP will be determined through the prioritization workshop (referenced in Task 3, *Joint Committee/Council Meeting No. 3*, above).

An important part of plan implementation is the identification of funding sources for acquisition and improvements. A range of potential vehicles for funding will be identified in an appendix to the plan, which may range from inclusion in a capital improvement program to matching grants and federal funds.

##### *Deliverables:*

- Chapter 6, *Needs Assessment and Prioritization*, including quantification of existing and future needs and service area analyses.
- *Capital Improvement Plan*.
- Appendix C, *Funding Sources*.

**TASK 7 | Park Standards Manual**

As a supplement to the Master Plan, the City's consultant will develop a Park Standards Manual, which will be used by the City to guide the planning, design, and construction of park facilities and improvements, as well as the installation of park equipment. The standards manual will include facility guidelines addressing the following:

- Age Appropriate Design Guidelines for Playgrounds;
- Fall Surfacing Guidelines for Playgrounds;
- Equipment Maintenance Guidelines for Playgrounds;
- Planning a Play Area for Children; and
- Resource information for:
  - Playground Safety and Injury Prevention Resources;
  - Playground Surface Manufacturers and Distributors; and
  - Playground Equipment Manufacturers and Distributors.

In addition, the Park Standards Manual will include equipment specifications that account for the factors of safety, inventory standardization, maintenance of equipment, product availability and cost, initial and replacement costs, staff resources, maintaining aesthetics and service levels, applicable laws, recycling, and environmental concerns.

*Deliverable: Appendix C, Park Standards Manual.*

**TASK 8 | Final Plan**

A draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan will be prepared and submitted to the City for review and consideration. Following receipt of review comments by City staff and the Parks and Recreation Board, a final report will be completed and submitted for final adoption. Upon adoption, one (1) unbound original of the final report will be provided to the City for reproduction. All final project files in MS Word or Adobe InDesign and Adobe PDF electronic formats will be submitted to the City on compact disk (CDs). *Deliverable: Final Plan.*

## Specific Requirements

The Master Plan will be prepared in conformance with the Texas Recreation and Park Account (TRPA) master plan standards established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). In order to qualify as an "acceptable plan," the Master Plan standards and requirements must include:

- Proof of Adoption – The plan must be fully endorsed by the governing body.
- Jurisdiction-Wide Plan – The plan must include the full planning area of the City including the corporate limits and the one-mile and forthcoming two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ);
- Plan Duration – A plan is required to cover at least a 10-year period and must be updated every five years; and
- Plan Content – The TPWD requires the following to be included in a parks and recreation plan:
  - Introduction;
  - Goals and objectives;
  - Plan development process (discuss when the planning process began, plan phases, public input received, survey/studies conducted, committees and/or personnel involved, etc.);
  - Area/facility concepts and standards, including:
    - o population/area service and acreage goals;
    - o "typical" park and facility standards;
    - o applicable local codes, ordinances, and other requirements for community or neighborhood development.
  - Inventory of existing park, recreation and open space areas and facilities (including schools).
  - Needs assessment and identification.
  - Prioritization of needs. Applicant shall include:
    - o A priority list in which all outdoor and indoor needs are ranked; and
    - o Plan implementation recommendations, including a timeline and discussion of resources for meeting priorities.
- Illustrations, maps, charts, surveys, etc.
- A max budget of \$50,000 has been allocated and cannot be exceeded

## Affected Organizations

The planning process for this project will involve our project team working collaboratively with City staff and the Alvin Park and Recreation Board. The City's appointed Project Director for the master plan will oversee the planning process and direct the performance of the project services. In addition, the City's consultant will coordinate with other agencies and entities, as needed, in conjunction with the City. Other stakeholders, including, but not limited to, public officials, board members, neighborhood and civic organizations, park advocacy groups (e.g., the Friends of Alvin Parks Foundation), athletic/recreation and community service organizations, and citizens will provide essential input for the planning process.

## Timeline/Schedule

- Project start in June 2016
- Draft plan for consideration by December 2016

## End User Contacts

***We approve the project component as described above, and authorize the team to proceed.***

Name <i>[type or sign name]</i>	Title	Date

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Type of Planning Services Requested
<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>_____Comprehensive Planning</p> <p>Land Use Planning</p> <p>      _____Historic Preservation</p> <p>      _____Housing Planning</p> <p>      _____Livable Centers</p> <p>      _____Public Spaces &amp; Streetscapes</p> <p>      _____Transit-Oriented Design</p> <p>___x___Parks &amp; Trails Planning</p> <p>_____Strategic Planning</p> <p>_____Sustainable Development Planning</p> <p>Transportation Planning</p> <p>      _____Access Management</p> <p>      _____Corridor Planning</p> <p>      _____Freight and Goods Movement</p> <p>      _____Mobility Planning</p> <p>      _____Parking Management</p> <p>      _____Pedestrian &amp; Bicyclist Planning</p> <p>      _____Transit Planning</p> <p><b>Implementation &amp; Regulation</b></p> <p>Financing Strategies &amp; Economic Development Tools</p> <p>      _____Growth management &amp; Impact Fees</p>

\_\_\_\_\_Public & Private Partnerships

\_\_\_\_\_Special District Financing & Creation

Land Development & Regulations

\_\_\_\_\_Annexation

\_\_\_\_\_Overlay District Ordinances

\_\_\_\_\_Zoning Code & Development Regulations

\_\_\_\_\_Site Planning

\_\_\_\_\_Urban Design

**Studies & Additional Services**

\_\_\_\_\_Design Visualization

\_\_\_\_\_Feasibility Studies

Public Involvement

\_\_\_\_\_Charrettes

\_\_\_\_\_Community Outreach Tools

\_\_\_\_\_Visual Preference Surveys

\_\_\_\_\_Workshops, meeting Facilitation and Consensus

Building

Special Area Studies

\_\_\_\_\_Environmental Justice

\_\_\_\_\_Revitalization & Redevelopment

\_\_\_\_\_Visioning

**Prepared By:**

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Here is the official approval for the PlanSource project. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The information in this email message is official correspondence in reference to the request to utilize PlanSource for your upcoming planning project. This email is to verify that the following information.

Does the End User have an Interlocal Agreement with H-GAC? **YES**  
Does the Firm have a PlanSource contract with H-GAC? **YES**  
Does the Scope of Work fall within the bounds of PlanSource? **YES**  
Was the Firm qualified by PlanSource for the project type? **YES**

[End User](#)  
City of Alvin

[Firm Requested](#)  
Kendig Keast Collaborative

[Project Name](#)  
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan

[Overview of Services](#)  
A systematic program of technical analyses and planning studies will be performed for the development of the Alvin Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan..

[Type of Planning Project](#)  
Parks & Trails Planning

**CONFIRMATION: ACCEPTED**

With this confirmation you are free to continue into the contracting phase.

*Amanda R. Thorin*

**Senior Programs Liaison  
Community & Environmental Planning  
Houston-Galveston Area Council**

\*\*\*Please Note: My normal office hours are Monday - Thursday 6:30 AM to 5:30.\*\*\*

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## **PLANSOURCE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Background**

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is committed to assisting local governments in reducing costs and streamlining their procurement processes. As communities face growth related challenges there will be an increasing need for professional planning services, whether for a traffic study, a master plan, or public involvement.

To provide assistance in helping local governments secure qualified planning services in a streamlined manner, the Community and Environmental Planning Department is seeking to continue its cooperative purchasing program for planning services called *PlanSource*. The program allows local governments access to top local and national planning firms with an expedited procurement process. *PlanSource* has qualified planning firms to provide an array of professional planning services to local governments and other end users with interlocal agreements with H-GAC.

*PlanSource* services include a broad range of community planning services and related services. The scope of services include:

- **Planning:** ranging from land use planning, transportation planning to comprehensive planning and parks and trails planning
- **Implementation and Regulations:** ranging from land development regulations to economic development tools to urban design and site planning
- **Studies and Additional Services:** ranging from special area studies, feasibility studies to public involvement and visioning

The *PlanSource* program is a voluntary program. Local governments are not obligated to procure any of the services on a contract resulting from this program, and there are no minimum quantities or spending levels required by H-GAC and/or the local government. *PlanSource* users may procure community planning services simply by issuing a purchase order and without having to solicit request for proposals (RFPs) on their own. H-GAC will assess an administrative fee (2%) on the total contract billing for each service contracted by the local government.

To market and promote the program, H-GAC has developed a dedicated website describing the program and highlighting each of the planning consultants, and has produced printed materials including frequently asked questions and steps on how to participate in the program. The selected planning firms will also help market the program.

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC issued an RFP to identify the most qualified consultants to provide community planning consulting services. Thirty-one planning firms responded to the request. Responders could propose on any or all of the planning services that best met their firms' expertise and knowledge. Thirty out of the Thirty-one responders met the qualifications outlined in the RFP.

An evaluation team scored the proposals against criteria published in the RFP to determine the firms who are compliant with proposal requirements and specifications. Thirty firms were determined to have met the standards and are eligible to participate in PlanSource. Staff recommends contracts be negotiated with proposers meeting the standards established by the RFP.

A matrix of eligible firms and the services the firms will provide is shown below in alphabetical order:

<b>Planning Firm</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Planning Firm</b>	<b>Services</b>
Alliance Transportation Group, Inc.	P,I	Half Associates, Inc.	P,I,S
APD Urban Planning & Management, LLC	P,I, S	HDR Engineering, Inc.	P,I,S
Arup Texas, Inc.	P,I,S	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.	P,I,S
Asakura Robinson Company, LLC	P,S	Kendig Keast Collaborative	P,I,S
Atkins North America, Inc.	P,I,S	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	P,I,S
Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.	P	Lauren Griffith Associates	P
CDS Market Research	P,I,S	M2L Associates, Inc.	P,I
Clark Condon Associates, Inc.	P,I	Morris Architects, Inc.	P,I,S
Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc.	I	Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.	P,I,S
Design Workshop, Inc.	P,I,S	Renaissance Planning Group Inc.	P,I,S
Edminster, Hinshaw, Russ & Assoc Inc.	P,I,S	Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc.	P,I,S
Freese and Nichols, Inc.	P,I,S	SWA Group, Inc.	P,I,S
Gateway Planning Group, Inc.	P,I,S	Traffic Engineers, Inc.	P,I,S
The Goodman Corporation	P,I,S	Vantage Point Development Advisors, LLC	S,I
Gunda Corporation	P	Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.	P

**Funding Source:** Participating local government purchasers

**Budgeted:** Not applicable

**Action Requested**

Request authorization to negotiate contracts with each of the recommended firms.

# 2006 City of Alvin Parks Master Plan

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May 25, 2006

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Mr. Edward D. Hersh, CPRP, Director  
Alvin Parks and Recreation Department  
216 West Sealy  
Alvin, Texas 77511

RE: Master Plan Review—City of Alvin

Dear Mr. Hersh:

Our review of your parks and recreation master plan has been completed. The plan meets the standard requirements identified in the "Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Guidelines."

You will now qualify for priority points under item 2 of the "TRPA Outdoor Recreation Grant Project Priority Scoring System," beginning with the July 31, 2006 review.

Please contact me at 512/912-7119 if you have any questions. The Department commends you and your organization for your planning efforts.

Sincerely,

Joel S. Joffe, CPRP  
Program Administrator  
Recreation Grants Branch

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# INTRODUCTION

### **Master Plan Purpose**

The purpose of the Master plan is to guide the City of Alvin with the future development as well as redevelopment of their parks and recreation program. The completed plan upon adoption by City Council, covers the entirety of Alvin corporate limits, recognized extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and addresses a minimum planning period of ten years. The professional firm of M2L Associates, Inc. was retained to update the Park Master Plan. M2L has been developing several design plans for the City and has developed an understanding on how the City wishes to have a "Quality of Life" park and recreation system.

### **Previous Plans**

In 1998 the City of Alvin conducted an extensive assessment of its long-range City Park needs and developed a prioritized plan for upgrading and expanding its City Park system. The assessment data was prepared by Telesurveys Research Associates and the results were developed into a Master Plan by the Parks Board with input from youth sports organizations, the local school and College, and Ad Hoc Committees. In 2001 the citizens of Alvin approved \$3,000,000 in bonds to fund much of the work. Today a large part of the planned facilities are completed or under construction.

The Tom Blakeney, Jr. Hike and Bike Trail has been funded largely through a Texas Department of Transportation Grant. The construction contracts were issued and administrated by that agency. A CMAQ grant (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) was also awarded from the Houston-Galveston Area Council to support a portion of the City's matching funds requirement. When the Texas Department of Transportation offices approved the current plans in November 2002, construction began shortly thereafter. The total project, including the path along Mustang Bayou, Bridge and street lane marking and sidewalk extensions were complete in 2003.

The City acquired a 62-acre site adjacent to the Alvin Community College which has since been named Bob Briscoe Park. Part of the complex (20 acres) will include a YMCA which will function independently of the City. Alvin currently has an agreement with the YMCA organization to provide a facility that would include exercise and workout areas, a pool and a gymnasium. The bond funding approved in 2001 included \$650,000 for site preparation, drainage, walking trail, and soccer/football fields, which will be part of a passive park.

The status of the projects approved in the Parks Master Plan in 1998 is as follows:

### **Completed Projects:**

- Lions Park improvements and restroom
- Facility Use Agreement completed and approved revisions
- Field construction at Lions Park to include fencing improvements and infield construction
- Repair and upgrade the lighting of Pearson Park
- Sealy Park playground equipment
- Ruben Adame / Newman Park athletic field fencing
- Pearson Park—bleachers/replacement of drinking fountains/tennis court fence and resurface
- Talmadge Park—parking lot
- Talmadge Park—playground
- Bob S. Owen Pool Phase I & II
- Pearson Park ADA restroom
- Pearson Park concession roof replacement
- Lions Park—athletic field lighting
- Pearson existing pavilion replacement
- Newman Park—parking lot extension
- Morgan Park—additional parking lot & drainage
- Alvin Historical Museum renovations
- Tom Blakeney, Jr., Hike and Bike Trail Phase I
- Morgan Park-ADA restroom
- Briscoe Park Phase I grading and roadway paving completed

**Projects in Progress:**

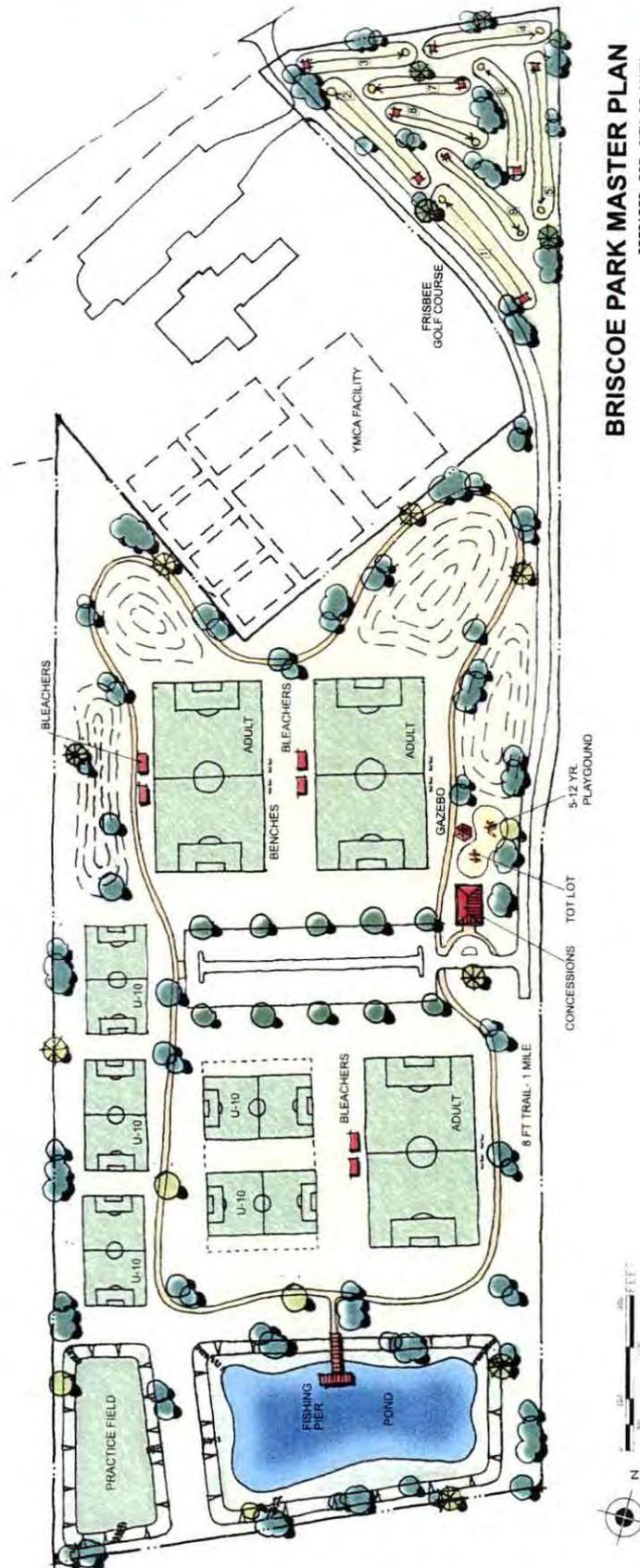
- National Oak Park—land acquisition
- Alvin Railroad Depot Renovations– interior in progress, landscaping has begun
- ADA accessibility on-going and in progress

**Projects in Planning:**

- Tom Blakeney, Jr., Hike and Bike Trail Phase II
- Briscoe Park Recreation Facilities
- Alvin Depot / National Oak Park improvements

## Bob Briscoe Park

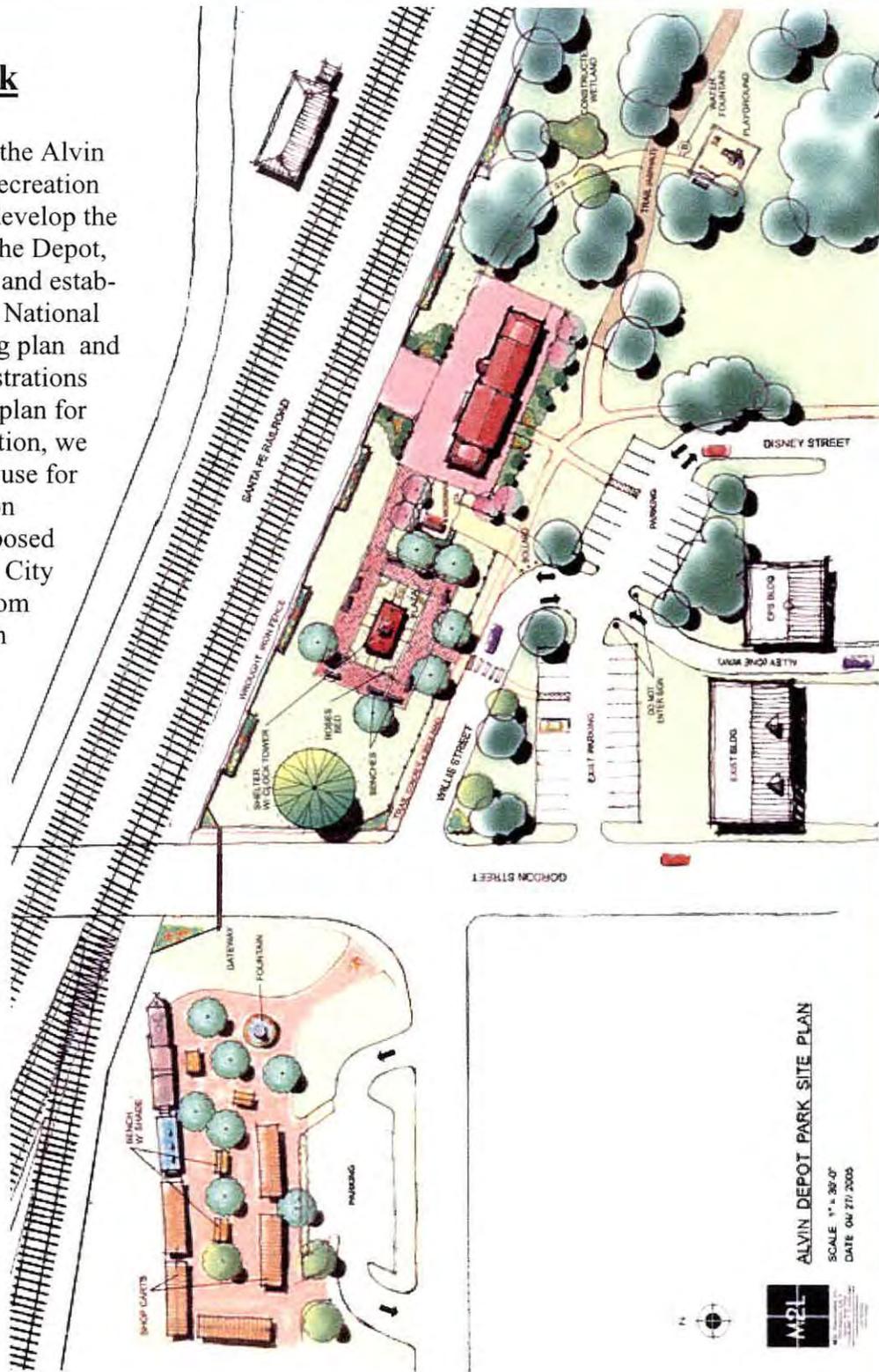
The new Bob Briscoe Park is the largest park designation within the City of Alvin. This 62 acre park, 20 acres of which will be conveyed for a YMCA Facility, will feature a minimum of 4 soccer/football fields, 1 mile walking trail, fishing pier, pond / detention, playground, concessions and rest-rooms. Additionally on the north-east area of the site, we have illustrated a proposed 9 hole Frisbee golf course.



**BRISCOE PARK MASTER PLAN**  
 PREPARED FOR CITY OF ALVIN  
 PREPARED BY M2L ASSOCIATES  
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## Alvin Depot Park

With the restoration of the Alvin Depot, the Parks and Recreation Department sought to develop the park area surrounding the Depot, define its proposed use and establish how it would tie to National Oak Park. This exciting plan and the accompanying illustrations provide the conceptual plan for the Depot Park. In addition, we have shown a potential use for the parcel across Gordon Street to locate the proposed Train and Rail cars the City of Alvin is acquiring from the Railroad Museum in Galveston. As this development earmarks entry into downtown Alvin, it creates a gateway to the area and will further encourage re-development.

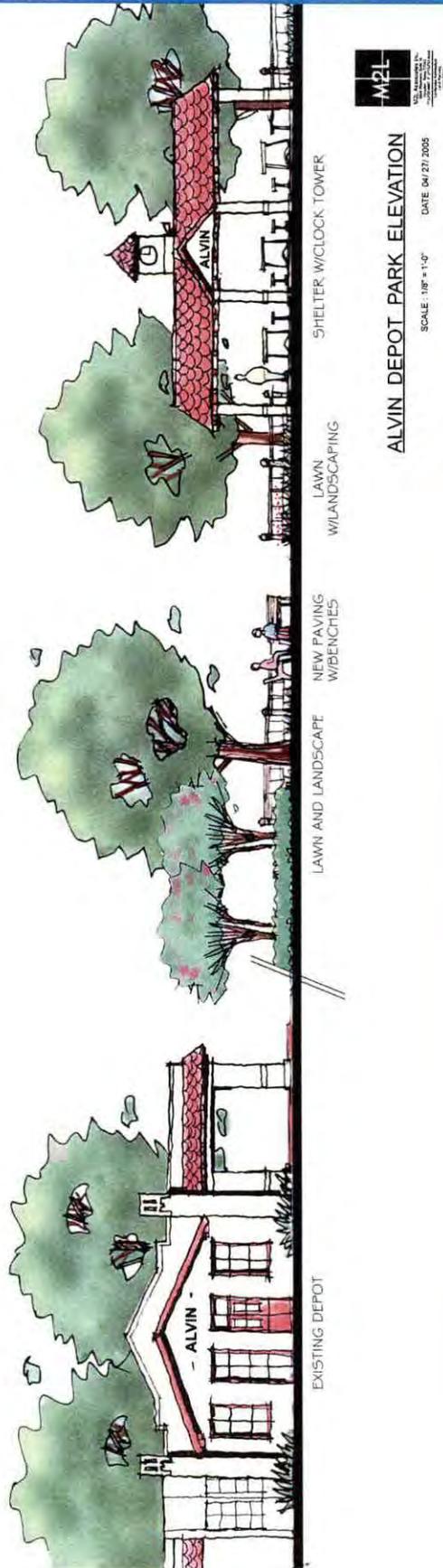


ALVIN DEPOT PARK SITE PLAN  
 SCALE 1" = 30'-0"  
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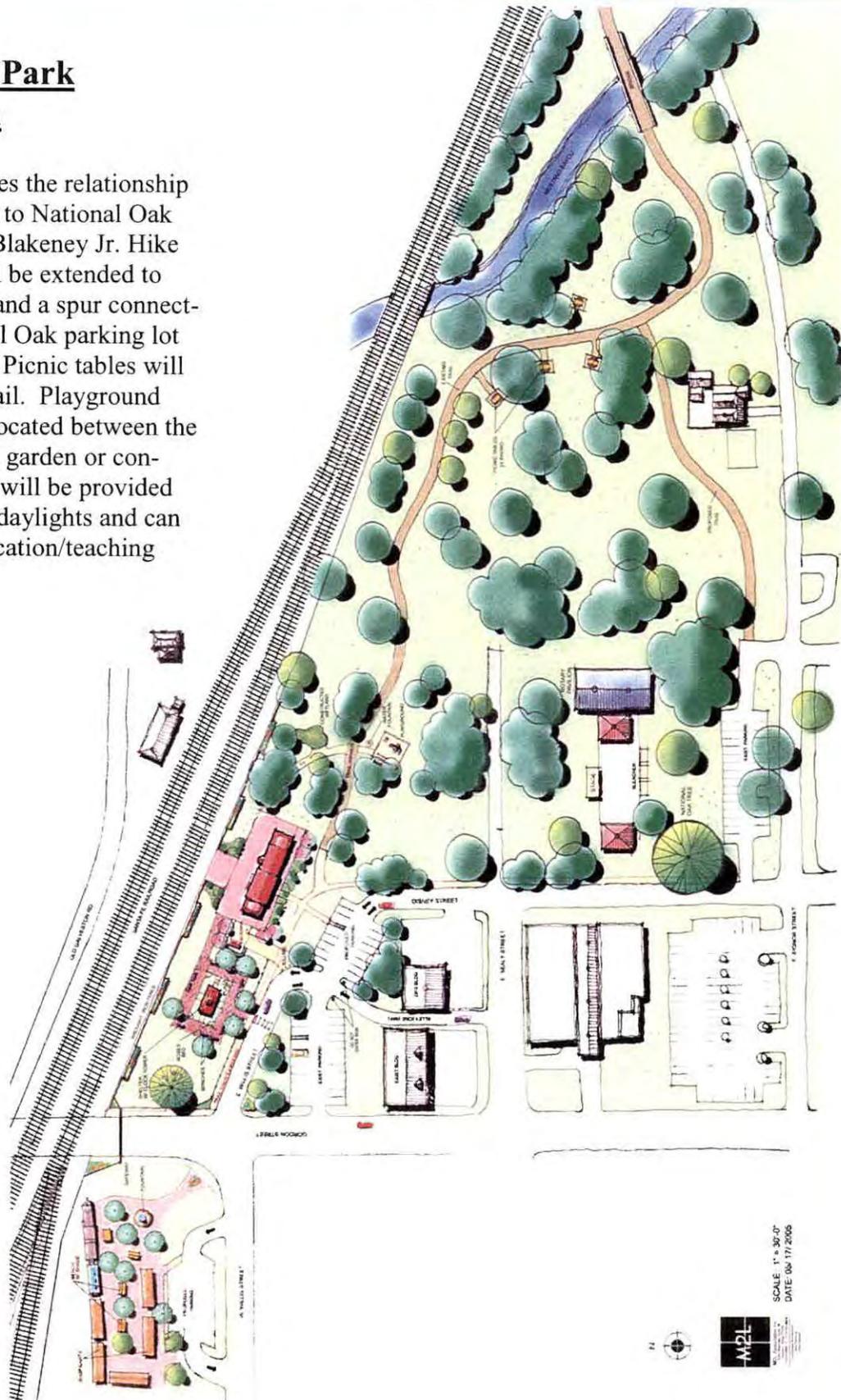
## Alvin Depot Park Elevation

To provide shelter for gatherings, future use for the potential return of passenger train, and further reinforce the identity and associated history of Alvin with the Railroad, the shelter illustrated to the right of the Depot will be provided. The architectural style and materials used will mimic that of the Depot. The shelter will also include a clock tower with clock faces on all sides. Landscaping is to include roses which are historic to this location.



**Alvin Depot Park**  
**Overall Plan**

This plan illustrates the relationship of the Depot Park to National Oak Park. The Tom Blakeney Jr. Hike and Bike trail will be extended to public sidewalks and a spur connecting to the National Oak parking lot will be provided. Picnic tables will be added to the trail. Playground structure will be located between the two parks. A rain garden or constructed wetlands will be provided where site runoff daylight and can be used as an education/teaching garden.



## DEMOGRAPHICS & PROJECTIONS

### Population Growth

In an effort to create a framework to guide the future development to the community, the City of Alvin along with citizen participation, developed a comprehensive master plan for Alvin named "The Crossroads Plan". As discussed in Chapter 2 "Community Snapshot" of "The Crossroads Plan", Alvin's population has increased an average of nearly 50 percent per decade with Brazoria County having an increase of an average of nearly 42% since 1930. Most significant growth for the City of Alvin occurred in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The diagram shown below illustrates Alvin and Brazoria County's growth from 1930 to 2000. The City's annual percentage change since 1930 has been as low as 11.4% in 2000 and as high as 104.3% in 1940. Alvin's population accounts for 9 percent of the county's total population and this percentage has remained steady over the past seven decades. The City's population as of the census in 2000 was 21,413. It is projected to be between 23,606 and 23,856 in the year 2010. (Population projections prepared by Guinn & Morrison, Attorneys at Law, 3703 West Waco Drive, Waco, Texas 76710). Although with the current increase in development, population very well could exceed this projection.

### HISTORICAL POPULATION, 1930 to 2000

YEAR	ALVIN			BRAZORIA COUNTY	
	PERSONS	% CHANGE	% COUNTY	PERSONS	% CHANGE
1930	1,511		6.60%	23,054	
1940	3,087	104.30%	11.40%	27,069	17.40%
1950	3,701	19.90%	8.00%	46,549	72%
1960	5,643	52.50%	7.40%	76,204	63.70%
1970	10,671	89.10%	9.90%	108,312	42.10%
1980	16,515	54.80%	9.70%	169,587	56.60%
1990	19,220	16.40%	10.00%	191,707	13.00%
2000	21,413	11.40%	8.90%	241,767	26.10%

### Ethnicity

The population breakdown according to the 2000 Census with regard to ethnicity is illustrated in the Chart below. There are no means of projecting the percentage of change expected with growth projection. The highest percentage of the 2000 population was white at 67.26% with the second highest ethnicity being Hispanic at 28.09%. Black ethnicity accounted for 2.23% with the remaining 2.42% of the population classifying itself as other.

## DEMOGRAPHICS & PROJECTIONS

Year 2000 ETHNICITY					
Ethnicity	White	Black	Other	Hispanic	Total
<b>Number</b>	14,402	478	519	6,014	21,413
<b>Percentage</b>	67.26%	2.23%	2.42%	28.09%	100%
<b>Total Minority</b>					7,011
<b>Total Minority %</b>					32.74%
Source: Guinn & Morrison, Attorneys at Law, 3703 West Waco Drive, Waco, Texas 76710, Redistricting Data for the City of Alvin, 8/14/2001.					

### Sex and Age

The population breakdown according to the 2000 Census with regard to sex and age are as follows. Of 21,413 total residents 10,516 or 49.11% are male with the remaining 10,897 or 50.89% female. Population by age is listed in 13 age brackets below with the highest percentage between 25 and 54 bringing the median age in years to 30.7.

Under 5 years	1892	8.84%
5 to 9 years	1813	8.47%
10 to 14 years	1629	7.61%
15 to 19 years	1695	7.92%
20 to 24 years	1712	8.00%
25 to 34 years	3309	15.45%
35 to 44 years	3233	15.10%
45 to 54 years	2438	11.39%
55 to 59 years	946	4.42%
60 to 64 years	739	3.45%
65 to 74 years	1112	5.19%
75 to 84 years	663	3.1%

## DEMOGRAPHICS & PROJECTIONS

### Income

As provided with the 2000 Census, the following comparison of the City of Alvin and the State of Texas illustrates the household income by age in 1999.

	ALVIN	TX
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY AGE (\$ IN 1999)		
	Number	Number
Median household income	\$ 38,576	\$ 39,927
Householder under 25	\$ 26,295	\$ 21,570
Householder 25-34	\$ 37,108	\$ 37,732
Householder 35-44	\$ 43,449	\$ 47,418
Householder 45-54	\$ 50,172	\$ 52,926
Householder 55-64	\$ 42,784	\$ 44,905
Householder 65-74	\$ 31,786	\$ 30,296
Householder 75 and older	\$ 20,492	

## DEMOGRAPHICS & PROJECTIONS

### Education

Education and school enrollment comparing the City of Alvin and the State of Texas are illustrated below as provided with the 2000 Census,

	ALVIN		TX
	Number	Pct	Number
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>			
Population 25 and older	12,863		12,790,893
	Number	Pct	Pct
High school graduates (includes equivalency)	3,734	29	24.8
Some college, or associate's degree	4,454	34.6	27.6
Bachelor's degree	1,178	9.2	15.6
Master's, professional or doctorate degree	548	4.3	7.6
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>			
	Number		Number
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	6,108		5,948,260
	Number	Pct	Pct
Preschool and kindergarten	793	13	12.4
Grades 1-12	4,079	66.8	67.4
College	1,236	20.2	20.2

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

These are the goals adopted by the Alvin Parks Board in 2005.

**GOAL:** Provide ADA accessibility for all Playgrounds.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Renovate or provide existing and future playgrounds that adhere to the appropriate local, state and federal guidelines, but not limited to ADA, the Handbook for public playgrounds safety, and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards for playground structures, accessibility, and safety fall surface

**GOAL:** Connect with Linkages or provide access to Natural Amenities from all of the City.

**OBJECTIVE:**

1. Expand the current Hike and Bike Trail.
2. Provide better community access to existing natural amenities, ie: Mustang Bayou, that currently do not exist.

**GOAL:** Develop After School and Summer Programs for youth utilizing current and AISD Facilities

**OBJECTIVE**

1. Offer fee based programs for youth after school (ie.: dance, arts, crafts, gymnastics etc.)
2. Provide gymnasium access for youth for after school and summer sessions.

**GOAL:** Develop Senior Programs utilizing current Park and Community Facilities

**OBJECTIVE**

1. Provide program for Adult only swim sessions.
2. Provide exercise , dance and craft classes for Seniors.
3. Improve ADA accessibility to park features, i.e. picnic benches, pavilions etc.

**GOAL:** Develop a Balanced Parks and Recreation Department that provides equal Opportunities for Recreational Activities throughout the Community.

**OBJECTIVE**

1. Improve existing parks that are under utilized.
2. Acquire additional parks for areas currently not serviced.
3. Provide better linkages to the entire parks and recreation system.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

**GOAL:** Manage and maintain parks in a manner which encourages their appropriate use.

**OBJECTIVE:**

1. Design parks that are durable and affordably maintained.
2. Add park personnel as needed with the addition of programs and facilities.
3. Ensure that park facilities are safe, secure and accessible to all individuals.
4. Acknowledge that parks and recreation needs evolve over time with changes in population characteristics.

## PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The process used to update this Parks Master Plans consisted of the three components listed below.:

1. Data Collection and Analysis
2. Plan Development
3. Plan Review and Adoption

### Data Collection and Analysis

1. Utilized City of Alvin Geographic Information System (G.I.S.)
2. Reviewed various planning document to include:
  - Alvin "Crossroads Plan"
  - Alvin 2003 Parks Master Plan
  - United States Census 2000
3. Researched City-wide demographics
4. Received public input through:
  - City wide distribution of parks and recreation questionnaire.
  - City Parks Board
  - Public vision meetings records for Alvin "Crossroads Plan", comprehensive master plan for the City of Alvin
5. Investigated all City of Alvin park facilities

### Plan Development

The Plan Development Phase included the following:

1. Establish goals and objectives addressing:
  - Park facilities
  - Park programs
  - Park planning and development
2. Prepare standard to identify park classification system and development guidelines.
3. Assess needs for park and recreation facilities using:
  - a. National Recreation and Park Associate standard-based criteria.
  - b. Demand based information from citizen input and parks questionnaire.

### Plan Review and Adoption

1. Presentation of the Plan to the Parks and Recreation Board and Quality of Life Committee.
2. Submitting the Plan to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff for their review and comment.
3. Presenting the Plan to the City Council for their review and official adoption.
4. Resubmitting the Plan to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for their final approval.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

In order to adequately address the recreational needs of the community in an efficient manner, it is important to classify the current parks and open spaces in the City of Alvin. Parks and open space classifications can be identified largely by their use and relationship to the community. A commonly used and accepted classification system is from the National Recreation and Parks Association ("NRPA"). Although the NRPA no longer recommends the use of their classification system as the sole guideline for determining the park and recreation needs of a community, their system is nonetheless a good benchmark from which to discuss the needs of the City of Alvin.

The NRPA parks and open space system identifies six types of parks. The classifications are as follows: mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, greenbelt parks, and special use parks. Of the six classifications in the NRPA system, the City of Alvin has four, neighborhood, linear, and community and regional parks.

### **Mini-Park**

#### **A. Function and Size**

Mini Parks are often less than an acre and serve local residents within on a one-fourth mile radius. Mini parks are frequently associated with specific neighborhood developments which are provided as part of the developer provided amenities which serve a small number of users. They often include "pocket parks" which can be expanded cul-de-sacs or medians and may only include park benches or small playground equipment.

#### **B. Development Standards and Criteria:**

Mini Parks should be located along existing trail systems or local roads where no vehicular parking is required. The parks are generally passive in nature and shall serve a wide range of age groups. Typical activities or amenities include, but are not limited to small playground structures, picnic tables and benches, trails and sidewalks, and shade in the form of mature trees or shade structures. With consideration to the maintenance required for these parks and the limited number of residents served by these parks, future development of these types of parks should be limited to future proposed neighborhood developments as part of the developer and builder agreements and not developed or maintained by the City.

### **Neighborhood Park**

#### **A. Function and Size**

Neighborhood Parks are the single most important park classification and when properly planned they provide a major cohesive influence on a community, especially when associated with local schools. They are between five and twenty-five acres in size with ten to fifteen acres being the optimal size. These parks serve the residential community within a one-half to three quarter mile radius which is considered a safe, comfortable walking distance for the average person. The Neighborhood park should be centrally located to provide the best access for the greatest number of residents.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

### **B. Development Standards and Criteria:**

In the development of neighborhood parks care should be taken to provide a wide range of activities from passive to active. A combination of large open, play areas and athletic fields combined with shaded, play and picnic areas is essential to maximize the recreational opportunities.

Play areas should include a variety of opportunities which could include, but are not limited to, playground structures, paved multipurpose courts for tennis, basketball or volleyball, picnic pavilions, barbecue grills, an open play field for soccer, football and baseball. Unlike the Community park or high school athletic fields, these fields should not be lighted or used for organized league play.

### **Community Park**

#### **A. Function and Size**

Community Parks range in size from twenty-five to just under one hundred –fifty acres and serve many neighborhoods. While Community parks have a variety of passive and active components, they are weighted heavily towards active components.

#### **B. Development Standards and Criteria:**

An important criteria for Community Parks is a central location both with respect to the neighborhoods it serves, as well as local and collector streets. In addition, adequate parking and public access is important.

### **Regional Park**

#### **A. Function and Size**

Regional Parks range from fifty acres in size to over one hundred and fifty acres. Community Parks range in size from twenty-five to just under one hundred –fifty acres and serve many neighborhoods. Regional parks while having a variety of passive and active components, are weighted heavily towards active components.

#### **B. Development Standards and Criteria:**

Regional Parks are generally developed in an area of existing natural beauty and its use revolves around taking advantage of these natural resources. These sites will generally be geared towards enhancing existing features for recreation purposes. Regional Park sites should be easily accessible from local street and collector systems as well as trail and bike-ways if possible. Although some of the same active recreational activities are provided in the Community Park, the Regional Park has an emphasis on the natural interaction of the sites resources and the preservation of those natural areas. Such activities include picnicking, boating, fishing, water, recreation, hiking and biking and nature centers.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

### **Parkways and Greenbelts**

#### **A. Function and Size**

As the name implies, Parkways and Greenbelts are linear in nature and are often associated with waterways, roadways, and utility corridors. This type of classification is extremely important to the overall park system providing important neighborhood linkages. These linkages serve as alternative transportation corridors for hiking, biking, and jogging. While the trail systems contained within the Parkways and Greenbelts may serve the local community they may be linked with more regional trail systems. The sizes and locations are dependent upon the available resources and commitment of the community to provide them.

#### **B. Development Standards and Criteria:**

Generally Parkways and Greenbelts are located along roadway systems and utility corridors, or even as part of regional and local drainage systems. Drainage corridors associated with natural rivers or other bodies of water with some aesthetic potential are good environments for parkways. Floodways are also suitable, provided may exit points are available to the user to prevent an unsafe condition during heavy rainfall. Security is also an important factor and should be an integral part of the design process. Elements such as lighting, signage and frequent views into the corridor from public streets are helpful and desirable design elements that can be incorporated into the overall plan.

### **Special Park Areas**

#### **A. Function and Size**

Special Use parks include a wide range of recreational facilities. Golf courses, country clubs, zoos, botanical gardens, wetlands interpretative centers, nature trails, marinas, senior centers, tennis complexes, urban parks amphitheaters, and community centers could all fall under this classification, however it is a park that offers a single activity. Special Use parks can be any size and located in any part of the community.

#### **B. Development Standards and Criteria:**

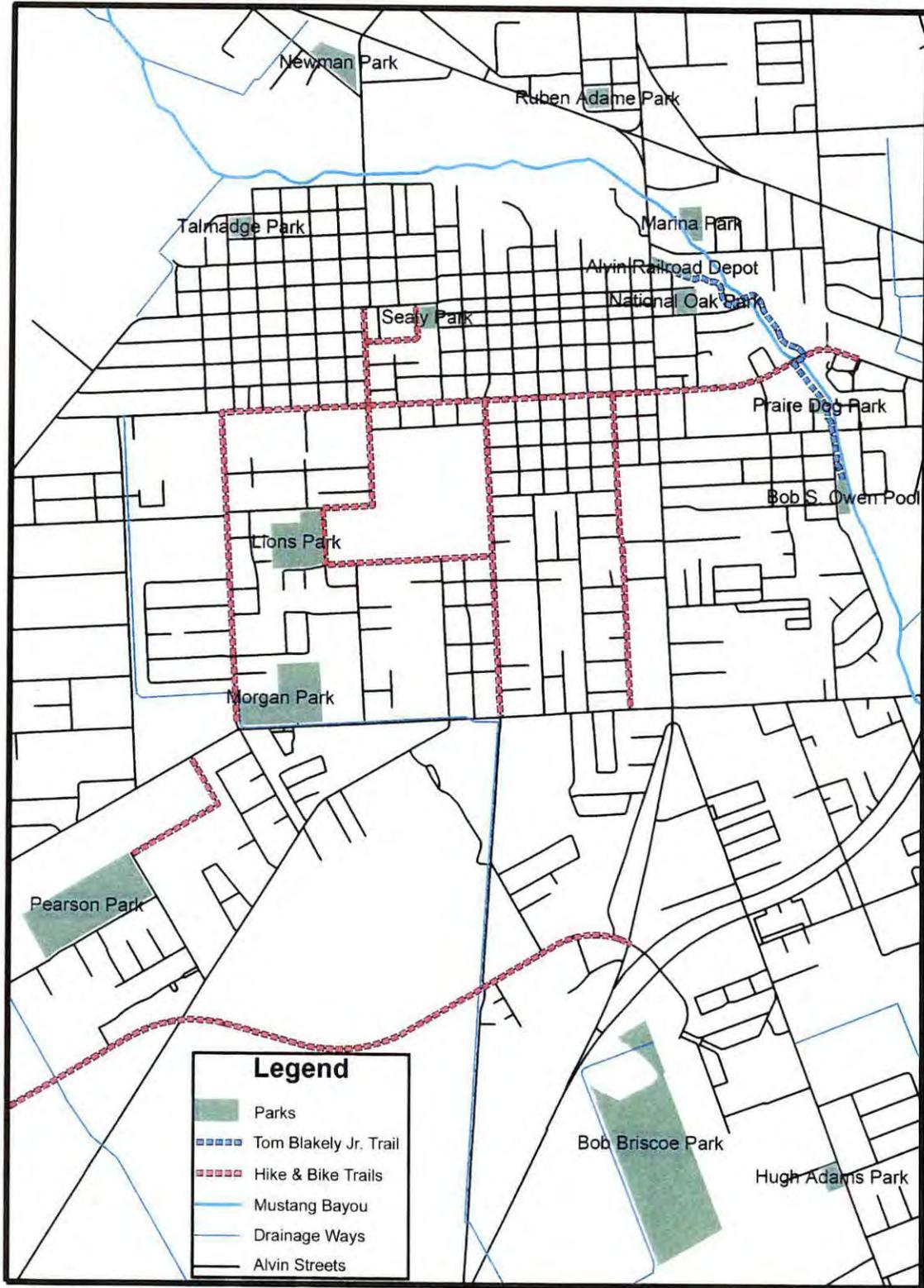
There are no specific standards or requirements for this type of facility. The community at large will provide the impedance for determining the need for a Special Use Park.

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

### PARK CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY CHART

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Size Area</u>	<u>Population Served</u>	<u>Typical Facilities</u>	<u>Potential Cost</u>
MINI PARK	¼ - ½ mile	1-2 AC	500-1500	Playground Lawn, Benches Special Feature	\$35,000- \$125,000
NEIGHBORHOOS PARK	½- ¾ mile	2-5 AC	1500-5000	Playground Picnic Shelters Athletic Fields Restroom, Minimal Parking, Multi- Purpose Courts	\$100,000- \$500,000
COMMUNITY PARK	2 mi radius	25-150 AC	1500-5000	Tennis, Sports Fields, Picnic Shelters, Restroom, Playground, Pools, Minimal Parking, Multi-Purpose Courts	\$500,000- \$5,500,000
REGIONAL PARK	10 mi radius	27-200 AC	Regional	Tennis, Boating Water Activities Lighted Athletic Fields, Swimming, Hiking, Biking, Nature Trails, Golf, Wetlands Area, Restrooms, Concessions, Parking	\$3,000,000 +
PARKWAYS & GREENBELTS	Community	NA	Community	Landscaping Trails, Benches Information Kiosk,	\$350,000 - \$500,000

# CITY OF ALVIN - CURRENT PARKS MASTER PLAN

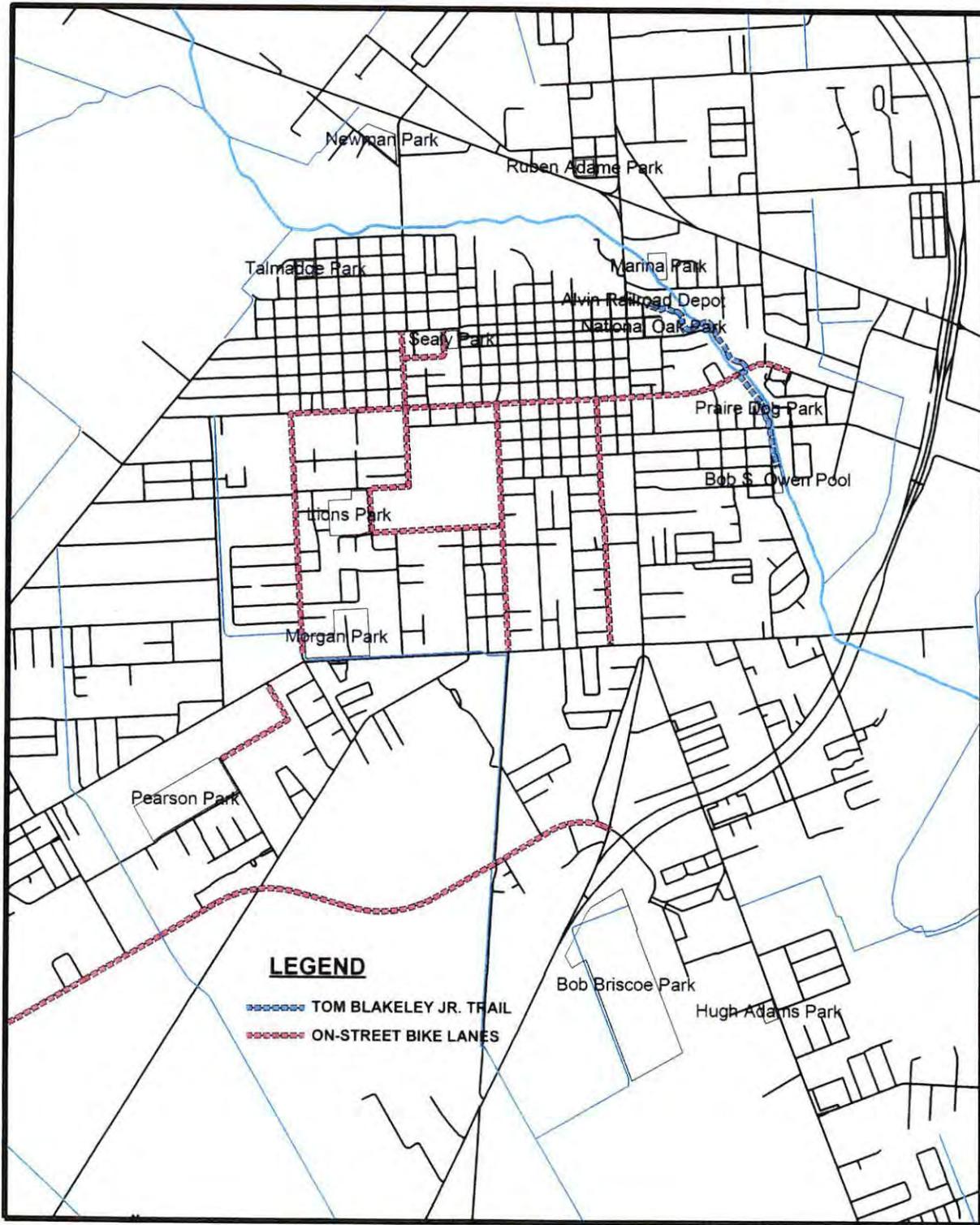


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# EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

## CITY OF ALVIN - TRAIL SYSTEM



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# EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

## • COMMUNITY PARKS •

### Bob Briscoe Park

**A. Function:**

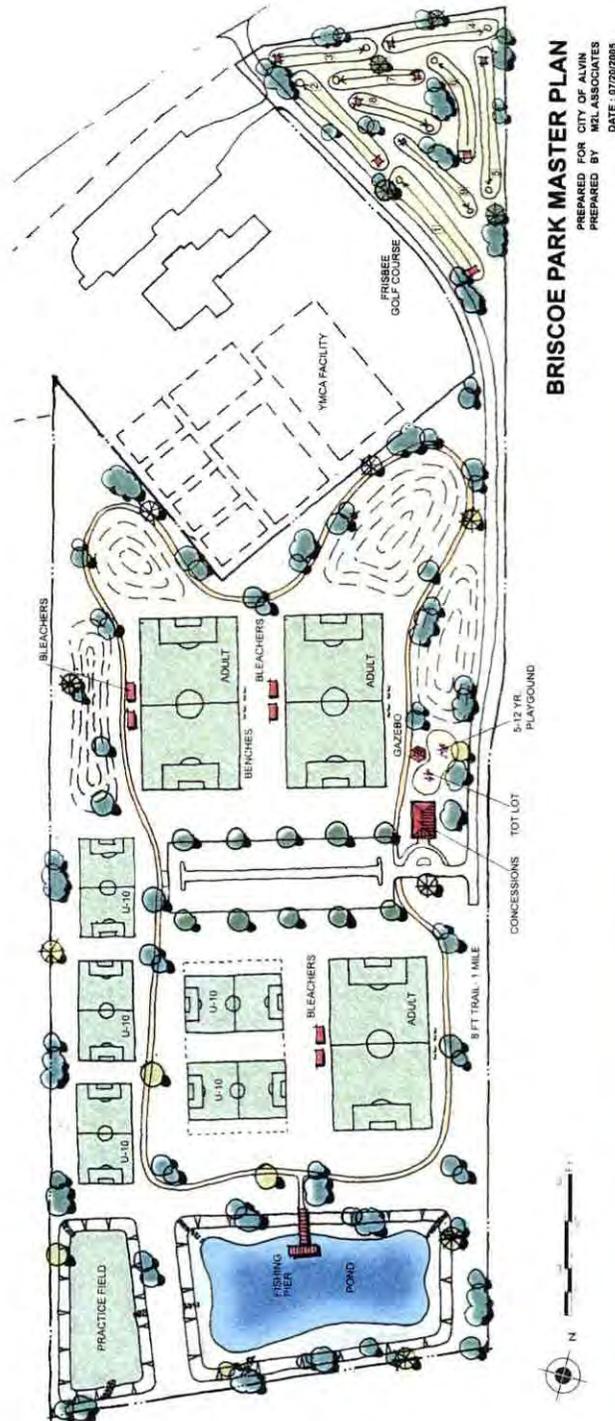
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**B. Opportunities:**

The park is adjacent to Alvin Community College (ACC). This location affords a great opportunity to link to both vehicular and pedestrian circulation systems on the ACC campus and to pedestrian/bicycle systems within the City.

**C. Recommendations:**

Due to the conveyance to the YMCA, accessibility to the site is limited. Utility availability to the site is poor and therefore will increase the cost of providing water and sewer to this park.



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## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### • COMMUNITY PARKS •

#### Hugh Adams Park

**A. Function:**

This 25 acre park located adjacent to Alvin Community College Campus (ACC) is the largest in this designation. This parkland is owned by ACC and is leased to the City of Alvin. The park has eight pavilions, a large playground, swings, slides, walking/jogging trail, 18 soccer fields, 1 football field, park benches, a drinking fountain and a parking lot.



**B. Opportunities:**

With exception to Bob Briscoe park currently being developed, this is the only park on this side of town. The park is adjacent to Alvin Community College (ACC). This location affords a great opportunity to link to pedestrian circulation systems on the ACC campus and therefore link to Bob Briscoe Park as well as to pedestrian/bicycle systems within the City.

**C. Recommendations:**

The playground does not meet the Handbook for Public Playgrounds Safety with regards to safety fall surface or ADA Accessibility. Parking is limited and asphalt paving is in need of repair. ACC is in the process of expanding their campus. At this time it is certain that the head-in parking will be lost, putting park traffic closer to the playground. Therefore the playground area should be screened or fenced for safety. The Park's Board capital improvement recommendations for 2004-2005 fiscal year budget. include the addition of concrete slabs for four existing pavilions, security lighting, the replacement of the swing set and park sign and parking lot overlay.

## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### • COMMUNITY PARKS •

#### **Pearson Park**

##### **A. Function:**

Located in the southwest area, Pearson Park totals 24 acres and is a multipurpose sports complex. This park contains rest-rooms, parking, drinking fountains, picnic tables, 5 pavilions, 9 multi-purpose lighted athletic fields, 2 concession stands, 2 tennis courts, playground equipment, swings and bleachers.



##### **B. Opportunities:**

Pearson Park has a wide user base which includes youth softball, youth soccer, youth football, and adult softball. Many patrons utilize the basketball and tennis courts, and the pavilions for family picnics and birthday parties. Pearson Park is the home of the Alvin Girls Softball League.

##### **C. Recommendations:**

Due to the high use of the sports fields, modification to the site grading is needed. Additionally the incorporation of irrigation systems will improve the turf coverage and durability to the high use. Sidewalks are broken and site furnishing are in disrepair and should be replaced. Perimeter security fencing is needed. Additional pavilions are needed as well as replacement picnic tables, swing sets and light fixtures. Shade coverings are needed for bleachers.

## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### • NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS •

#### National Oak Park

##### **A. Function:**

This 8 acre park is located in the downtown area adjacent to the Alvin Depot, and includes a portion of the Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail. National Oak Park is full of beautiful oak trees, a 40' x 80' pavilion, parking, drinking fountain, swings, 12 picnic tables, 2 covered pavilions and benches along a portion of the Tom Blakeney, Jr. Hike & Bike Trail.

##### **B. Opportunities:**

The park is the site for numerous festivals and community wide events. Adjacent to the Depot Park, Mustang Bayou and Tom Blakeney, Jr. Hike & Bike Trail, in aggregate can serve as a community park for the central business district.



##### **C. Recommendations:**

Though a portion of the hike and bike trail are contained in this site, there is no ADA accessibility to the trail. The current playground equipment is antiquated and lacks safe fall surfaces. A new playground facility with ADA access and safe fall surface is needed along with additional parking. With the decline of some of the Oak trees, plans to phase in new plantings of oak trees should be considered. Park and bike trail lighting is needed as well as security fencing along the rail road tracks to the bayou.

## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### • NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS •

#### Morgan Park

##### **A. Function:**

Located at 1500 West South Street, this 10 acre park includes one lighted adult softball field and one lighted youth field, playground, restrooms, parking lot, 2 sand volleyball courts, swings, slide, picnic tables, and plenty of beautiful oak trees.



##### **B. Opportunities:**

The ball field are widely uses and lighting allows for extended use. New bleachers have been recently added.

##### **C. Recommendations:**

The site is surrounded on two side by residents for which the sports net was needed to keep homerun balls from striking the adjacent neighborhood. Due to the high use of the fields, regrading and an irrigation system are needed along with two new scoreboards, replacement picnic tables, shade pavilions, new bleachers with concrete pads and shade coverings, and sidewalks.



## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### ● NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ●

#### Lions Park

**A. Function:**

This 7.5 acre park is located at 1060 College Drive is across from the Alvin High School. Lions Park has 7 multi-purpose athletic fields, (4 lighted fields), parking lot at Alvin High School, walking/jogging trail, and restrooms.

**B. Opportunities:**

The proximity of the park to the neighborhood allows for high use of the walking trail. This is the facility for the Alvin Little League program. Fields have been lit which enhances and extends their use.

**C. Recommendations:**

The site's close proximity to the residents can be imposing when fields lights are used in the evening. Security fencing along College and Stadium is needed. Additional athletic lights are needed for fields #3, #4, and #7. Due to the high use of the fields, re-grading and an irrigation system is needed for each field. A new playground facility should be provided and each field needs new score boards. . New bleachers are needed to meet safety standards and two should be provided per field along with shade coverings.



## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### • NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS •

#### Newman Park

**A. Function:**

Newman Park is a 2.5 acre park located at 1200 Newman Street. It has plenty of oak trees, playground equipment, swings, basketball court, covered pavilion, picnic tables, parking, drinking fountain, and a baseball athletic field with backstop .



**B. Opportunities:**

The park has good neighborhood access and well shaded areas surrounding the playground. Parking including handicap is provided. Athletic field used by youth groups. Pavilions have been re-roofed enhancing their appearance and extending their use.

**C. Recommendations:**

There is no ADA accessibility from the parking to the playground. Water fountain is not working. Has fewer picnic tables since last inventory. Walking trail or sidewalk is needed around the park.

#### Marina Park

**A. Function:**

This 2.65 acre park is located on Highway 6 behind Alvin Bowling Alley. This is a neighborhood park with a pavilion, swings, and large shade trees.



**B. Opportunities:**

The proximity of the park to Mustang Bayou may provide the opportunity to link the park to the Hike and Bike Trail.

**C. Recommendations:**

The site's accessibility limits use as well as maintenance. The location is bad for visibility and the ability of the police to patrol the park. The furnishings are decrepit and should be removed for safety. Consideration should be given to working with the Flood District and the possibility that this parcel would better serve the community in conjunction with improvements along Mustang Bayou for the purposes of flood control.

## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### •MINI PARKS •

#### Prairie Dog Park

##### **A. Function:**

This 1.1 acre park is located at 575 East Hathaway and is behind the Alvin EMS facility. The Park has playground, swings, picnic tables, and Hike & Bike Trail.



##### **B. Opportunities:**

Prairie Dog Park is located on the Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail providing linkage to other park facilities and neighborhoods. Existing trees and expansive views along the trail give the feel of a much larger park.

##### **C. Recommendations:**

While the park is located on a local street and the bike trail, it is hidden by the EMS facility. There is also no parking other than on-street parking. The Park's Board capital improvement recommendations for 2004-2005 fiscal year budget. include the addition a pavilion, security lighting for the bike trail, the replacement of the playground equipment.

#### Ruben Adame Park

##### **A. Function:**

Located at 801 Shaw Street off Highway 6, this 1.7 acre park includes swings, playground equipment, parking, pavilion, picnic tables, drinking fountain, walking trail, basketball court, and a baseball athletic field with a backstop.



##### **B. Opportunities:**

This facility is surrounded by residents and a church. It is the only park north of Highway 6. New picnic tables have recently been installed.

##### **C. Recommendations:**

While the parking is provided, it is in need of resurfacing. The basketball court should be enlarged and additional pavilions are needed for shade. Due to frequent vandalism and graffiti, consideration should be given to type and finishes of future equipment installations.

## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### •MINI PARKS •

#### Sealy Park

**A. Function:**

Sealy Park is a 1.7 acre park located at 206 South Durant Street. This park is shaded with beautiful trees, playground equipment, swings, picnic tables, basketball court and drinking fountain.



**B. Opportunities:**

This facility is surrounded by residents and shaded with mature trees. The Park is bordered on three sides by local streets. A recent additions includes a large play structure and picnic tables.

**C. Recommendations:**

ADA accessibility to the playground as well as a hard surface walking trail connecting the park facilities is recommended.

#### Talmadge Park

**A. Function:**

This 1.7 acre park is located at Talmadge and Sixth Streets. The park has a baseball field with a backstop and parking. New playground equipment was installed in January 2004.



**B. Opportunities:**

This facility is surrounded by residents and local streets on all four sides.

**C. Recommendations:**

While new playground equipment is a recent addition, there is no ADA accessibility. Replacement pavilions and picnic tables are needed,

## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### ● PARKWAYS & GREENBELTS ●

#### **Tom Blakeney, Jr Hike and Bike Trail**

**A. Function:**

The Tom Blakeney Jr. Hike and Bike Trail is located along Mustang Bayou and includes a wood and steel bridge over the Bayou. It consists of .75 miles of asphalt trail and 7.75 miles of street markings and sidewalk.

**B. Opportunities:**

This trail joins the City Park facilities and schools throughout the City. The trail traverses areas covered with beautiful oak trees and scenery along the Mustang Bayou.

**C. Recommendations:**

Due to the popularity of this trail, expansion of the trail is recommended and is currently in process.



## EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

### ●SPECIAL USE●

#### **Bob Owen Park**

##### **A. Function:**

The newly renovated pool is located on one acre at 919 Bayou Drive. The pool has been upgraded with several new amenities. 3 new tube slides, 3 shade pavilions, restroom facility, drinking fountains, new zero-depth spray-park, new decking to enjoy the sun.



##### **B. Opportunities:**

This facility is located on the Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail providing linkage to other park facilities and neighborhoods. Opportunity to provide multiple programs for the area specific to seniors, swim lessons, and private parties.

##### **C. Recommendations:**

While the park provides water activities not available elsewhere in the City, it is limited by its area and has no room for expansion. Sidewalk extension from House to Clemens along the pool is needed. It is recommended that an additional family aquatic facility should be planned for in the next five years with a more central location to accommodate future growth.

**EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY**

**Current Facilities Use Matrix**

Site	Location	Acres	Restroom	Covered Pavilion	Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Volleyball Courts	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Playcomplex	Walking/Jogging Trail	Bike Trail	Swimming Pool	Regular Parking	Handicap Parking	Electricity	Bleachers	Picnic Tables	Swings	Slides	Drinking Fountains
Bob Briscoe Park	919 Bayou Dr	62													yes	yes							
Bob S. Owen Pool	919 Bayou Dr	1	1	5											2	yes	yes		2	6		3	4
Alvin Depot/Citizens Park	119 E Willis St	1	1										1	1		yes	yes						
Hugh Adams Park	3502 Mustang	25		8		1	18				2	1	1		yes				8	1	1		
Lions Park	1060 College Dr	7.5	1		7	2 multi-purpose							1	1					10				
Marina Park	Hwy 6/Bowling Alley	2.7		1																	1		
Morgan Park	1500 W South St	10	1			2			2			1				yes	yes		4	4	1	1	
National Oak Park	310 E Sealy	8		4									1	1		yes			2	12	1		1
Newman Park	1200 Newman St	2.5		2	1 multi-purpose field				1			1				yes	yes			4	2	2	1
Pearson Park	2200 West Park Dr	24	3	5		8	3 multi-purpo		3	2	2	1				yes	yes		18	12	1	4	4
Prairie Dog Park	575 E Hathaway	1.1		1								1				no	no			3	1	3	1
Ruben Adame Park	801 Shaw St	1.7		1	1 multi-purpose field				1			1	1	1		yes				1	1	3	1
Sealy Park	206 S Durant	1.7								1		1				yes				6	2	3	1
Talmadge Park	Talmadge/Sixth	1.7			1 multi-purpose field											yes				3		1	
Tom Blakeney, Jr. Trail	Nat'l Oak Pk to Pool	.75 mi from NOP to City Pool																					
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>36</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>
Soccer	Hugh Adams, Pearson, Lions																						
Baseball	Hugh Adams, Lions, Newman, Pearson, Talmadge, Ruben Adame																						
Football	Lions, Pearson, Hugh Adams																						
Softball	Newman, Pearson, Talmadge, Lions, Morgan, Ruben Adame																						

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### PROCESS

The process of determining the current and future park and recreation facility needs was based upon the following data gathering and analysis tools.

1. Input from the Director of Parks and Recreation was solicited regarding current and potential future needs of the City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities.
2. Referencing of the National Recreation and Parks Association's classifications of parks and the service areas covered by each of the facilities identified. Each park in the City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Department was classified in one of these categories with an overlaying service outlined.
3. Community wide Parks and Recreation questionnaire was mailed to residents with their water bills. The questionnaire (which is tabulated in the accompanying index) was used to identify specific use patterns and indicate areas of high use or lack of use in order to determine future needs.
4. M2L Associates reviewed data and resource information provided by the City of Alvin to include other City guided processes that might influence the future needs of the community. The Alvin "Crossroads Plan" prepared by Lane Kendig, is a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Alvin. Over two hundred citizens participated in the community forum along with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee in which parks and recreation issues were identified.
5. Consultant review of natural resources and opportunities. The firm of M2L Associates reviewed the City's current resources, inspected each park and identified potential areas requiring additional facilities or improved accessibility.

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### CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NEEDS

The needs assessment process is the result of a combination of three methods to assess and identify park and recreation needs.

1. **Standard Based:** The National Parks and Recreation Association acreage based recommendations were used as a benchmark to determine the distribution and use of each existing park facility and to identify areas of the city that are underserved.
2. **Demand Based:** This methodology relies on public input through public meetings, questionnaires and direct solicitations of individuals, and groups that utilize the park facilities.
3. **Resource Based:** The City has numerous natural amenities and features which were explored to determine if there are correlating recreational opportunities and facilities which take advantage of these resources.

### STANDARD BASED

#### National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) STANDARDS (Acres per 1,000)

The following standards were based upon an estimated population of 21,413 according to the 2000 Census population.

<u>Type</u>	<u>NRPA Standard per 1,000</u>	<u>Recommended Acres Population 21,413</u>	<u>Current Alvin Acres</u>
Mini Park	N.A.	N.A.	8.2 Acres
Neighborhood Park	2.5	54 Acres	30.69 Acres
Community Park	5.0	107	111 Acres
Parkways Greenbelts	N.A.	N.A.	1.4 Acres
Special Use	N.A.	N.A.	0.00 Acres
		161 Acres	151.4 Acres

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### Specific Parks and Recreation Facilities (Acreage Based)

Listed below are the quantitative standards for individual recreational facilities proposed in 1990 by NRPA and TORP (Texas Outdoor Recreation Plan.).

<u>Facility Type</u>	<u>NRPA</u>	<u>TORP</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Current Alvin</u>
Competition Softball/Baseball	1:30,000	1:8,500	1	9
Competition Soccer Fields	1:10,000	1:13,200	2	4
Tennis Courts	1:2,000	1:2,600	10	2
Playgrounds	N/A	1:2,200	10	10
Community Centers	1:25,000	N/A	1	0
Swimming Pools	1:20,000	1:20,400	1	1
Golf Courses	1:50,000	1:109,000	0	0

### DEMAND BASED

Through park user questionnaires, meetings with the Parks and Recreation Director and Board, a more specific assessment of the current and future needs of the community is developed. While the Standards Based Analysis is objective in nature, the Demand Based Analysis is extremely subjective and addresses specific shortfalls in park activities and facilities. These shortfalls can be classified as either facility needs or program needs.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### Facility Needs

- Provide more and separate playground facilities distinguished by age. Toddlers are inadequately addressed.
- Expand hike and bike trails
- Lack of indoor gym facilities.
- The addition of a water park
- The addition of a skate park
- Restroom facilities at parks
- Community Recreational Facility
- Nature trails
- Heated swimming pool for winter use
- Safe parks and trails
- Additional swimming pool—west side
- More shade or shelters

### Program Needs

- More programs for teens other than athletics
- Increased opportunities for safe bicycling, hiking, and walking.
- Extended hours for pool facilities.
- Senior Exercise Programs
- Summer programs in the evening for working parents and their children
- Free swimming for residents
- Exercise programs day and evenings—include yoga

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### USER QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Background

User questionnaires were distributed by mail with the water bills. Total number of completed questionnaires returned were 345 representing 955 residents. Of those households responding, 9% are under 5 years of age; 13% are 5-13 years of age; 9% are 14-18 years of age; 6% are 19-24 years of age; 28% are 25-44 years of age; 24% are 45-64 years of age and 12% are 65 years or older. A copy of the questionnaire and tabulation of responses have been included as a part of this report.

#### Analysis

Of the 345 responses, 28 % felt the overall quality of the parks and recreation facilities are average and 54% felt they were above average with 18% of the respondents finding the facilities to be below average. During the past year the park facilities used the most were playgrounds hike/jogging/bike trails and the swimming pool.

The activities individual participated in included 29% walking/jogging, 17% bicycling, 16% nature walking, 16% fishing/canoeing, with 11% in both sunbathing and boating/jet skiing. During the past year, 51% participated in community events with 21% in recreation programs, 15% in athletic leagues and 15% in swim programs.

When asked if the City should provide more or less emphasis on specific activities, the respondents indicated that more emphasis should be placed on Security Lighting (85%), Recreation Center (72%), Water Playgrounds (72%), Pedestrian Trails (71%), Passive Natural Areas (63%), Park Benches (63%), Bicycle trails(62%), and Picnic Shelters (62%). Respondents indicated less emphasis for Boat Ramps.

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### Summary

1. How would you rate the overall quality of the City of Alvin's Parks and Recreation facilities?

Average									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1%	2%	5%	10%	28%	12%	17%	16%	4%	5%

2. How Many people live in your household?

Under 5 Years of Age	5-13	14-18	19-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total # in Household
9%	13%	9%	6%	28%	24%	12%	955

3. During the past year, how many people in your household have used/visited....

Fitness Centers 5%	Play-Grounds 12%	Cultural Events 6%	Picnic Area 9%	Softball Fields 3%	Nature Centers 4%	Basketball Courts 3%	Soccer Fields 3%
Competitive Swimming 1%	Swimming Pools 12%	Water Playgrounds 3%	Volleyball Courts 1%	Community Centers 4%	Walk/Jog Bike Trails 12%	Baseball Fields 3%	
Cardio/Vasc. Training 2%	Golf Courses 3%	Open Play Area 3%	Tennis Courts 2%	Recreation Centers 2%	In-Line Skating 0%	Skate board 1%	Football Fields 3%

4. During the last year, how many people in your household have gone....

Fishing/ Canoeing 16%	Walking/ Jogging 29%	Boating/ Jet skiing 11%	Nature Walking 16%	Bicycling 17%	Sunbathing 11%
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## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### Summary, cont.

5. During the past year, how many people in your household have participated in	Community Events	Recreation Programs	Swim Programs	Athletic Leagues
	51%	21%	13%	15%

*For questions 6, 7, and 9, the top five responses have been identified below. The entire responses of all questionnaires returned has been attached following this summary for your reference.*

**6. Please list other activities that your household would like to participate in , but cannot due to lack of facilities or inadequate facilities, or no city-sponsored events.**

Swimming programs (year round and evenings) , Recreation /Workout facilities, more extensive walking/bike trails, Fitness classes (all ages)

**7. Please list the closest facility to your house that you most frequently use for recreation (Doesn't have to be city owned). See list in question # 10.**

Pearson Park, Hugh Adams Park, Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail, Sealy Park and Morgan Park

**8. Do you think the City of Alvin needs to provide more or less emphasis on the following facilities in developing the City's future recreational master plan?**

	More	Less	Same
Swimming Pools	60%	2%	38%
Lighted Tennis Courts	49%	9%	42%
Playgrounds	61%	2%	37%
Water Playgrounds	72%	7%	22%
Pedestrian Trails	71%	2%	27%
Bicycling Trails	62%	3%	35%
Recreation Center	72%	2%	26%
Community Center	55%	4%	42%
Picnic Shelters/Areas	62%	1%	36%
Park Benches	63%	3%	34%
Passive/Natural Areas	63%	6%	31%
Landscaping	57%	5%	38%
Security Lighting	85%	0%	14%
Fishing Piers	50%	14%	36%
Lake Fountains	43%	20%	36%
Boat Ramps	29%	22%	49%

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### Summary, cont.

9. In developing the City's parks master plan, is there anything you would like to see incorporated into the plan or any comments you have concerning the City's Facilities programs?

More walking/biking trails, Day and Evening Exercise Programs, Swimming Pools, Lighting/security, Shade

10. During the last year, how many times have you visited the following City facilities?

Ruben Adame	94
Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail	987
Bob Briscoe	46
Alvin Depot	242
Hugh Adams	1975
Lions Park	293
Marina Park	25
Morgan Park	503
National Oak	579
Newman Oak	6
Pearson Park	937
Prairie Dog	1250
Sealy Park	357
Talmadge Park	6

The following pages provide all of the submitted responses to questions 6, 7, and 9. for Which the summary information above was based.

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### 6. Please list other activities that your household would like to participate in , but cannot due to lack of facilities or inadequate facilities, or no city-sponsored events.

- Need an indoor facility to practice cultural dances like, German, Dutch, Ballet, Folkloric, etc. to perform at cultural events.
- We would like to have a local gym.
- Indoor swimming, volleyball.
- Competitive swimming summer evenings.
- Nature centers, Water Playground, Open Play Areas. I don't mean to sound negative or critical. I've been on the Parks Board before & understand how much time & money it takes. We are more aware with a little one now the need Alvin has for good parks & we're concerned about the safety conditions especially @ Hugh Adams Park
- Would like skateboard & in-line skate area & gym.
- A water playground.
- I love being able to swim at Harby Jr. High. Lifeguards need to be on time.
- I would like to see the gang activity in this area more controlled along with loud-loud boom boxes and loud parties. Homes checked where they have been condemned with no utilities. Being inhabited by transients - falling down garages & afraid of wind & fire.
- Dance classes, kids activities, athletic lessons.
- Free lessons on Aerobics. Walking trails.
- More communal functions.
- Golf course and health work out facility or fitness center.
- Work out gym
- Evening water exercises.
- Winter swimming - no heated pools.
- Very interested that "The Y" will soon be open!
- Indoor swimming, recreation center
- No biking trails out here on 528. Dogs after you too.
- Would like to have a longer designated hike & bike trail. Also, more adult sports teams (i.e. basketball).
- Musical concerts - more swimming pools
- I would like to participate in lower property taxes.
- Women's softball - women's volleyball
- Competitive shooting, target practice
- A city dog park. Have to go to Houston to find one.
- Would probably visit more but do not know where facilities are located.
- Community centers for youth & teenagers - we need large buildings & game rooms for our youth to go to after school and during the summer.
- Fitness center available in a community center environment. Adult only.
- Will we have indoor basketball facilities available with the completion of the YMCA? Also a pool?
- Yoga classes - I am looking forward to the new YMCA being built & hope that daytime & evening classes will be offered. evening classes will be offered.
- Swimming for longer than city has allotted pool hours (May-Sept for instance).

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 6. (continued)

Fitness center - Alvin needs a gym.

City supported beautification of parks and special areas controlled by the city.

Majority do not have Spanish speakers.

Dance classes; evening fitness classes, aerobic

Senior events - free of charge

Men's softball - only one field available for play, parks dept. head does not seem interested in providing additional fields.

Look at Friendswood & League City & see the income generated by Adult Athletic programs.

We don't need any more parks - Just clean up this town & fix street signs. Too many times the city puts the cart before the horse - and please clean up & fix up the bayou.

Some pipes in it are in bad condition - also, some streets. I appreciate clean & good pressure on the water. Also, good sewer system here.

Annual festivals

Horse back riding trails area

Fitness Center

YMCA

Open swimming for adults (exercise). Time frames in the past have not been when I could participate.

Dog park facilities (as seen in Pearland, Bellaire, Clear Lake, etc.)

Just need a couple more swimming pools & longer hours open until 8:30 pm at least.

We have ATV's (4-wheelers) and would like to see an ATV park near Alvin. If they charged admission that would be O.K. ATV means All Terrain Vehicle.

Swimming lessons in Alvin.

Swimming in our area? Cards & game playing.

Swimming, Nature hikes

Dog Park

The City of Pearland has an outstanding amount of extra curricular activities. We could get many ideas from them.

Looking forward to the bike path opening - would love another multi-mile walking path.

Currently using ACC path.

Bicycling Trails

Mommy & Me programs for infants/toddlers.

Lack of good lighting limits use after dark - especially in summer when daytime heat restricts use. The park on Mustang has such poor drainage the playground is unusable after a rain.

Skateboarding facility

I do water aerobics now at Nash's, but I think it would be good to add. Why didn't you add to the deep end of the pool while doing work?

Fitness center that YMCA needs help with building.

BBQ's - No pits at Bob Owens

Rec Centers/Work-out facilities

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 6. (continued)

swimming, fitness centers, water playgrounds

Must go to Santa Fe. Alvin is always locked

Skateboard Park, cover facility for cheerleading events, Better stands for football games (ours are outdated)

More Hike and Bike trails, tennis courts

health club, more fishing sports, more teen activities or facilities targeted at teens, monthly Texas Hold em games.

The Raider's field is horrible. Everyone around such as Pearland, Ellington, Santa Fe says this. We have the worse field and bleachers! This is sad as much as we play.

More Hike and Bike trails

Please hurry and build YMCA it is good for families. (Children's activities and exercise for Adults) Also the City need to catch up tot this century and allow "Chili's" Restaurant to be built next to the Home Depot.

Fitness center with indoor track, pool and aerobic center.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 6. (continued)

Playground is un-usable after a rain.

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Swimming - there is not enough pools & the only one has inconvenient hours.

I would like to see a nature/conservation center that would encourage community participation.

Crafts classes; Exercise program

Yoga/Fitness center other than college

No convenient swimming pool for seniors on this side of town (Mustang Rd).

Need more light at night time. Especially in the jogging trail at ACC.

The area next to ACC is walking distance and we use that frequently (park and ACC track). A pool associated with the new YMCA center would be convenient and easy to use. I have only visited a couple of parks and have not actively participated or know all what Alvin offers - therefore my rating (1-10) would not be a knowledgeable one.

Horseshoes

Would love to have bike track and trail for road bikes and BMX bikes.

Need better community water facilities

Would Like more recreation programs

water sports

fishing

I would like to walk my child to school but there are no sidewalks and no stroller accessible walkways to Longfellow

YMCA

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Pearson Park  
Hugh Adams Park, National Oak Park, Tom Blakeney  
Resoft Park  
Senior Citizens  
City Pool  
ACC  
Alvin Community College Weight Room and Track  
24 Hour Fitness - Friendswood, TX  
ACC Track  
Sealy Park  
Hike and Bike Trail  
Pool  
YMCA - Pearland  
Pearson Park  
ACC Fitness Center & 24 Hour Fitness  
Sealy Park, Hugh Adams Park, National Oak Park  
High School  
Resoft Park  
Sealy Park  
Oak Tree Park  
Resoft Park  
Sealy Park - Needs bathroom facility!  
Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail, Alvin Depot Park  
AHS Campus, Resoft Park  
Sealy Park  
Sealy Park, Resoft Park  
Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail  
Hike and Bike Trail  
Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail  
Resoft Park  
Pedestrian Trails  
National Oak Park  
Resoft Park  
Resoft Park  
Park behind the EMS (?) to jog.  
One time a week - Alvin Senior Center  
Bob Owen City Pool  
Harby Jr. High  
Community Pool

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### 7. (continued)

City Pool

Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail

Sealy Park

Bike Trail

Walk/Bike Trail off Mustang Bayou

Swimming pool - fitness center

Sealy Park

ACC Walking Trail/4th of July Event

Blakeney Trail

National Oak Park

ACC, but have driven to Pearland & Friendswood to fitness centers.

Morgan Park

Lake Jackson Recreation Center

Sealy Park

Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail

Resoft Park

Newman Park

Jr. College

Pearland YMCA

Resoft Park

Ruben Adam Park

ACC

ACC

Sealy Park

Resoft Park

Alvin Community College

Morgan Park

Morgan Park

Park on Ryan Dr. by schools & baseball fields

Resoft Park

Pearson Park

Alvin Jr. High track

24 Hour Fitness, Running/Walking Trail at ACC

Alvin Community College Parks

Have only been to City pool in the last year.

Pearson Park

Hugh Adams Park

Lions Park (Walking), Morgan Park (Grandchildren play)

Hugh Adams Park

ACC Gym

Sealy Park

City sidewalks

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### 7. (continued)

Tom Blakeney Jr. Trail  
ACC Fitness Center  
Pearson Park  
Pearson Park  
Hugh Adams - National Oak Park - Morgan - Pearson Park  
Rotary Park, ACC  
Pearson Park or Morgan  
Pearson Park  
None. I go to Friendswood or Pearland.  
Resoft Park  
ACC walking track everyday  
Pearson Park  
24 Hour Fitness - Friendswood, TX; Brazos Bend State Park - Needville  
Resoft Park & Pearland YMCA  
ACC  
Resoft Park  
Resoft Park  
Lyons Park  
Challenger Park (natural trails)  
24 Hour Fitness; Morgan Park & Hugh Adams Park  
Alvin Jr. High  
Pearson Park  
Pearson Park or Morgan Park  
Tom Blakeney Trail  
Pearson Park  
ACC  
Tom Blakeney Trail  
ACC Track  
Pearson Park & Morgan Park  
Hugh Adams Park  
Hugh Adams Park, ACC College Track/Trail  
Hugh Adams Park & our church facilities  
Golf Course  
Streets of Alvin - walking  
24 Hour Fitness, League City Civic Center, Brazos Bend Hiking Trail  
Harby Pool, Resoft Park, Nolan Ryan Center, ACC Jogging Track  
Pearsons Park  
Alvin Jr. High Tennis Courts, AHS Tennis Courts  
Pearson Park (Closest); ACC Track (Use Most)  
ACC Track  
Resoft Park  
Tom Blakeney Jr., Hugh Adams, National Oak

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 7. (continued)

Sealy Park  
Hike and Bike Trail  
Sealy Park or Resoft Park  
Morgan Park  
Harby Jr. High, Alvin Jr. High - Swimming Pool  
Sealy Park - Pearson  
ACC Walking/Jogging Track  
ACC Track  
National Oak Park  
ACC & Hugh Adams  
ACC & Park  
Sealy Park  
Hugh Adams Park  
Alvin Junior High School Track & Tennis Facility  
National Oak Park  
Park on Sealy - Morgan Park & Park on Mustang by college  
Schroder Field walking track  
Jr. High Track  
Pearson Park  
Hugh Adams  
Pearson Park  
Pearson Park  
ACC Tennis & Gym & VB (need new net (sand) & a concrete court)  
No Response  
Hugh Adams Park  
Pearson Park  
Senior Center on Sealy Street - All senior activities  
Next to college  
Resoft County Park  
Hugh Adams Park  
Swimming pool, Morgan, ACC soccer fields, like lanes/bike trails.  
Morgan Park  
HJH Pool, Jogging Trail at ACC  
College Gym & Jogging Trail  
Senior Center  
24 Hour Fitness  
24 Hour Fitness  
Armand Bayou  
Bob Owens & Trail  
Hugh Adams  
Hugh Adams

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 7. (continued)

Hugh Adams Park, Sealy Park, Pearson Park, Monsanto Park  
College walking path  
Parks and tracks at schools.  
ACC Track  
Hugh Adams Park  
Hugh Adams Park/ACC Fitness Center  
Park at Mark Twain Primary  
Hugh Adams Park - need some more shade trees and light at night around 6pm.  
ACC Track  
City Pool & Bike Trail  
ACC - Walking/Jogging Trail  
ACC  
Senior Center  
Sealy Park  
Resoft Park  
ACC Track and Fitness Rooms  
Pearson Park  
Pearson Park  
Mustang Bayou Trail, Hugh Adams, Surfside Jetties Kemah Boardwalk, Nasa 7 Park,  
Bayou Wildlife Park  
Resoft park  
Pearson / Morgan  
Hugh Adams  
Pearson  
Hugh Adams  
Pearson & Swimming Pool  
Morgan Park & Passmore School grounds  
Mark Twain Primary & Prairie Dog Park  
School Ground & Schroder Field for baseball practice and games  
Hugh Adams  
Resoft Park  
ACC Fitness Center  
Jack Brook's Arena, Brazos Bend State Park  
ACC Walking Trail  
Morgan Park  
Tom Blakely Trail  
Chocolate Bayou, Gulf, Oyster Creek & Bastrop Bayou for fishing.  
Walking on City Streets, AISD Elementary School on Rosharon Rd.  
ACC track / walk daily  
ACC & Hugh Adams  
Bike Trail, Pool  
Hugh Adams  
Park on Highway 35 by the tax office and Briscoe Park

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 9. In developing the City's parks master plan, is there anything you would like to see incorporated into the plan or any comments you have concerning the City's Facilities programs?

More lighting at Lions Park

More water areas to float canoes or do paddle boats

More real nice restaurants - Red Lobster and Zeos

Definitely more bike trails for family bike rides that are longer than 2 minutes from one end to another!

More Advertisement on what to do and where.

Please, no more soccer fields!

Have programs in the evening for the working class family.

More shelter areas at parks.

More attractive downtown area to encourage visitors and businesses.

Events/Activities in the evenings.

More bike paths/lanes for safe riding; additional swimming pools; improvements to existing park facilities.

A dog park, so we don't have to drive up to the Millie Bush Dog Park in Houston routinely.

Working water fountains. Clean bathrooms with soap!

Better drainage.

More scenic, more landscaping.

More places for children.

Swimming pools to be kept up and water temp. better maintained.

Pearland has a great list of programs, lots of choice & low cost - would like to see that here.

There is no need to let the city pool lie dormant nine months out of the year while the schools beg for money to build pools. And put a pool on the West side.

Walking trails well maintained but in the summer problem is mosquitoes. Maybe spray for mosquitoes more often.

More walking trails, heated pools for winter exercise.

Bathrooms with changing tables & more playgrounds.

We do not need anything else - most of the recreation places are not used.

Covered park benches on Tom Blakeney Trail

For 5 years we have asked for a walk trail and are always told can not include in budget.

Called the mayor XI no answer returned.

A closed (or ?) for group picnics.

I am looking forward to using the new YMCA swimming pool when it is built.

Bicycle convenience roads or paths

You need gazebo's for a possibility of a band for parties or a wedding.

Your contract with Junior (Harley) High is a very good plan for swimmers; i.e. seniors.

More publicity about events - a park guide given to all residents would be helpful.

I would like to see more activities for teenage children (14-17). I would also like to see existing parks & the play equipment maintained on a regular basis.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 9. (continued)

A recreation facility like Lake Jackson would be nice.

We need more lighting and security measures at all our parks and public gathering places.  
We need more programs for our youth & teenagers to participate in.

Hiking Club

Better pool hours - Most Houston pools are closed on Mondays for cleaning, but are open daily 11-9.

An all weather walking trail in the Alvin Junior High vicinity.

Picnic benches & tables; Trees

Exercise classes both daytime & evening for older women - 55+ up - especially yoga classes!

Pleasant, safe places to walk.

New recreation center w/swimming pool and quality up-to-date work-out equipment.

More nature walking paths.

I have noticed the progress. Keep up the good work. City pool, bike lanes, trails.

Bayou could become Alvin's "River Walk". As well as excellent area for teaching young people the lasting pleasure of maintaining an area of lasting beauty as well as a place to fish. It is an excellent area to teach the art of fly fishing. I have used it for many years.

Enough ball fields!

Handicapped facilities - canes, wheelchair, crutch, blind, deaf, accessible

More adult softball fields - less soccer fields.

How about some decent sized trees at the parks you have? Resoft Park is nice, but where are the trees?

Keep them updated like you have been doing!

I do not think that we effectively communicate our parks program because our parks/rec programs are just average. We have come a long way to improve them  
& we have a long way to go.

Golf course needs to be cleaned up more, big piles of tree limbs are in middle of

Competition swimming pool

Public restrooms in our parks

Bluegrass concerts or any kind of concerts. Hiking trail.

Better lighting on walking trails & surveillance cameras on walking & bike trails - lots of us would walk after dark when it's cooler if it were safe.

Only water fountains & bathrooms & it taken care of (?). I know it's hard because people don't appreciate it!

Better swimming program for kids. It cost too much - swim team (summer).

More and longer bicycling trails where you do not have to be on the road with automobiles and lighted walking/jogging trails.

Miniature golf; Skateboarding

More space (playground), more picnic areas, lights, playgrounds to choose from.

Dog Park, Nature Trails

Clean restrooms

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 9. (continued)

More outdoor equipment for preschoolers (2-5 yr. old).

More family oriented - less organized sports.

A skateboard park would keep kids out of trouble & off of private property.

More walking tracks & playground areas for children. Make baseball facilities @ Lions Park & Pearson more readily accessible to other organizations than the ones that are currently using them.

Boat Ramps

Would like to see city involve scouts in workshops to earn badges or community service.

It would be nice if prices were cheap.

As stated on question #1 - more bathroom facilities; more lighting on the hiking trails.

More swimming pools (indoor and outdoor)

I would like to see parks restored. I don't think we need any more. Maybe some upgrades on the older ones.

Need big trees for shade and more light. Especially around pedestrian/jogging trails.

Would appreciate swimming apparel mandates enforced at City Pool. It is disgusting to see swimmers in their street clothes with underwear showing in pool with

children. See many women my age in pool in street clothes, seeing their underpants & bras even showing under their street clothes. City pool should not be their bath.

Like more fishing activities at city ponds/lakes. Xeric landscaping, nature corridors for birds/wildlife.

I like parks that have more shade (like the Sealy St. Park) it's so hot in the summer!

Safe parks and trails!

Buy Lake @ Nelson & Jebson & convey to park. Expand Mustang Bayou Trail to 35 & Hwy 6 or 2nd Street.

Would like to see a water park, would be wonderful

Traffic safety for pedestrians and cyclists. You have made a great start

Neighborhood parks so parents aren't required to drive.

The City has very few sidewalks in the neighborhoods. That coupled with unmonitored school zones puts my child's life in danger everyday. She has to walk to school on a road with parents racing late students to school.

Security or cops driving by every once and awhile.

Horse trails

Lighted walking trails

Less monies on grand design consultant studies and more monies on the ground for nature centers, not all focused on organized youth sports some focus on older citizens.

More Shade, and anything that would help keep mosquitoes away.

There are a lot of people using your facilities. That I have heard complain of no restrooms

New subdivisions should have hike trails around the edges.

When kids are involved in activities, they get into less trouble. (They feel like they belong to something and fit-in - they have less idle time).

Gymnastics @ the YMCA would be awesome!

When is the YMCA being built?

**CITY OF ALVIN  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
3/31/2005**

		<b>1999-2005 TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1999-2005 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BALANCES BEFORE ENCUMBRANCES</b>	<b>3/31/2005 ENCUMBRANCES</b>	<b>Adjustments: Transfers</b>	<b>3/31/2005 BALANCES</b>
<b>DEPOT RESTORATION</b>							
604	Depot Restoration	301,123.89	185,488.56	115,635.33	9,714.00		105,921.33
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>301,123.89</b>	<b>185,488.56</b>	<b>115,635.33</b>	<b>9,714.00</b>		<b>105,921.33</b>
<b>PARKS PROJECTS</b>							
205	National Oak Park-Land Purchase	150,188.00	112,337.21	37,851.39			37,851.39
500	Site Development-62 acres	650,000.00	89,405.73	560,994.27	606,352.61	29,574.00	(15,784.34)
510	National Oak Park	19,811.40	19,811.40	0.00			0.00
527	Morgan Park Restrooms	115,000.00	69,589.57	45,610.43			45,610.43
543	Bob Owen Pool Rehabilitation	874,272.20	760,995.11	113,367.09			113,367.09
545	Tom Blacency Jr. Trail	14,000.00	12,325.00	1,675.00			1,675.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,823,272.20</b>	<b>1,063,774.02</b>	<b>759,496.18</b>	<b>606,352.61</b>	<b>29,574.00</b>	<b>182,719.57</b>
<b>MUSTANG BAYOU HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL</b>							
605	Trail Construction	309,491.64	229,491.64	300,000.00			300,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>309,491.64</b>	<b>229,491.64</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>300,000.00</b>
<b>MUSEUM</b>							
025	Old Post Office Improvements	405,130.82	404,874.63	256.19			256.19
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>405,130.82</b>	<b>404,874.63</b>	<b>256.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>256.19</b>

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

### **FUNDING**

To successfully implement this Parks and Recreation Master Plan, multiple funding sources are available. The City of Alvin 2005-2006 budget can only accommodate current facilities and maintenance. With exception to additional sales tax revenue from the growing retail outlets, longer term budget needs will require support from state and federal organizations, as well as local private support.

### **Usage Fees**

The City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Department will need to review current assessments of residents, as well as outside organized athletic leagues, to determine if these fees are appropriate for the level of use. If deemed feasible, additional fees and assessments could be levied or increased to provide additional funding sources for park improvements.

### **State Funding**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers a 50% - 50% matching grant program which can be used by local municipalities for the acquisition and development of parks and open space. A maximum of \$500,000 in state funds is available and one application per review cycle which occurs once yearly. There are limitations to the types of improvements that can be funded by this program.

### **Federal Funding**

The Texas Department of Transportation has funding available through a federally funded programs known as State Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP). For a project to be eligible it must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system (either by function or impact). This is a cost reimbursement program of up to 80% of allowable costs. At least 20% of allowable costs must be paid by a public authority, as the local funding match. This program has a new call for projects in April 2006, however there can be several years between the time of the submittal and the point at which funds can actually be dispersed.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### **FUNDING, cont.**

#### **Private/Corporate Donations:**

The Master Plan should be presented to local businesses and industries to solicit support for the implementation of the plan. Other sources could include foundations and private individuals. A non-profit Alvin Park Foundation should be established to accept funds from foundation that do not donate to government agencies.

#### **Bonds:**

The City of Alvin should consider selling a bond to help finance development of projects recommended in this Parks Master Plan.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### LAND ACQUISITION

In order to build an exemplary park system to meet the needs of a growing city, it is essential to have the means by which to acquire park land and then develop facilities as they are needed. With park land acquired, the opportunity to provide facilities to a specific area is no longer an issue, merely the timing of when it can occur and how it should be developed.

Land acquisition can be implemented by one of the following means:

1. Fee simple purchase
2. Donation by individuals or developers
3. Park dedication ordinance.

Typically the funding for fee simple land acquisition comes from bonds or grants. A park dedication ordinance is incorporated into the subdivision development ordinance and becomes a part of the subdivision development approval process. Park land is dedicated at a specified ration to the number of dwelling units or monetary contributions in lieu of land for new park is provided. The City of Alvin has adopted a park dedication ordinance that requires the provision of 1 acre / 100 dwelling units. Fees can be paid in lieu of land dedication and will be at a rate of \$150 per unit beginning July 2006 to be increased to \$300 per unit in July 2007.

In a growing City, it is most important to acquire significant acreage for future neighborhood and community parks for generations to come. Once all the prime land is developed, there is little quality land remaining for parks.

## IMPLEMENTATION

**Parks and Recreation Unfunded Budget Request  
(Items for Potential Bond, not in current CIP)  
Approved by Park & Recreation Board on February 23, 2006**

**1. Pearson**

Sprinkler system (9) fields	\$	44,100.00
Replacement score boards (4)	\$	18,458.00
Additional pavilions	\$	5,000.00
Replacement picnic tables 15 @ \$500 ea	\$	7,500.00
Replacement swing sets	\$	15,000.00
Replacement of old light fixtures 480w/1500 w	\$	93,600.00
Shade coverings over bleachers/decking (8 fields)	\$	82,960.00
Replace various broken sidewalks throughout park	\$	4,160.00

**2. Morgan Park**

Concrete bleacher pads/ADA sidewalks (4)	\$	2,200.00
Sprinkler system (2) fields	\$	12,600.00
Score boards (2)	\$	6,850.00
Replacement picnic tables 4 @ \$500 ea	\$	2,000.00
Replacement playground equipment	\$	45,000.00
Replacement shade pavilions (10 x 20)	\$	5,000.00
Shade coverings over dugouts on Field # 2	\$	1,400.00

**3. Lions Park**

New bleachers (14) to meet safety standard	\$	39,610.00
Sprinkler system (7) fields	\$	38,600.00
Shade coverings over bleachers/decking (7 fields)	\$	72,590.00

**4. Newman Park (CDBG eligible)**

Park sign	\$	4,885.00
Walking trail or sidewalks around the park 6' width	\$	20,350.00 *

**5. Hugh Adams Park (CDBG eligible)**

Place concrete slabs under existing pavilions (4)	\$	1,500.00
Park Sign	\$	4,885.00
Security lighting (10) 1000/1500 watt	\$	10,000.00
Replacement swing sets	\$	15,000.00
Head in paved parking	\$	N/A *

**IMPLEMENTATION**

**6. Prairie Dog Park**

Park sign	\$	4,885.00	
Replacement pavilion	\$	5,000.00	
Replacement playground equipment	\$	30,000.00	

**7. National Oak Park**

Park sign	\$	4,885.00	
Parking lot resurface	\$	16,500.00	
Replacement playground equipment/swings	\$	75,000.00	(Grant)
Pavilion	\$	15,000.00	(Grant)
Bike trail/park security lighting	\$	175,000.00	(Grant)
Additional security fencing along R x R tracks to bayou	\$	7,500.00	(Grant)

**8. Sealy Park**

Park sign	\$	4,885.00	
Replacement pavilions (2)	\$	40,000.00	
Replacement swing sets	\$	15,000.00	

**9. Talmadge Park**

Park sign	\$	3,500.00	
Replacement pavilions	\$	15,000.00	
Replacement picnic tables \$500 ea	\$	3,000.00	

**10. Ruben Adame (CDBG eligible)**

Enlarge basketball court	\$	2,500.00	*
Asphalt parking lot	\$	4,300.00	*
Replacement swing sets	\$	15,000.00	
Additional pavilions	\$	15,000.00	

**11. Briscoe Park** \$ 809,160.00

\* Park Board recommended for CDBG funding

## IMPLEMENTATION

### Prioritized Needs

Listed below are the priorities with proposed timeline.

1. Complete the development of Briscoe Park 2007
2. Construct a walking trail in Newman Park 2007
3. Construct a Parking lot at Ruben Adame Park 2007
4. Expand the Hike and Bike Trail 2007-2008
5. Improve ADA Accessibility in Parks on-going
6. Develop an after school/evening recreation program 2008
7. Complete the development of Depot and National Oaks Parks 2009
8. Procure land for future parks, based on new Park Dedication Ordinance. 2006-ongoing
9. Development of New Parks based on Land Acquisition 2009-2016