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FISCAL and VISION NOTES

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff
DATE: December 14, 2010
RE: Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in City Owned Parks



City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply:	
\$0	City's current net FY cost.
\$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
\$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
\$0	Estimated 2 yr net costs:
\$0	One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
Program Impact:	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
Resources Required:	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
Mandates:	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)
Vision Implementation Impact Enter Below All That Applies: Refer to Website:	
y	Vision Impact? (Y/N or if N, go no farther)
Item #3 Community Facility and Services	Primary Vision Statement, Goal, and/or Strategy Item#
Item #12 Parks, Recreation, and Greenways	Secondary Vision Statement, Goal, and/or Strategy Item#
Task #	FY10/FY11 Implementation Task#

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared a report describing the issues surrounding the consumption of alcoholic beverages by transient individuals in city owned parks; specifically, Paquin Park, Flatbranch Park, and the North Village Park.

DISCUSSION:

The Downtown Unit has received a large number of citizen and business owner complaints concerning intoxicated and/or passed out transient individuals in the downtown area.

The Downtown Unit has taken proactive enforcement to address the complaints surrounding the behavior of transient individuals consuming alcohol in these three city owned parks. To date, enforcement measures have proven unsuccessful; therefore, staff is proposing Council adopt an ordinance to limit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the three parks mentioned above to "by permit only". For special events, such as RBBBQ Festival, the event organizer could request a permit to allow alcohol through the Park's and Recreation Department's special use permit process.

Representatives of the SBD, Parks and Recreation Department, Columbia Housing Authority, the Parks and Recreation Commission and local businesses are supportive of an ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal cost to install signage.

VISION IMPACT:

The proposed ordinance fulfills the goal (3.3) of providing a safe and secure environment for the public while reducing crime and substance abuse. In addition, the proposed ordinance provides a network of attractive and safe parks and recreational amenities.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Council motion directing staff to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the following city owned parks: Paquin Park, Flatbranch Park, and the North Village Park.