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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

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Subject: Future Planning for Troy Trails

Past and recent survey results continue to place recreational trails as one of the most desired amenities from constituents. The City of Troy is attempting to meet these demands through the installation of trails through natural areas of the city and appropriate significant funding in the current and future budgets. On May 11, 2021, the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff officially acknowledged Phase 2 of the Troy Trails, which is a trail through Sylvan Glen Lake Park. Additionally, Phase 3 of the Troy Trails is currently being designed, which will connect neighborhoods to Jaycee Park while highlighting its natural features. Through the community engagement process for Phase 3 there were several comments indicating a desire for a larger plan that would connect the different phases and ultimately connect to a regional trail.

During the Budget Study Session, there was discussion of how to appropriately plan the Troy Trails through the City of Troy. City Staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the city to solicit a consultant that has expertise in trail placement. Through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process we will ask interested consultants to exhibit qualities that demonstrates the ability to place trails in a community that is well established. The required qualifications will also require the consultant to demonstrate its ability to engage the community to determine the trails will meet the needs of the community with the least amount of concerns.

The new Trails Plan will be different than the 2009 Trails and Pathway Master Plan as it will have a larger concentration on recreational trails rather than a non-motorized transportation approach. The new plan will also contemplate lessons learned over the last several years as City Staff attempted to install trails throughout the city. We anticipate the consultant will have the expertise in community engagement to determine the benefits of a citizen driven Trails Board. If it is recommended we establish a board, we will ensure to include those that have participated in the past.