

Comments to the “Community & Economic Development (CED) Committee regarding agenda item (d) 5: “Development Fee Framework Status Report by L. Ames, 4/22/24

Hi, I’m Larry Ames, one of many park supporters.

Hope you got to see our letter.

We appreciate your efforts to create a framework to make fees easier for developers to understand and budget for, but you need to consider the impact on the residents as well.

The fees fund various services and departments: planning; streets & traffic – and parks & rec.

Parks are important to us in the community!

Park funding is already inadequate to provide needed services & maintenance;

and we hear talk of freezing or waiving fees:

that may “simplify” fees and make the developers happy, but it wouldn’t spur more development – it’s trivial w.r.t. other costs such as land, labor, materials, & finance.

We hope you’ll restart the Park Fee Study Taskforce and consider their recommendations.

Without parks, you don’t have an inviting city.

We look forward to working with you to assure appropriate support for our parks for a vibrant city!

Thanks!