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# CITY of NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

August 14, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Fuerst Park Update

**SUBMITTED BY:** Tracie Ringle, Communications & Resource Development Supervisor

**PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY DIRECTORS APPROVAL:**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City requested proposals for design services including site plans and construction drawings for the initial phase of Fuerst Park. Proposals were to take into account the community's input and the thoughts of City Council and Staff, identified through the Master Plan process implemented by McKenna Associates.

The expectations or objectives of the park are as follows:

- Daily passive use by walkers/bikers, etc.
- Opportunities for connection with library patrons (pathways, etc.)
- Opportunities for recreation programming for Library and City to accommodate a range of 5-5,000 people.
- Small performing arts stage
- A historical/agriculture design concept utilizing stone saved from previous structures
- A cohesive flow into the Novi Library/Civic Center Campus

The Initial Development Components (included in FY 08/09 budget) to be presented in the plan are:

- Creation of a gateway plaza at the northwest corner of the property
- Development of pathways
- Landscaping
- Development of a small performing arts stage
- Relocation of Township Hall to the Fuerst Park (grading and landscaping)

Staff is currently reviewing the proposals using the Qualifications Based System to select a design firm and will make a recommendation at the August 25, 2008 Council meeting. A revised conceptual design will be provided in late September and there will be an opportunity for public input at the October 9, 2008 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission meeting. A final plan will be presented to Council for approval in late October. Construction will begin in April and completed in July, 2009.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None Applicable

