

Memo

To: City Council
From: Park Advisory Board
Date: September 16, 2019
Re: Smoking in Timepiece Park

As requested, at the Park Advisory Board meeting on September 10, 2019, the Board discussed the City's policy regarding smoking in the parks. Following is a summary of the discussion and recommendation of the Board.

The issue of smoking in parks was previously discussed by the Board in 2013 and 2018. That discussion led to the recommendation that can be found in Council Policy 2017-2. The Policy states that "No person shall smoke any tobacco product within fifty (50) feet of any playground." This policy does not include Timepiece Park.

The Board agrees that Timepiece Park should be a "No Smoking" park, but also realizes the enforcement challenges. It was suggested that there be signs posted at each end of the park with verbiage such as "No Smoking Beyond this Point."

Other issues that were raised regarding the Council Policy 2017-2.

In section 3.5 reference is made to "tobacco" products. The Board recommends updating this language to include marijuana and vaping products.

Several sections refer to hours in several parks. The Board is recommending that the hours at Timepiece Park be from 6 a.m. to dusk, mostly due to the adjacent residence.

The Park Board appreciates the opportunity to review the issue. They are also willing to meet again if necessary to discuss any changes Council feels needs reviewing.

cc: Park Advisory Board