

**ORDINANCE NO 656**

**Amending Comprehensive Plan**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO UPDATE THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; A SAVINGS CLAUSE; SEVERABILITY; REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas ("Council") seeks to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted its Comprehensive Plan on or about February, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council updated Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Open Space Plan, on or about July 24, 2012 to reflect new developments and opportunities relating to the City's park system; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 9.04 of the Granite Shoals City Charter and Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code provide the Council with the authority to amend the comprehensive plan after proper notice and hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council have held public hearings regarding the necessity of a new update to Chapter 6, Parks and Open Space Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to again update Chapter 6, Parks and Open Space Plan, as provided in the attached Exhibit "A";

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION I.  
FINDINGS OF FACT**

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

## **SECTION II. SUPPLEMENT**

The Council hereby adopts the attached Exhibit "A" as a supplement to its Comprehensive Plan. Except where there is a direct conflict between the Comprehensive Plan and Exhibit "A," the Comprehensive Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

## **SECTION III. SAVINGS**

The repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this ordinance.

## **SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals in adopting, and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion, provision or regulation.

## **SECTION V. REPEALER**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein, provided, however, that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act that is prohibited by any other ordinance.

## **SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

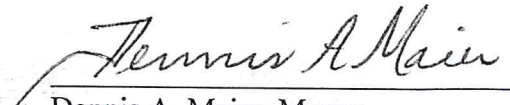
This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

**SECTION VII.  
NOTICE AND MEETING**

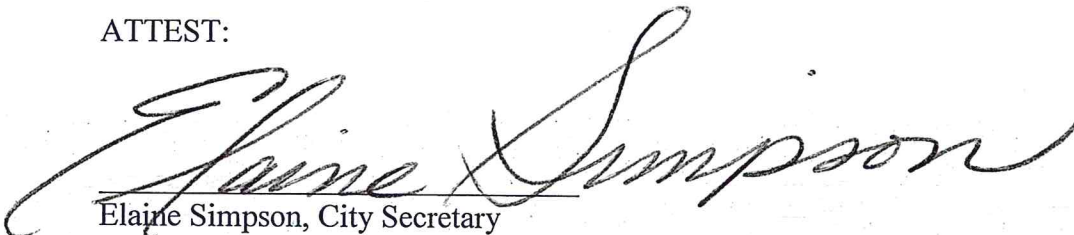
It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

APPROVED:

  
Dennis A. Maier, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Elaine Simpson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brad Young, City Attorney



## Master Plan Update: October 2014

To consider updates to the Outdoor Recreation priorities and make recommendation to council regarding an update Resolution, the Parks Committee reviewed the 2012 update and accomplishments to date. A Public Hearing was held at the November 6, 2014 meeting of the Parks Committee. After a review and discussion of the proposed 2014 update including the reordered priorities given in Table 6-20 to Section 6, Parks, of the Granite Shoals Comprehensive Master Plan, the Parks committee recommended the approval of the 2014 update.

A Public Hearing was held at the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee on October 16, 2014 at City Hall. After a review of park planning history to date and review of facilities construction, and a discussion of the factors previously listed above, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended on October 16, 2014, the reordering of priorities given in Table 6-16 and the approval of the 2014 update to Section 6, Parks of the Granite Shoals Comprehensive Plan.

The revised priorities are given in Table 6-20.

**Table 6-20. Revised Rank-ordered Priorities for Outdoor Recreation Facilities**

- Priority #1: Multi-Purpose Recreation and Community Area
- Priority #2: Soccer field
- Priority #3: Basketball courts
- Priority #4: Baseball field
- Priority #5: Scenic natural areas

The new ordering was adopted by **Ord. 656** on November 18, 2014 at the regular meeting of the City Council. A copy of **Ord. 656** has been provided to TPWD, along with the updates to this document.

In addition to considering priorities, the meetings also confirmed the previously identified recreation needs, including some appropriate to seniors. The reviewed and updated lists of recreation needs and senior needs are given in Tables 6-22 and 6-23.

# Update: Outdoor Priorities and Needs

Since the prior update to this document, several events have impacted the City's priorities for Outdoor Recreation.

## **Opportunities for State assistance**

The drastic reduction in State funds available for Parks and Recreation has undermined the original Implementation Timetable, since the funding plan for the project depends heavily on State support. As a result, long term plans have been put on hold pending the return of State funding and priority is given to facilities than can be funded under current restraints.

## **Roddick Youth Tennis Foundation**

In 2014, the Andy Roddick Foundation spun its Roddick Youth Tennis program off into a new non-profit entity, the Roddick Youth Tennis Foundation. The city amended its lease to assign the rights and obligations to the new entity, which will continue its programs and plans to build the Roddick Tennis Center in Quarry Parks. The City has two covered youth courts completed and in use and two covered full size tennis courts are under construction with anticipated completion by December 2014.

## **Manzano Track**

In collaboration with the Leonel Manzano Foundation, the City has secured funding from the National Recreational Trails program to build a 2-mile track in the City Center. This trail is currently under contract with completion anticipated in 2015.

## **Renewal of initiative behind outdoor sports facilities**

Since the previous planning session (July 2012), interest by the community for the planning of outdoor sports facilities for soccer, basketball, volleyball, and baseball has been renewed. Therefore, the interest in organized sport facilities has been moved up in priority.

## **Concerns over sustained drought**

Continued drought conditions remain a concern in of facilities that depend on water. Irrigation plans for soccer and baseball fields, as well as the water park facility, need to be carefully considered in light of the City's plans for water and wastewater.

## **Visitor Center**

An Interpretive Center is in construction with expected completion in 2015. This center presents an opportunity to fulfill a recreational need as well as provide a visitor center. A public information kiosk, with a 6-panel bulletin board, added in 2013 further enhances the visitor information area.

## **Park Names**

The official names of Granite Shoals parks were updated by Ordinance No. 603 in February 2013. An updated list of parks may be found in Table 6-21 and a map with locations of parks may be found in Table 6-25.

### **Table 6-21. Park Names Update: February 2013**

Park 1 – Community Park

Park 2 – Greencastle Park

Park 3 – Castlebriar Park

Park 4 – Castleshoals Park

Park 5 – Briar Park

Park 6 – Bluebriar Park

Park 8 – Hillcrest Park

Park 9 – Lakecrest Park

Park 10 – Veterans Park

Park 11 – Lakeview Park

Park 12 – Robin Hood Park

Park 13 – Belaire Park

Park 14 – Timberhill Park

Park 15 – Clear Cove Park

Park 16 – Crockett Park

Park 17 – Hillside Park

Park 18 – Woodland Hills Park

Park 19 – Valley View Park

Park 20 – Granite Shoals Quarry Park



**Table 6-22. Reviewed Expressed Needs for Recreation Facilities**

Running track	Tennis courts
Kite flying	Basketball court
Koi pond	Volleyball court (sand)
Croquet	Sculpture garden
Bocci ball	Frisbee golf
Garden plots	Tetherball
Botanical gardens	Gaming tables (checkers, chess, dominos, etc.)
Photography	Swimming pool
Bird watching/feeding	Shuffleboard
Treasure hunting	Horseshoes and washers
Hedge maze	Climbing wall
Outdoor amphitheater	Handball court
Walking trails	Zip line
Baseball fields	Outdoor classroom
Softball fields	Information kiosk
Soccer fields	Library / Wi-fi center
Fitness course (seniors)	Art museum
Multiuse field (open play)	History museum
Playscape	Interpretive center
Tot lots	RV park
Splash park	Tent camping
Skate park	Petting zoo
Natural area around pond	Picnic tables/benches
Nature trail (wildlife viewing)	Pet area (dog park)
Observation tower	
Flower gardens	
Butterfly garden	

**Table 6-23. Reviewed Senior Needs**

<i>Shuffleboard</i>	<i>Walking trail</i>
<i>Beanbag toss</i>	<i>Horseshoes</i>
<i>Koi pond</i>	<i>Washers</i>
<i>Bocci ball</i>	<i>Gaming tables</i>
<i>Garden plots</i>	<i>Outdoor classroom</i>
<i>Botanical garden</i>	<i>Picnic tables</i>
<i>Photography</i>	<i>Fishing deck</i>
<i>Bird watching/feeding</i>	<i>Nature trail</i>
<i>Treasure hunting</i>	<i>Amphitheater</i>
<i>Dog park</i>	<i>Gardens (ornamental)</i>
<i>Fitness course</i>	<i>Scenic overlook</i>

The adjusted implementation timetable is shown in Table 6-24.

**Table 6-24. 2014 Revised Implementation Milestones**

Year	Phase	Action
<b>2012</b>	1	Application for funding to TPWD Outdoor Recreation program
	2	Surveys for National Recreational Trails project
		Update <i>Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space</i> to capture process documentation for Phase 1
<b>2013</b>	1	Planning and Design Update for Tennis facilities
	2	Planning and Design Update for Outdoor grant facilities
		Update of Park Names- Official Park Names Ordinance No. 603
<b>2014</b>	1	Begin construction of Outdoor Recreation Grants facilities
		Update <i>Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space</i>
<b>2015</b>	1	Complete construction for Outdoor Recreation Grants
	1	Application for funding to TPWD Outdoor Recreation program
		Completion of Phase 1 of Roddick Youth Tennis Foundation
<b>2016</b>	1	Begin construction for Outdoor Grant
	2	Planning for Indoor Recreation
	3	Planning for Phase 3
		Survey recreation needs
		Update facilities inventory
<b>2017</b>	2	Application for funding to TPWD Indoor Recreation program
	2	Begin construction of Phase 2 facilities
	3	Application for Phase 3 funding
<b>2018</b>	2	Complete Phase 2
	3	Begin construction of Phase 3 facilities
		Plan Review: Phases 1,2
<b>2019</b>		Review and Update Parks Section of Comprehensive Master Plan
		Complete Roddick Youth Tennis Foundation Center
<b>2020</b>		Acquisition of new open space
<b>2020</b>		Widening of Phillips Road to include greenspace



Table 6-25. Granite Shoals Parks Map, February 20, 2014

