

MD: It's really unfortunate that our budget is as small as it is this year, not as small rather its larger, we just don't have the funds. I would love to be able to enter an agreement for a loan to purchase all the property that we possibly can that's in a recharge feature or on the river but we just to challenged with our funding this year.

LP: And part of its not just the acquisition of land it's the maintenance of land we don't have all those numbers. We have hard time even coming up with the numbers to maintain the green space that we have at this point. I think from discussion we want to really look at this comprehensively, we want to get the park's master plan done, look at the funding that we have to keep up with what we have right now and then moving forward be a little bit more strategic at how we do this on a long-term planning.

EM: Just to add one thing I do hope future councils will seriously look at the Park's budget and to realize how stressed that department has been for years and we do keep, the council's do keep on adding more land to it. I wish we could come with some kind of, I wish future council's might come up with a multi-year plan to say okay, how can it be brought up, be brought up to speed will all the burdens it has.

LP: A funding mechanism on-going.

JT: I'll just make a quick comment to say that I think our, if this motion does pass, it does not represent a denial of an interest in either these properties or to acquire additional greenspace for the reasons stated in this agenda item. I will point out that the council has just this year acquired additional 250 acres and is in negotiations for more as we speak and I expect those most likely to complete sometime this year. So this council, I believe is a greenspace council, is interested in this type of acquisition for many reasons but this conversation doesn't end here but for now we have to, as Ms. Derrick said, we have to look at our overall budget.

Discussion less than 3 minutes with a 6-0-1 vote.