



## UNIVERSITY PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

**Meeting Date:**  
11/19/2024

**Item Type:**  
Recognition

**Subject:** UP Parks Department CAPRA Accreditation

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### **Background:**

NRPA's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) was established in 1993 to provide best management practices for the overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community in Parks and Recreation agencies. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

As part of the accreditation process, University Park had to demonstrate compliance with 154 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. The process for accreditation involves a formal application, self-assessments, a site visit by a team of trained volunteers that results in a written report, and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation.

On October 7, 2024, the University Park Parks and Recreation Department went before the CAPRA Commissioners and were granted the official designation of being a CAPRA Accredited Agency.

Less than two percent of park agencies in the US are accredited agencies. The Parks and Recreation department joins the Library, Public Safety and Public Works as accredited agencies in the City of University Park.

**Fiscal Impact:**

- ☒ Not Applicable
- ☐ Budget Amendment Required
- ☐ Proposed Revenue
- ☐ Proposed Expenditure
- Funding Source:

**Master Plan Goal:**

Please check the associated Theme and provide the corresponding action item number.



	Theme	Action Item(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affirming Sense of Place	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assuring Connectivity	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovative Governance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technological Integration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preparing for the Future	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable	

**Recommendation:****Committee Review (optional):****Attachments:**