MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE ATHETIC FIELDS PLAN UPDATE

Action:
That the Park and Recreation Commission receive a project update.

Background:
In 2006, RPCA conducted a study to see how RPCA was using our fields. The contractor selected, PROS Consulting, used a SWOT analysis to determine a 10-year plan to meet the current and future needs of residents. Since 2006, Alexandria has experienced growth and demand for athletic fields. New fields were constructed, some upgraded with more coming online; others were upgrades from natural turf to synthetic turf fields.

In 2016, another contractor was selected, Premier Sports Fields, to do an update on the field assessments, preferred recommendations to fix the fields and whether the recommendation is an immediate issue or can be addressed later. A detailed report of each field is available.

Also during this time, various studies and plans have been conducted. From lighting studies, field assessments, Citywide and Neighborhood Park Plans all with their various recommendations. This update plans to consolidate the recommendations into one document and find common goals among them and find ways to accomplish them.

Project Update:
The field assessment was completed in late 2017 and Park Operations has already started to work on the recommendations from the assessment. Staff is currently reviewing previous studies and plans and compiling their recommendations.

Next Steps:
In the coming months, Staff will conduct interviews with various user groups, both internal and external to identify their issues and concerns and why they chose this field over another. A draft of the report will be available at the June 2018 PRC meeting. A final report will be available at the PRC meeting in October 2018.