



## City Park board OKs \$45M golf facility

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NEW ORLEANS — In a unanimous vote, the City Park board has approved changes to the park's master plan that make way for a \$45 million golf facility. The vote gives City Park the green light to put out a request for proposals to develop the course.

The board's resolution officially starts the \$24 million first phase of the project. City Park has \$15 million to put toward that phase and is seeking a partner to help pay for the development.

"I think it's very clear the board has considered all of the input, and I think they're being stewards of what we need to do here," City Park CEO Bob Becker said after the vote.

So far, the Bayou District Foundation has been the sole party to express interest in the project, although Becker stressed that there is no pre-existing agreement with the group and that the request for proposals is open to anyone.

The BDF is handling the redevelopment of the nearby St. Bernard housing site, and its plans call for a recreational park facility to complement the mixed-income residential development it is building.

"It's just another part of the process, and we're glad to move forward," said J.T. Hannan, the foundation's director of public and governmental affairs. "We'll be making proposals as part of the RFP." •