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Great Park plans still being reviewed

Ask Us Anything

Q. What is going on with the Great Park draft master plan? What about the Lennar Corp.'s idea to build 9,500 residences in exchange for 402 more acres of public land?

A. The draft plan is being reviewed by regulatory agencies and city departments.

The agencies submit comments on the plan and the design team responds and adjusts the plan, if needed. The plan is on its third round of that review. The plan is being reviewed just as any developer's plans are reviewed.

Once concerns, questions and suggestions are addressed, the plan will go to the city's Community Services and Planning commissions around June. The Planning Commission has final approval over the plans.

Lennar's pitch to build more homes in exchange for more public land has not been formally submitted. Per the agreement, Lennar cannot request a change to the developer agreement – that action must be taken by the city.

Once that has been submitted an environmental review will take about a year before being presented for consideration to the City Council.

- Great Park Corp. and Irvine Redevelopment Agency staff

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