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The Urban Wildlife Committee recently reviewed the City's Deer Management Plan and recommended minor revisions which are shown on Page 5 of the document and highlighted in yellow. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the changes on November 13th and recommended that they be approved.

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At that same meeting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board received a report relative to the Annual Deer Trend Survey conducted by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks. The Survey was done the week of October 20, 2014 with assistance from several employees of the Parks Division.

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Based on the information gathered during the Survey, the Game, Fish & Parks Department recommends that 150 deer be harvested in 2014/2015. The Urban Wildlife Committee concurred with the recommendation at their November 5th meeting and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board also voted to recommend a deer harvest of 150 in 2014.

At this time we request that the City Council approve the minor changes to the Deer Management Plan, and authorize the harvesting of 150 deer for the 2014/2015 season.

If you have any questions, please contact me.