



Memorandum

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TO: Shoreline Planning Commission

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RE: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Adoption

Introduction

The City is in the process of updating the City's three Functional Plans: PROS Plan, Transportation Master Plan and the Surface Water Master Plan. The Functional Plans tie to the City's Comprehensive Plan in two specific ways:

- 1) The goals, policies, and maps from the Functional Plans will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan (either verbatim or in a summarized form), and
- 2) The Functional Plans will inform the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

The PROS Plan is a 20-year vision that is required to be updated every six years. The PROS Plan creates a short and long term implementation strategy for meeting the facility and program needs of residents and allows the City to qualify for state and federal grants.

This memo summarizes the process for adoption of the PROS Plan by resolution 316 scheduled for July 25. The July 11 City Council staff report contains a copy of the final PROS Plan draft. It is available at:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/Council/Staffreports/2011/Staffreport071111-8a.pdf>

Discussion

The work to update the plan began in April 2010 with discussions with the PRCS Board about future improvements to the City's park and recreation facilities. In the summer of 2010, the City conducted a statistically valid survey to help inform the work of the update. In the fall of 2010, the City invited over 100 stakeholder groups to four meetings to assess their future needs for park, recreation and art/cultural facilities. In addition, the City held two community-wide open house meetings to invite people to share their ideas on future improvements to existing parks and facilities. The City also solicited input from the community through public comment forms and the City's website. From the input received, the PRCS Board developed a list of capital projects and prioritized this list into short and long term recommendations. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board discussed the PROS Plan at 14 meetings from April 2010-June 2011. The Planning Commission was briefed about the PROS Plan at their March 3, 2011 meeting. In 2011, the City Council discussed the PROS Plan update at their January 18, April 4, June 20, June 27, July 5 and July 11 meetings and held a public hearing on July 11.

The City Council provided valuable input into the creation of the 2011-2016 PROS Plan. The following substantive changes were made based on their input:

- Chapter 1 – No significant changes were made.
- Chapter 2 - Added information about housing tenure and other demographics including owner occupied vs. renter occupied and single family vs. multifamily housing units.
- Chapter 3 - Modified Policy 1.1 to include historical and cultural resources.
- Chapter 4 – No significant changes were made.
- Chapter 5 – No significant changes were made.
- Chapter 6 - Created a new inventory sheet for a potential street end park at 195th Street and Echo Lake.
- Chapter 7 – No significant changes were made.
- Chapter 8 – No significant changes were made.
- Chapter 9
 - Added a barrier-free playground to the desired amenities list.
 - Added 195th Street end at Echo Lake for a future potential end park including planning with Echo Lake Park neighborhood park planning and implementation of minor capital improvements.
 - Added a master list for the 20-year Capital Recommendations Plan that lists facility recommendations (short/mid/long-term priorities) alphabetically.

The 2011-2016 PROS Plan update summarizes major parks, recreation and cultural service accomplishments from 1998 through 2011 (Chapter 1). It includes the new demographic data from the 2010 federal census and evaluates any demographic changes (population, age, ethnicity, etc.) between the 2000 and the 2010 federal census data (Chapter 2). The analysis of this data helps identify changes in cultural and recreational programming to meet the needs of a changing population. The PROS Plan has a vision, goals, policies and implementation strategies to help guide future programming and facility decisions (Chapter 3).

The PROS Plan summarizes the community involvement process for input into the draft plan and provides information about facility classifications and level of service standards (Chapter 4). The PROS Plan summarizes the City's list of repair and replace needs within a 10-year period (2011-2021) for existing assets that need repaired or replaced in that period of time (Chapter 5). It inventories the City of Shoreline's physical assets including parks, open spaces, trails, recreation facilities and public art. New to this update is a section on future potential assets and city-owned public artworks (Chapter 6).

The PROS Plan provides an analysis of the current and future communitywide recreation programming needs including the "Healthy City" strategy. It identifies the need for a strategic recreation programming plan for the future (Chapter 7). New to this update, the PROS Plan provides an overview of the communitywide cultural program and service needs (Chapter 8). And finally the PROS Plan summarizes the 20-year capital improvement recommendations envisioned by the community and provides a series of actions that pool all recommendations into a plan for implementation (Chapter 9).

Next Steps

The City Council is scheduled to adopt the PROS Plan by resolution 316 on July 25.

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