Parks, Recreation & Open Space
Chapter Update
Planning Commission
11/3/17
What we’re talking about today

• Metropolitan Council Requirements
• Process and where we are today
• Summary of Existing Plan
• Highlights of Current Draft
• Recent Activity
• What’s Next
**Metropolitan Council Requirements**

- Significantly less than other chapters
- Generally map-heavy

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<td>- Describe, map, and label the Regional Parks System facilities that are located in your community.</td>
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<td>- If no portion of the Regional Parks System falls within your community, state that fact in your comprehensive plan.</td>
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<td>- Describe, map, and label the federal and state recreational lands within your community, as shown on your System Statement.</td>
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<td>- Depict existing regional parkland with a land use of “Park” (or your community’s equivalent) on your Existing Land Use map.</td>
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<td>- Acknowledge the Council-approved master plan boundaries of regional parks, park reserves, and special recreation features by guiding the properties with a land use of “Park” (or your community’s equivalent) on your Future Land Use map.</td>
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<td>- Describe and map your existing and proposed local parks, trails, and recreation facilities.</td>
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<td>- Include a capital improvement program for parks and open space facilities as part of your implementation program.</td>
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Process and Where We Are

Issue Identification
- Public priorities and issues
- Staff issues
- City Council / Planning Commission / Parks Commission issues
- Current Comp Plan

Draft Chapter
- Implementation focus
- Usability
- Research guidance
- Staff Team review
  - Parks, PED, PW staff
  - Reps from County, Parks Commission, NPS

Review & Revise
- Parks Commission review
- Comprehensive Planning Committee review
- More to come with all chapters combined
Existing Plan

• KEY TRENDS
  • Increasing demand (More, different, better)
  • Decreasing resources
  • Increasing focus on sustainability
  • Increasing focus on active, healthy lifestyles

• STATUS TODAY
  • Same concern over limited resources for capital and O&M
  • Less focus on sustainability
  • More focus on equity and access
**Existing Plan**

- Organized into six major strategies:
  - Promote Active Lifestyles
  - Create Vibrant Places
  - Promote A Vital Environment
  - Respond Creatively to Change
  - Innovate with Every Decision
  - Connect the Entire City

- Opportunity for more policy clarity and streamlining; current plan is very specific
- Other plans address park implementation items in more detail...
Other Park Plans (Not exhaustive)

• **System Plan** (2011)
  - Creation of this plan called for in Vision Plan
    • Transform the system into a 21st Century System
  - Heavily used by Parks
  - Example: Park Specific Recommendations
    • 5.5 Arlington-Arkright Park – Improve the tennis, basketball, and sport courts so the park can also function as a neighborhood park.

• **Strategic Implementation Plan** (2016-2020)
  - Specifies projects, budget, and plan reference, updated ~ 1x per year
  - Also heavily used by Parks
  - Example: 4CVP. Move Seal and Sea Lion Project into Schematic and Design Development while seeking project funding.
    • Responsibility: Design Staff, Campus Staff
    • Budget Impact: $400,000 Grant from Como Friends

• Great River Passage Plan
Draft Parks Chapter Content

• Highlights
  • As with other chapters, organized into:
    • Intent statement
    • Introduction
    • Goals
    • Policies
    • Maps and figures to come…
  • Simplified policies at higher level than current plan
    • Parks System and Strategic Implementation Plans address details
  • 38 policies across five goals
Draft Parks Chapter Content

• Goals
  1. Equitable allocation of programs, resources, and amenities
  2. Programming and spaces responsive to changing needs
  3. Environmental and economic sustainability
  4. A healthy network of community partnerships
  5. Strong and accessible connections
Timeline of Recent Activity

- August 2016 – September 2017: Working Group Meetings
- July and October 2017: Parks Commission
- 10/17: CPC Meeting for Parks Vol. I
- 10/19: Parks Mgmt Staff Review
- 10/25: Comp Plan Team (Chapter Leads) Review
- 10/31: CPC Meeting for Parks Vol. 2
Next Steps

• Staff will:
  • process input and revise draft of policies
  • draft implementation content
  • update and consult the Parks Commission
  • prepare supporting maps and graphics

• January 9 – hand out combined draft of all chapters to Comprehensive Planning Committee
Thank you.