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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Parks & Community Services CAPRA Reaccreditation

Bellevue Parks & Community Services was recently reaccredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The Parks & Community Services Department initially obtained CAPRA accreditation in 2005, and has since maintained reaccreditation in 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2025.

National accreditation is an extensive, multi-year process that consists of an application, self-assessment report, site visit and final assessment by CAPRA. The accreditation process measures Bellevue's quality of operation, management and service to the community.

This spring, a team of reviewers from across the country awarded the department a perfect score of 154 out of 154 on rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

Site visitors noted that the department's team is highly collaborative, well organized and efficient. These themes remained evident and true throughout the week of the actual visit. Bellevue has the distinction of being one of three accredited parks agencies in Washington, is the only department in the state reaccredited five times and is one of 231 accredited agencies in the United States. The City of Bellevue is accredited through its departments of Parks & Community Services, Fire, Police, Transportation, and Utilities, and as such gets the third-party validation that showcases the strategic investment, data-informed decisions, and commitment to excellent public service through continuous improvement.