

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: February 8, 2022

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Ryan Walker, Senior Planner
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Parks & Open Space System Plan Update 2022 - Recommendation
Discussion and action

Action Requested

The Parks & Community Services Board will consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding approval of the 2022 update to the Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan.

Proposed Motion: Move that the Parks and Community Services Board recommend to the City Council approval of the 2022 update to the Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan.

Background

The Parks & Open Space System Plan is one of the long-range policy documents that guide staff and the Board when making recommendations to the City Council on the acquisition, development and management of parks and open space citywide. A regularly updated plan is a required standard for the department's accreditation and is used to seek grant support for acquisition and development projects. The current plan was last updated in 2016 and is on a six-year schedule for renewal.

The Parks and Community Services Board was introduced to the Parks Plan update at the July 2021 meeting and has been working on the plan over the four meetings since then. Substantial time was spent reviewing the 20-year capital project recommendations that form the core of the plan. Significant edits and additions in other chapters of the plan were also considered. At the February meeting, the Board will confirm capital project recommendations and other key changes to the draft plan and consider a recommendation to City Council.

The draft Parks & Open Space System Plan is included for review. This document contains edits and additions based upon input received and changes in the city over the past six years. Significant changes to the 2016 document are noted at the beginning of each chapter or section. Text is also flagged to help with review.

After the Board action, staff will work to add figures and images, refine text with the latest information, and finalize maps prior to City Council consideration this spring. In addition, a SEPA review will be conducted prior to the Council's action. Additional information on the Parks Plan update is available online at: www.bellevuewa.gov/park-plan.htm. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (425) 452-4280 or rwalker@bellevuewa.gov.