Bellevue Parks & Community Services CAPRA National Accreditation 2020



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Accreditation

Accreditation is a process for evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations by comparing practices to professional standards.

Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Re-Accreditation occurs every five years. 2020 will represent Bellevue's fourth Accreditation Cycle.

Parks & Community Services Board January 2020





Accreditation... A City-Wide Initiative

Agency Accreditation has been achieved by:

- Parks & Community Services Department
- Police Department
- Utilities Department
- Transportation Department
- Fire Department

Support departments are indirectly evaluated through accredited departments

The Benefits of Accreditation

- Meets Citywide initiatives of excellence
- Demonstrates Bellevue's standing as a national leader in the field of Parks, Recreation & Community Services
- Ensures the safety & well-being of participants through standardized practices
- Assists the Department by maintaining organization of policies & procedures
- Enhances overall effectiveness, encourages efficiencies and reinforces accountability

CAPRA Accreditation

Agency Accreditation conferred by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks & Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies is a 15-member board composed of representatives from:

- National Recreation and Park Association (5 representatives)
- American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (5 representatives)
- International City/Council Management Association (1 representative)
- Council of State Executive Directors (1 representative)
- Academy of Leisure Sciences (1 representative)
- National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (1 representative)
- Armed Forces Recreation Network (1 representative)

CAPRA Accreditation Details

- The National CAPRA accreditation process was first formalized in 1994.
- In 2019, there are currently 175 accredited park & recreation agencies in the United States.
- The City of Bellevue, City of Shoreline, and Tacoma Metro Parks are the accredited agencies in Washington State.

What is the Accreditation Process?

- Preliminary Agency Application (completed)
- Agency Self-Assessment (in process)
 - In total 151 Standards
 - 37 Fundamental Standards (100% Required)
 - 108 of 114 Non-Fundamental Standards (95% Required)
- Self-Assessment Report and Formal Application
- Visitation Team comes to Bellevue for Site-Visit: June 15-18, 2020
- CAPRA Commission confers, denies, or defers Accreditation

Visitation Team

- Chair: Mr. Douglas E. Guild, CPRE City of Henderson, NV
- 1st Visitor: Ms. Sheri L. Endsley, CPRP City of Fort Worth, TX
- 2nd Visitor: Susan M. Hergenrader, CPRP City of Plano, TX

Accreditation Standards

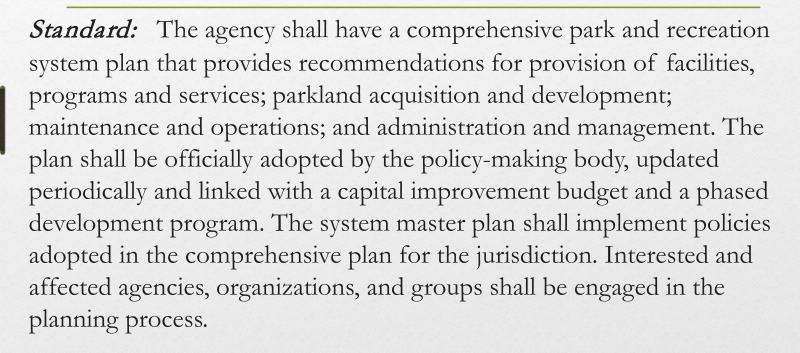
- A standard is a statement of desirable practice as set forth by experienced and recognized professionals
- Standards are an indirect measure of effectiveness
- IF desirable standard is practiced, THEN a desired outcome is achieved

Ten Categories of Standards

- Agency Authority, Role & Responsibility
- Planning
- Organization & Administration
- Human Resources
- Financial Management
- Programs & Services Management
- Facility & Land Use Management
- Law Enforcement and Security
- Risk Management
- Evaluation, Assessment & Research

Example Standard

2.4 Park and Recreation System Master Plan *



Park Board Role

- To understand and communicate the importance of agency accreditation
- To act as ambassadors of the Department in accreditation efforts
- To assist Department staff in policy/document endorsement; plans coming in February and March include:
 - Strategic Plan
 - Recreation Plan
 - Maintenance Management Plan Natural Resource and Resource Management Division
 - Structural Operations Plan:
 - Structural Maintenance Management Plan
 - Playground Safety Plan
 - Security Plan
 - Community Relations & Marketing Plan