

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: July 13, 2021

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Ryan Walker, Senior Planner
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Parks & Open Space System Plan Update 2022
Board feedback requested – no action at this time

At the July meeting, Parks & Community Services staff will introduce the forthcoming update of the Parks & Open Space System Plan (POSSP). The POSSP update will occur over the next 8-10 months with completion in spring of 2022. The Board has several opportunities for input in development of the POSSP starting with this meeting and continuing into the fall. Ultimately, the Board approves the POSSP and makes a recommendation to City Council for its adoption.

As background, the Parks & Open Space System Plan is one of the primary long-range policy planning documents for the Parks & Community Services Department. The POSSP guides staff and the Board when making recommendations to the City Council on the acquisition, development and management of parks and open space citywide. It is also a foundational tool in developing the department's Capital Investment Program.

The current plan was last updated in 2016 and is on a six-year schedule for renewal and adoption by the City Council. The 2016 plan is available online at: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/planning-and-development/parks-open-space-system-plan>. Additionally, the POSSP is rooted in the guiding principles and strategies established in the Parks and Community Services Strategic Plan, which was last updated in 2020 and can be found at: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/planning-and-development/studies-plans/parks-community-services-strategic-plan>.

At the July Board meeting, a presentation will provide background detail on (1) the functions this plan serves, (2) required elements of the plan and focus areas, (3) detail on the level-of-service component, which informs demands and needs analysis of the system, and (4) the proposed public participation process that will be used, including the role of the Board. After the presentation, the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (425) 452-4280 or rwalker@bellevuewa.gov.