

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

DATE: November 9, 2021

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Ryan Walker, Senior Planner  
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Parks & Open Space System Plan Update 2022  
For information and discussion – no action required

Parks and Community Services is in the process of updating the Parks & Open Space System Plan, which is one of the long-range policy planning documents for the Department. The current plan was last updated in 2016 and is on a six-year schedule for renewal and adoption by the City Council.

The Parks and Community Services Board was introduced to the Parks Plan update at the July 2021 meeting, where the Board heard context on the purpose and content for the plan as well as the project timeline. Subsequently, at the September 2021 meeting, the Board received an update on the Parks Plan process and heard from park users as part of the public hearing. The Board followed with discussion of the public hearing considerations as well as feedback on what is working in the parks and open system and opportunities for improvement. The October 2021 meeting featured a retreat-style discussion focused in two primary areas. First, areas of interest for additional parks or trail connections were assessed based on community profile trends and level of service indicators, such as walkable access. Generally, the 2016 areas of interest still apply with a focus on growth areas near new Sound Transit stations, such as Downtown and BelRed, as well as Eastgate and Factoria. Second, capital project objectives were discussed with thought to what objectives may continue forward and any additions based on public input so far and projects advanced since the 2016 system plan.

Consideration of the Parks & Open Space System Plan will continue at the November meeting. Key elements include (a) an update on outreach, including the parks user survey and (b) a presentation and continued discussion on capital project objectives.

The 2016 plan along with additional information on the Plan update is available online at: [www.bellevuewa.gov/park-plan.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/park-plan.htm). Also visit the Engaging Bellevue page ([www.engagingbellevue.com/](http://www.engagingbellevue.com/)) that serves as the outreach hub for this project. From this site you can take the parks user survey and view feedback submitted so far. Please feel free to forward this website to your contacts. The survey will be open through November. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (425) 452-4280 or [rwalker@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:rwalker@bellevuewa.gov).