



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation

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ECAF: 2022-0161

Motion: 22-075

Date: February 16, 2022

Consideration:

Approve the 2021 Parks and Recreation Visioning Plan.

Background:

Chapter 36.70A RCW is the Growth Management Act, which includes a requirement for local jurisdictions to create a Comprehensive Plan, which includes a Parks and Recreation Element to it. WAC 365-196-440(2)(b) recommends counties and cities use a visioning process to engage the public in identifying needs, evaluating their satisfaction with existing recreational opportunities, and developing goals to guide the parks and recreation element of the comprehensive plan. The last Parks and Recreation Visioning Plan was adopted in 2015 through Motion 15-350.

On June 18, 2021 Council received an Informational Briefing from Sharon Swan and Carol Ohlfs on the Parks and Recreation Element & Vision Plan. At General Legislative Session on January 26th, 2022, Council received a presentation by Carol Ohlfs, DCNR, on the draft final 2021 Parks and Recreation Visioning Plan. After that presentation, the plan was finalized and is before council now for final approval.

Current Proposal:

Motion 22-075 would approve the 2021 Parks and Recreation Visioning Plan, which will replace the 2015 plan. The plan before you also meets specific requirements of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, required in order to receive grant funds from the agency.

The plan includes:

- Section 1 - Background information and a vision for the future
- Section 2 - Goals and Objectives
- Section 3 - An inventory of park resources which includes inventory, programs, parks conditions and capacity
- Section 4 - Summary of public involvement and their responses/survey results
- Section 5 - A demand and needs analysis
- Section 6 - Information on parks financing and annual capital improvement program
- Section 7 - Statement that the plan has been adopted by the Snohomish County Council

Appendix A includes all of the public survey results

2022 Budget: n/a

Future Budget Impact: n/a

Handling: Expedite – 2/28/2022

The Department has to submit the plan to the State by the end of the month which is the reason for the expedited request.

Approved-as-to-form: n/a

Risk Management: n/a

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Attachment: None

Amendments: None

Request: Move to GLS on February 23rd for consideration.