



Commissioners:

Austin, Bridges, Child, Crawford, Gamon, Haase, Haines, Johnson, McCaul

Staff Liason:

Derek Barry, Community Services Manager

The city is conducting this public meeting using a hybrid model. The public is welcome to attend tonight's meeting in-person at City Hall (First Floor Conference Room), or virtually by using the meeting access link below.

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COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Approval of the March 14, 2024 meeting
2. 2024-2030 Parks & Trails Plan - update

REPORTS

1. Arbor Day - Recap & planning
2. RCO Grants - COAF & YAF
3. Green River College - Watershed - Invasive Species Management Plan
4. Creekside Trees & Sidewalk Program
5. Cemetery Building
6. Memorial Day Event - reminder

ADJOURNMENT

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

3/14/2024 4:39-5:43pm

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Gamon, Haase, Haines, McCaul
Community Services Manager Derek Barry
Parks Supervisor Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: 2024 – 2030 Parks & Trails Plan Update

Presenter: Derek Barry

Staff and commissioners discussed the draft plan. Several modification/clarifications were proposed and will be included in the final draft. The Forestry & Parks Commission recommended adoption of the plan with the modifications/clarifications.

Agenda item: Recommendation Letter

Presenter: Derek Barry

Staff and the commissioners worked on the outline for the letter to be included in the plan. The commission understands that opportunities and funding can shift priorities. In general, the commission recommends the following priorities:

1. Land acquisition for underserved areas then expansion of current sites
2. Improvements to vacant sites
3. Updates to master planned sites
4. Updates to sites that don't have a master plan

General Comments

The following edits are for clarification and in response to comments from staff and our Comprehensive Plan consultants.

Summary, fourth paragraph:

“Although the City’s current ~~level of service acreage~~ falls short, the public holds a high level of enthusiasm for the system and were very interested in specific additions and improvements”

Purpose, second paragraph:

“This plan provides a vision for the City’s parks and trail system, proposes updates to ~~level-of-service benchmarking~~ standards for park and facility classifications, and ensures these efforts align with Sumner’s mission, vision, strategic priorities and comprehensive plan.”

Existing Plan Review maps:

System map will be updated to use the 2024 Transportation Plan data: “Trail and multimodal network data are based on the future network in the 2024 Transportation Plan”

Alley Activations map legend:

“Future alley activations--City owns some, not all, ~~right of way property.~~”

Lucy V. Ryan Park:

Table, Recent Changes: “~~2024 Demolition~~ 2025 Potential demolition of house and initial park design.”

~~“Level-of-Service Benchmarks:”~~

“NRPA sets national guidelines as a broad metric for comparison but encourages communities to set their own ~~service level standards based on~~ local goals, priorities and conditions. ~~Sumner’s standards are listed below as well as Pierce County’s as established by the County’s similar parks plan. The graphs below show Sumner’s acreage as well as Pierce County’s as established by the County’s similar parks plan.~~”

Graph:

“City of Sumner ~~Levels of Service Standards Benchmarks~~”

Current Inventory:

~~“In order to assess standard level of service standards, this~~ This grid uses broader facility types for the same spaces.”

Grid updates to:

Rainier View Park Change from 2018 ~~“No Change Improved Amenities”~~

Loyalty Park Change from 2018 ~~“No Change Improved Amenities”~~

Ryan Park Change from 2018 ~~“Increased open space No change”~~

Heath Sports Complex Change from 2018 ~~“No Change Improved Amenities”~~

Moved Sumner Link below Riverbend Park so acreage facility types with sizes are consistent.

Levels of Service Comparisons

Chart title changed ~~“Levels of Service Per 1,000 residents*”~~

Column name changed “Target ~~(per 1,000 residents)~~”

The 10-Minute Walk second paragraph:

See the map ~~“on page 17 in Section 1”~~ to review the gaps, shown in green circles.

Capital Improvement Program:

Frist paragraph: It offers a guide while staff continue to seek and capitalize on ~~every opportunity~~ opportunities provided to fund and grow Sumner’s parks, trail and open space.

Table:

Moved Lucy V. Ryan Master Plan and Demo from 2024 to 2025, Development from 2025 to 2026

Moved Pump & Sk8 project from 2031-2044 to 2030

Removed the 2031-2044 column

Added “New & Expanding Parks, Master Site Plan, Acquisition, Minimum Park Standard Investment” rows below Qunell

Lucy V. Ryan Park:

Curren/Recent Improvements:

House demolition ~~(2024)~~ (potential) 2025

Plan Implementation:

Forestry & Parks Commission recommendation letter added before the future ordinance page.

Appendices:

Added Daffodil Valley Elementary and Maple Lawn Elementary survey responses to Appednix.