



MEETING DATE:
TIME:
PLACE:

November 18, 2015
3:30-5:30 PM
City Hall
1 Municipal Drive
Fishers, Indiana 46038

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Rodney Retzner, Cecilia Coble, John Amos, Natalie Teyema, Jocelyn Vare

Members Not Present: Cathy Ferree, Tim Russell, Corby Thompson

Others Present: Caleb Gutshall, Tony Elliot, Matt Walker

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Final review of changes made to draft master parks plan per the task force feedback:
 - Section 3 – Parks Inventory
 - Add ADA icon to icon key and applicable parks. Pickle ball court icon could also be beneficial.
 - Add language clarifying that all parks are “pet-friendly.”
 - Section 4 – Environmentally Sensitive Areas
 - The current green color spectrum of the environmentally sensitive areas is difficult to read for people with red/green color blindness.
 - Section 5 – Policy Framework
 - Add “create ‘ease-of-use’ map” action item under goal 2, objective 2.
 - Reference that Master Arts Plan should be implemented as an action item under goal 4.
 - Add action item under goal 7 to pursue financial analysis of future revenue sources and projected need to maintain park network until 2040.
 - Look at creative ways to maintain parks and revenue sources.
 - “We need to diversify revenue sources.” – Tony Elliot
 - Add action item (either under goal 6 or 7) to utilize volunteer base to help with park maintenance.
 - Include language that specifically identifies partnering with the Parks Foundation to help with various funding opportunities.
 - Add action item under goal 6 regarding private partnerships for programming/events that highlight the talents of community.
 - Section 6 – Land Acquisition Analysis
 - Extend greenway along Allisonville Road northward to connect to Noblesville.
 - Section 9 - Glossary
 - Include definition of trails/greenways to be consistent with draft bicycle and pedestrian plan.
- Discussion regarding current and proposed programming within the parks network:
 - Both the amphitheater and Ambassador House depend on programming.
 - Add language to both of these concept plans to allow for more programming opportunities.
 - How much programming is provided by parks? Is there more opportunity for private partnerships for programming/events?
 - Add action item under goal 6 regarding private partnerships for programming/events that highlight the talents of community.
 - Add paragraph in plan that identifies the City’s current approach to programming.
 - Programming within parks currently uses a yearly Strategic Plan.
 - Previously City held 650 programs but many programs were not utilized so the amount was reduced.

- Last year, the City offered approximately 400 programs and 180 special events.
- The process for outside organizations to submit ideas/partnerships for programming should be revised to make it more transparent, easier, and intuitive.

ACTION ITEMS

- Revise parks plan to include items discussed during meeting. – Staff

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Draft 2040 Master Parks Master Plan](#)