

### PRIORITY NAME

Parks and Recreation

### OWNER(S)

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to involve the community in the process of finding ways to enhance Parks & Recreation services in Gresham.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SCOPE

A robust parks system with recreational opportunities for all is a key community priority. In 2020, significant community feedback was solicited as part of an undeveloped parks concept planning study and a Council Listening Session. The community asked that Gresham's parks be available to underserved communities, provide wildlife habitat protection, receive sufficient maintenance, include accessible trails, and meet a variety of uses. In 2021, the Council will form a Parks Community Advisory Group to explore revenue options that can enable the City to expand and improve its park system. Several parks-related initiatives may include a parks funding feasibility study, Recreation Program development, master plan review, Metro Local Share project identification and prioritization, and pursuit of external grant funding opportunities.

Key outcomes include formation of the Parks Community Advisory Group, recommendations to City Council from the Group on potential Parks & Recreation funding mechanisms in the form of a Funding Feasibility Study, and the development of a Recreation Program for 2021 and beyond.

### DELIVERABLES

- Form the Parks & Recreation Community Advisory Group

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- Parks & Recreation Community Advisory Group Deliverables:
  - Advise City Council on Parks & Recreation funding mechanisms through a Funding Feasibility Study (Note: Completion of the Funding Feasibility Study will likely occur in calendar year 2022)
  - Advise City Council on how to prioritize projects for Local Share funding from the 2019 Metro Parks & Nature Bond Measure
  - Advise staff and City Council on the development of a Recreation Program for 2021 and beyond

### COUNCIL ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Council approval of the Parks & Recreation Community Advisory Group roster (anticipated July 2021)
  - Council policy direction on questions identified by the Parks & Recreation Community Advisory Group through calendar year 2021 (yet to be determined)
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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A Parks Community Advisory Group will be formed in 2021 comprised of approximately 30 members representing the diverse community. A robust Community Engagement plan will be developed to accompany the Advisory Group's efforts with the goal of effectively reaching and engaging underrepresented community members, while educating and engaging the entire community about relevant Parks & Recreation issues.