

**Joint Land Use Advisory Commission Informational Meeting
October 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

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Tiffany O'Dell, Senior Planner with Pierce County Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation regarding the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update:

- Plan is updated every 6 years.
- This is a ten-year plan spanning 2020-2030 and it's what drives the Parks system.
- It implements adopted County policy but does not propose any new policy.
- Plan identifies needed projects and programs.
- Maintaining the Plan keeps Parks Dept. eligible for grant funding from the State for major capital improvements.
- County adopted larger impact fee for Parks along with fiscal policy stating money should be spent in urban areas where growth is happening.
- Impact fee division: 38% on trails, 32% on existing parks, 30% on new parks.

Timeline for Update:

- Public review & comment: September 2019
- Planning Commission & Parks Board: Fall 2019
- Pierce County Council: December 2019/January 2020

COMMISSION QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- What type of security will be available?
 - *A: Parks are open from dawn to dusk and most have fencing or gates to keep them secure. Open space parks and trails tend to offer more challenges with security (homelessness, etc.). Parks Dept. works with other County departments regarding security, such as the private security firm, Securitas, and the Sheriff's department. Main approach is to develop and encourage positive uses to keep negative uses out.*
- Could offer solar lights or call boxes for added safety.
- Could provide gate keys to Fire Dept./Emergency Response Personnel.
- Could offer Adopt-a-Park so citizens feel some ownership and can help keep an eye on properties. (Parks does currently have something similar called Park Steward Program)
- Park Impact Fees are different from Traffic Impact Fees. Park Impact Fees go toward regional parks, but not local parks.
- Where's additional funding coming from for Cross Park and what is the project status?
 - Phase I – (\$7 million) will be complete by next summer along with some nature trails along Naches Trail Preserve property. This phase is funded.
 - Phase II – (\$17 million) to include expansion of Military Road, ballfields, etc. A Master Plan update will be completed in the later 2020s to inform how to spend Phase 2 funding. Some funding for phase 2 is in the 10-year PROS Plan, but not enough to complete all the improvements listed in the original master plan.
- How are Community Plans tied to the Parks Plan?
 - They are two separate plans, but each Community Plan contains Parks policies.
- It feels like the County ends at Narrows bridge.
- What about corporate/private money to help fund?

- Currently looking at having a resort at Chambers.
- Notice to the LUACs of the Master Plan Update may be helpful.
- When new Impact Fees were adopted, regulations changed to not require tot lots in residential developments of less than 30 units. All new residential developments pay impact fees per dwelling unit.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

John Marshall, *Frederickson*, heard Parks Dept. now owns Naches Trail Preserve. What will parks do with that property? What about property owned by PPW on the east side of Cross Park? Would like if it was left for a future trailhead.

Major Dhami, *Spanaway*, had to pay large impact fees when he developed his property. Impact fees do impact development. New technology, such as wifi cameras, are now available to help with security.

Public testimony closed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.