PARKS AND OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Not Present: Cathy Ferree, Tim Rysell, 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
  - 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