

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Planning Commission

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**Subject:** Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) Element Policy Considerations

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### OVERVIEW

The purpose of this session is for the Planning Commission to provide input on policy updates related to the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) element of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and the PARCC Functional Plan update.

### BACKGROUND

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires all planning done under the GMA to be consistent both within plan documents and across plan documents. At a high level, required updates to the PARCC Element implement, and are consistent with, the Capital Facilities Element as it relates to park and recreation facilities.

The PARCC Plan is the functional plan for the PARCC Element and has required updates every six years to ensure that the City is eligible for funding from Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Updates to the PARCC functional plan will move forward with the PARCC Element update with a projected completion date of March 2023.

### PARCC ELEMENT EXISTING CONDITIONS & POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Redmond 2050 Existing Conditions Report chapter for the PARCC Element (Attachment A) identifies policy considerations for updates to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. These updates come from preliminary community feedback and the requirements from King County and Puget Sound Regional Council policies.

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#	PARCC Element Policy Consideration	Themes Supported
TOPIC		
PR-A	Prioritize access to children’s play facilities, outdoor sports and fitness facilities, and trails to areas currently underserved by park facilities or populations that have been historically marginalized.	Equity & Inclusion
PR-B	Provide parks & recreational facilities to the Overlake Metro Center.	Equity & Inclusion
PR-C	Refine level-of-service standards to reflect changing community needs and desires, including special amenities (e.g. dog parks, community gardens).	Equity & Inclusion Sustainability
PR-D	Prioritize development of equitably located and serviced Community Centers.	Equity & Inclusion Sustainability
PR-E	Allow for more public/private partnerships as development occurs, such as but not limited to: privately owned public spaces; fee in lieu payments towards open space; enhancements to recreational programming.	Equity & Inclusion Resiliency
PR-F	Provide community spaces to accommodate and feature community members of all ages, incomes, and cultural backgrounds	Equity & Inclusion
PR-G	Prioritize upgrades and maintenance-ADA needs, access for historically underrepresented neighborhoods	Equity & Inclusion
PR-H	Prioritize enhancing forest health and increasing tree canopy in parks and natural areas.	Sustainability
PR-I	Ensure arts and recreation programming and parks facilities reflect the cultural diversity and needs of the community	Equity & Inclusion
PR-J	Enable culturally and linguistically appropriate equitable access to programs and services and help connect residents to service options, particularly for those most disproportionately cost-burdened or historically excluded.	Equity & Inclusion

City staff are also considering the following potential updates to the PARCC Plan:

- Refining the level of service (LOS) metrics
- Strengthening policies on equity, recreation, arts and culture
- Evaluating and updating Overlake neighborhood needs
- Adding policies on wayfinding and private/public open spaces

### **NEXT STEPS**

- A parks planning consultant will support the update of the PARCC Plan, which will include community outreach on policy considerations.
- Further discussion will be held with boards and commissions, stakeholders, and the community during fall 2021 to explore policy options and alternatives.
- How required updates are incorporated will be reviewed by Planning Commission with the draft PARCC element in 2022.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. PARCC Element Existing Conditions
- B. Staff Presentation