



MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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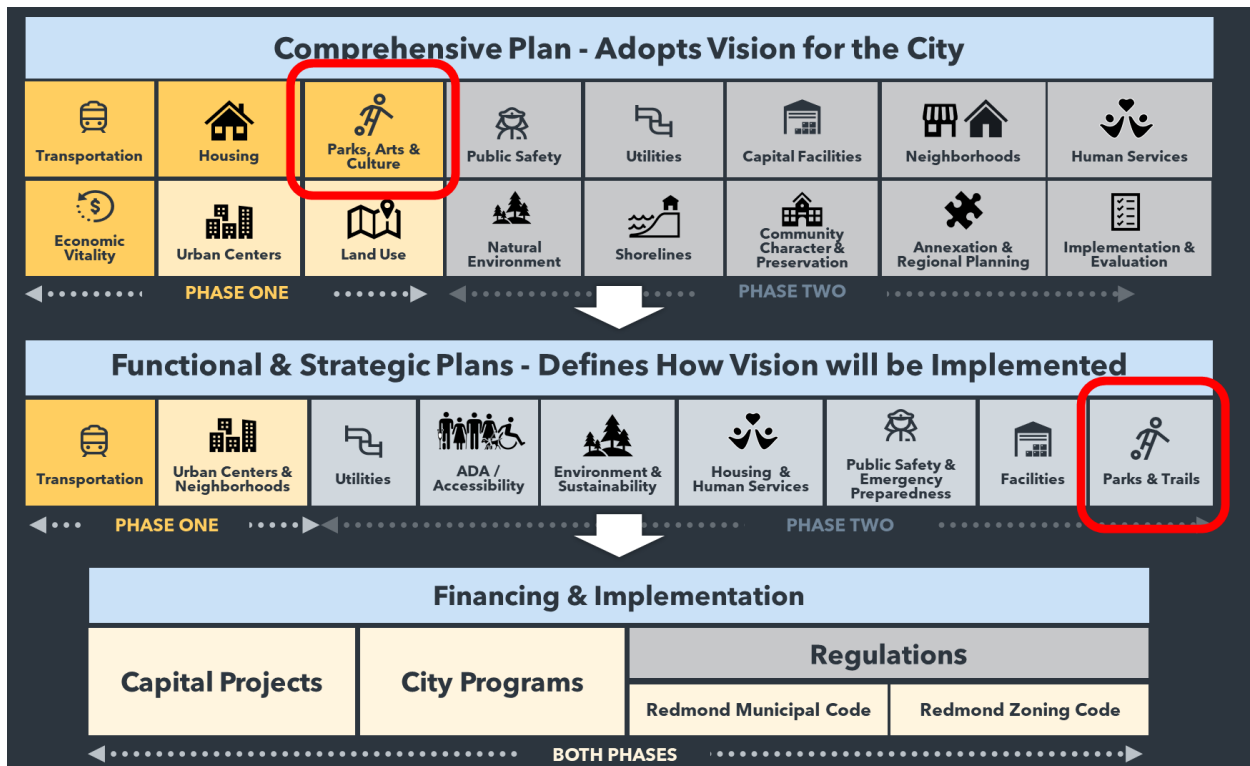
Subject: Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture, and Conservation (PARCC) Plan and Comprehensive Plan Element Update

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to share the draft PARCC Plan with the Commission in preparation for a future public hearing and a recommendation to the City Council in conjunction with updates to the PARCC Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff will review changes to the PARCC Plan and how this functional plan meets and implements the requirements of the Growth Management Act as well as the City's vision and goals.

BACKGROUND

The PARCC Plan is one of several functional plans adopted by the City to guide implementation of the City's vision. The relationship between the Comprehensive Plan and functional plans is described in the graphic on the following page.



The PARCC Plan is updated every six years to remain in compliance with Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) requirements. Staff has been developing updates to the PARCC Plan with the assistance of a consultant, Conservation Technix, since December of 2021. This work has included coordination with the Redmond 2050 project and the development of the PARCC Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

Development of the PARCC Plan includes three main pillars: the community need assessment; analysis of current system performance; and the development of future project lists. Staff provided information about the community outreach methods, the current conditions of our parks and recreation, and an introduction to the development of future project lists at the [December 7 Planning Commission meeting](#). Staff has reviewed public outreach, existing project lists, and community needs to begin developing potential projects to be a part of the near-term, midterm, and long-term project lists in the PARCC Plan. At this meeting staff will review how this plan addresses the needs of the Growth Management Act and how it aligns with draft updates to the PARCC Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT REQUIREMENTS

The PARCC Element and PARCC Plan together fulfill Growth Management Action requirements. Those requirements are:

Requirement	Where Requirement is Met
A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. The element shall include:	Capital Facilities Policy CF-2 delegates fulfillment of GMA requirements to functional plans, such as the PARCC

PARCC Plan

	Plan. Draft PARRC Element Policy PR-15 also states that Park element GMA requirements be met through the PARCC functional plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period 	PARRC Plan - Chapter 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An evaluation of facilities and service needs 	PARRC Plan - Chapter 3 and Appendix A, Inventory.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand 	PARCC Plan, Chapter 4, Policy 1.5

Key Questions for the Planning Commission:

- Do the PARCC Element and PARCC Plan meet the requirements of the Growth Management Act?
- What questions do you have about updates to the PARCC Plan?
- What would you like to see addressed before recommending approval to Council?

NEXT STEPS

Staff is introducing the draft PARCC Plan to the City Council on March 28. A second study session with the Planning Commission is scheduled on April 12 if needed. Then, staff will update the plan with input from the Planning Commission and City Council and return to the Commission for further study sessions and a public hearing in June.

RESOURCES

- [LetsConnectRedmond.com/PARCC](https://letsconnectredmond.com/PARCC)

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft PARCC Plan
- B. PARCC Element and PARCC Plan Policy Crosswalk