

September 13, 2021

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Trang K. Lam, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan – Sept. 21, 2021 Project presentation and joint discussion between Planning and Parks & Recreation Commissions

The Camas Parks, Recreation, Open Space (PROS) Plan serves as a guide for the acquisition, development, and management of the City’s system of parks, trails, open space, special facilities, and recreational programming. The PROS Plan is important for grant eligibility, including the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The City contracted with Conservation Technix, and their subconsultants JLA Public Involvement and MacKay Sposito, to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to complete the PROS Plan update (the Project). The Project is anticipated to be completed with the updated PROS Plan adoption by City Council in early 2022.

The Project kicked-off in May, with the Parks and Recreation Commission (P&R Commission) serving as the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and providing regular guidance to the project. Since May, extensive public engagement has been completed, including a community survey, stakeholder interviews, focus group discussions, an open house and tabling at community events. Please take a moment to review and listen to prior conversations with the PAC and City Council on the Community Survey results:

- July 28, 2021 PAC meeting: PowerPoint presentation and recording of meeting can be found here - <https://engagecamas.com/parks-recreation-open-space-comprehensive-plan>
- August 16, 2021 City Council workshop:
 - Staff report to Council is attached
 - Recording of meeting can be found here - <https://www.cityofcamas.us/citycouncil/page/city-council-workshop-24>

The September 21st presentation to the Planning Commission will include highlights of each engagement opportunity and core themes that were seen throughout. The Project team would like to use much of our time with you on the 21st for a joint Project discussion and policy guidance from the Planning and P&R Commissions. We look forward to hearing your comments and feedback on the following discussion questions:

- *Acknowledging the new land purchases the City has accomplished in last 5 years, what policies or strategies should be considered to help guide the need to balance developing new amenities with maintaining/updating existing facilities?*
- *Recognizing public interest in trail access and connectivity, what policies or strategies should be employed to better ensure existing gaps are filled and stronger linkages are made, especially as residential development and infill continue?*
- *Do you have recommendations for how the City could better coordinate or work with private sector developers for park and trail improvements? Thoughts on design or development standards?*
- *What other issues or policies need special attention?*