

Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

Regular Meeting | 1745 Hoffman Mill Road

September 11, 2024

Members:

Ross Cunniff, Chair

Scott Mason, Vice Chair

Denise Culver, Member

Andrea Elson, Member

Jennifer Gooden, Member

Holger Kley, Member

Elena Lopez, Member

River Mizell, Member

Mark Sears, Member

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

LCSB: Holger Kley, Scott Mason, Mark Sears, Andrea Elson, Denise Culver, Jennifer Gooden, Elena Lopez

Excused: Ross Cunniff, River Mizell

NAD Staff: Katie Donahue, Becky Pomeroy, Aaron Reed, Julia Feder, Aran Meyer, Kelly Smith, Emily Shingler, Matt Parker, Mary Boyts

Excerpt related to this Council Work Session Agenda Item:

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

Strategic Framework update

Julia Feder, Environmental Planning Manager, was joined by Kelly Smith, Sr. Environmental Planner and Kristy Bruce, Environmental Planner, in providing the LCSB with an update on the Strategic Framework project and the updated Natural Areas Department goals. Staff opened the presentation with the process timeline. They explained that the Strategic Framework provides structure and alignment for the management zone documents which are adaptive, and action based. Staff reported on the extensive public engagement and the resulting feedback themes of balancing conservation, access, and community engagement. Staff then led the LCSB through a careful review of each of the four draft NAD goals.

Discussion

The LCSB and staff engaged in a discussion focused on the draft goals and the accompanying narratives. Staff shared their process and explained the rationale for the specific updates in each goal/narrative. They reiterated that the goals were informed by the community feedback. The Board offered thoughtful assessment of the text to more clearly convey the intent of each goal.

Themes of Board member feedback included:

- Highlight the importance of the ballot as the foundation of Natural Areas' work
- Strengthen the conservation and ecological focus of Goals 1 and 2
- Keep a strong focus on Protection
- Emphasize the need for adaptive management to address changing conditions

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- Incorporate flora, wetlands, and riparian systems into narrative and examples
- Balance goal three so we are not encouraging overcrowding
- More clearly state that if NAD prioritizes access to nearby nature, that they are able to preserve regional larger-scale habitats
- Reflect that people use natural areas in different ways
- Show connection to and ways Natural Areas influences policies and standard operating procedures across the City and region
- Clearly state NAD's leadership position in conservation in the region

Staff reported they would present to the Natural Resources Advisory Board and return to the LCSB in October to share other elements of the Strategic Framework staff presents to City Council at the October 22nd work session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.
