

The notes below outline the conversation I had with Richard (Tree Board Chair) in April. I will provide updates when we meet together at our next Planning Committee meeting.

Current Activities:

- The Tree Board has not been as active this past year as it has over the past few years for a few reasons
- including the turnover in City staff (we've had 3 different arborists and 2 staff liaison persons, and turnover in the Board, including the sudden departure of our Chair.
- The big McAleer Creek invasive plant removal and native replanting is about wrapped up and Julia Bent

Workplan:

- We recently completed our 2023 work plan and our 2022 annual report.

On the horizon:

- We're gearing up for the Transit plan's impact and mitigation, which will have a significant impact on trees in LFP.
- The City is finally having the Tree Inventory completed
- When data is available, they plan to address a couple of remaining issues with the tree code that the Council set aside for the time being.
- One large tree planting effort is planned, to depend on what occurs with the mitigation funds for the transit plan.
- Considering a tree planting activity as a collaborative effort with the Climate Action Committee and the LFP Stewardship Foundation is to try to increase tree plantings in the big, paved parking lots at the Town Center.

Interesting: Addresses this idea of "Tree Equity"

- The plan is to identify an area in the city that has a below average tree canopy and offer trees to homeowners to plant in their yards.
- We've identified an area, with help from canopy maps of the City, in the NW corner of LFP.
- The area has mostly small homes on small lots and low canopy coverage.
- Without having data to confirm, my suspicion is that this is also a relatively low socio-economic part of the City, where cost is likely a barrier to adding more trees to home properties. We hope this will have an impact. Still a lot of details to work out, but now that we have a new City liaison and arborist, I'm hopeful that we can move forward.

Recent NPR story connection:

- That's what a group of researchers did, and they found that neighborhoods with higher temperatures were often the same ones subjected to discriminatory, race-based housing practices nearly a century ago.

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Background: 2023 Climate Commitment Act (WA)

Jan 23: Shoreline School District

Transportation- safe walking routes to school

Feb 23: ** CAC 2022 Survey Results (Powerpoint Slide)

What strategies/actions city should prioritize

March-April 23: Develop Draft Plan for Council, based largely on City of Shoreline CAP and City of Kenmore CAP

May 23: Draft Plan for Council: Strategies and Actions

Transportation Component-

- 1) Reducing Green house gas emission through promotion of electric vehicles and multi modal transportation.
- 2) Zoning: building code reqts for wiring/install
- 3) Charging stations to reduce anxiety

Build Environment

Mandate New Green Buildings- Electric heating/cooling

Retrofitting existing buildings

Consumption

Prevent unnecessary waste, reduce food miles, electric garden tools/reduction of gas powered

Challenges

Solid Waste

Strategy: Increase Composting and recycling, reduce waste

Municipal Operations

Electric fleet, energy efficient building/facilities

Natural Environment

Conserve/develop/support streams and canopy

Community Resilience and Preparedness

Planning policies to reduce impacts, equity/engagement

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Notes
Link to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 2023 Work Plan
<https://www.cityoffp.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11012/PRAB-Work-Plan-2023>

Past Projects

Pickleball Project: The Parks Commission has fundraised and purchased pickleball nets and painted pickleball courts on the tennis courts at Horizon View Park.

Current Policy pertaining to this project: CS 1.2, 4.1, 6.3; PT 5.1

Current Projects/Focus

1. Lake Front Park Property Project- The group is seeking a consultant to initiate the lakefront park's planning phase. After the consultant is chosen, they will begin a public outreach effort.
Current Policy pertaining to this project: PT 1.2, 1.5, 1.8, 5.1, 8.3, 9.7; CS 1.1 EQ 2.1, 2.2
2. Yoga in the Parks- Last year Yoga in the Parks was a huge success! 6 weeks at Animal Acres Park with different instructors every week. 40-60 people participated each week. This year they are duplicating the program. This would be a great place for us to do Community outreach!
Current Policy pertaining to this project: PT 5.3, 8.2 CS 1.2, 4.1, 6.1, 6.3
3. Welcome Eric Zhang as a Highschool member of the Advisory Board
Current Policy pertaining to this: PT 5.2; CS 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.9
4. Creating a walking map that connects various parks
Current Policy pertaining to this project: PT 2.1; CS 4.1, 6.3
5. Provide guided or self-directed walking routes with educational materials about trees/birds of Lake Forest Park
Current Policy pertaining to this project: PT 4.3

Future Projects/Goals

1. Multicultural Event
Current Policy pertaining to this project: PT 7.1, 8.2; CS 1.2, 6.1
2. Bike racks in all parks
Current Policy pertaining to this project: T 1.12

Other Groups involved in Parks and Recreation and Environmental Quality and Shoreline Vision

Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation- <https://lfpsf.org/>-

- Recovering Kokanee in McAleer and Lyon Creeks
- Restoration of 5 acre woods and Grace Cole Nature Park
- StreamKeepers
- Salmon in Schools
- Impacts of Habitat and Urbanization on Avian Biodiversity and Behavior

Lake Forest Park Maintenance Department- <https://www.cityofflp.gov/588/Maintenance>

- Park Maintenance
- Surface Water: Operations and Maintenance
- Streets: Operations and Maintenance

Police Department
Link to 2023 Operational Plan

<https://www.cityofflp.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10912/2023-Operational-Plan?bidId=>

On March 21st I had a conversation with Police Chief Mike Harden. We have a wonderful group of men and women daily protecting and serving Lake Forest Park. I am very grateful for their service to our city.

The department has twenty four full-time staff including patrol, traffic unit, criminal investigation detectives, and support staff. It is a great idea for the Planning Commission to keep in communication with the department and hear their feed-back regarding where city code makes enforcement difficult or unclear. From our conversation it seems that the *parking code* might be something for us to look into.

As our community grows there are needs that will continue to expand that need to be addressed in future budgets or through alternative funding.

Current Needs

- 1-3 additional full time officers. These officers are required for the department to provide robust 24/7 public safety to our community and prevent burn-out. Additionally, compensation for our police force should be re-evaluated and re-aligned with comparable local communities to ensure we are able to recruit and retain quality professionals for our city and prevent parallel bleeding.
- Replacement of current vehicle fleet. The ideal fleet would have no vehicle older than 5 years to prevent coverage gaps caused by maintenance issues. Our current fleet is composed entirely of vehicles 5 years or more in age. Long term planning is necessary to effectively maintain the fleet to optimal standards. A 10 year plan to move from the current fleet to hybrid to fully electric is desired by the department.

Future needs

Public safety funding to accommodate the expansion of personnel, training, and equipment will be required for a Lake Forest Park Lakefront park.

Policing Goals as stated in the 2023 Operational Plan followed by some items in each category that pertain to Comprehensive plan policies.

1. Reduce Crime and Collision Loss in our Community
 - Crime prevention/new resident information on website Policy CS 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
 - meetings with business owners CS 7.3
 - Participate in the city's traffic calming program T 2.16, 3.1
2. Provide Quality Service and Innovative Policing Strategies Delivered Through Excellent Customer Service

-Coffee with cops/traffic officer CS 1.1, 7.1

-Chief for a Day/Special Olympics/ Shop with a Cop CS 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7

3. Provided Appropriate resources to Employees that foster a safe, ethical, innovative, knowledgeable, and healthy workforce.
4. Provide Emergency Management Oversight for the Northshore emergency Management Coalition
 - CS 7.3

LFP Planning and Public Works Dept Meeting Notes

See notes below from Melissa and Sam:

Melissa and Sam met for a preliminary discussion with Public Works Director Jeff Perrigo and Steve Bennett. Here is their summary of what was discussed.

Jeff was not deeply familiar with the existing comprehensive master plan and has not been through a comprehensive master plan update. He welcomed collaboration and continued conversation about the plan and his department's work and priorities. Melissa and Sam noted that many aspects of Public Works department operations appear to be relevant to different sections of the existing comprehensive master plan.

Jeff mentioned that NPEDS requirements are a big focus for environmental work for his department. These requirements relate to a stormwater permitting process via the federal government, and it is possible this may need to be taken into account in the comprehensive master plan. A consultant is helping with this, and must check catch basins through whole city every two years to develop asset management program. The city would like to do more but limited staff limits what can be done.

For community services, the public works department's main focus is on traffic flow. The police department focuses on public safety, and the city and public works department tend to cooperate with regional agencies for social services as few are provided directly by our small city government.

In the area of Capital Facilities, Jeff remarked that many of our facilities are aging and will need maintenance and replacement. In the near term he mentioned specifically culvert replacements under Ballinger.

For Parks, Jeff hopes his department will be developing a parks master plan in upcoming years, which will include documenting them all, promoting access to all of them, and addressing safety considerations in going to and from are parks.

In the area of Utilities, Jeff remarked that we don't provide many utilities directly, but his department is looking into solar power for municipal buildings. It is a long process as there needs to be coordination with SPU, and we would need grants to fund. They may also explore electric vehicle charging capabilities, perhaps at City Hall.

Overall goals for the public works department in the next few years include: (1) developing master plans for sewer and stormwater systems, and (2) developing and deploying an asset

management program for whole city. These goals will inform what other priorities exist for the public works department for the future.

With regard to increased density, most of LFP is built out with single family homes in mind, so if there is increased density, the sewer lines and storm drains may not have the necessary capacity. We also have some smaller facilities for drainage and sewer, including ditches. With more density there will be more wear and tear on roads. We also don't really have a lot of sidewalks so increased density may be a challenge in this regard. Part of this is because there are many ditches that would need to be addressed.