



Meeting Date:	November 12, 2020
Name of Agenda Item:	Public Hearing for the proposed 2020 update to the Lynden Park and Trail Master Plan
Type of Hearing:	Legislative
Attachments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed 2020 update to the Lynden Park and Trail Master Plan 	
Summary Statement:	
<p>The City is proposing a six-year update to the 2014 Lynden Park and Trail Master Plan as mandated by the Growth Management Act. The Park and Trail Master Plan, while on a different update schedule, is considered an element of the City’s overall Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>The update process began way back in late 2018 with a concerted effort to gather feedback on the 2014 Plan from members of the various citizen advisory committees, city staff, and elected officials. This was followed with a well-received online public survey, designed to measure perceptions and expectations of the City’s park and trail system. The effects of that feedback and survey resulted in a significant rewrite to the plan.</p> <p>Notable content changes in the proposed update include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table 2.1 Parklands Inventory: This includes all the officially designated parks as well as publicly owned open space areas (Fairgrounds wetlands, Treatment plant floodplain, etc) that were not included in the 2014 Plan. Map 2.2 Conceptual Trail Network: This map delineates a city-wide trail network that identifies individual trails and their relative locations. With this Plan, the City can require development proposals to build sections of these trails as well as to seek funding to build connections in existing neighborhoods. This was recently used with the Kamm Creek PRD which will be building a section of the East Lynden Loop Trail as part of that development. Chapter 3.3 Park Access: This section includes an analysis of “Walkability” that measures the number/percentage of Lynden households that live within ½ mile to a Park property. This highlights neighborhoods that lack access to parks (Map 3.3) and a breakdown of the number of households that are close to those parks (Table 3.3). This analysis is extremely enlightening for future park acquisition and trail location discussions. Chapter 4.4 Capital Improvement Plan: This includes a list of specific park improvement and trail building projects within the City. A list such as this is helpful for prioritizing. Some format and/or clarification of Table 4.4 may be needed prior to the final adoption of the Plan. Chapter 5 Goals and Policies: The Goals of Policies were revamped to reflect more broad goals and to be more user friendly and engaging for the average resident to read and grasp. Some of the detailed policy criteria for dedications that were included in the 2014 Plan were left out of this update. 	

- Appendix - Park Pages: These are an attempt to highlight the City's individual park properties. These were intentionally kept to one page, and include photos, a list of amenities, and specific management recommendations. The idea is that the individual pages can be pulled out and highlighted on the website or as the basis for a park pamphlet, etc. They can also be the framework for the development of more thorough Park Stewardship Plans for each park.

What is being asked of the Planning Commission for this hearing?

The Plan is considered an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, as such the Planning Commission reviews and makes a recommendation(s) as it moves forward for adoption. As a Commissioner you should be aware of the Plan contents, hear and consider any public feedback, and discuss and recommend items that might need additional consideration by the City Council prior to formal adoption.

Recommended Action:

Motion to recommend approval of the 2020 update to the City of Lynden Park and Trail Master Plan.