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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 15, 2024
TO: Medina Parks Board
FROM: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager
RE: Comprehensive Plan Update – Overview and Review of the Parks and Open Space Element

Each city and county under the Washington State Growth Management Act (originally adopted in 1991) is required to periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan to ensure compliance with the Act. The last time that Medina completed a Comprehensive Plan update was in 2015. In 2022, the eight-year comprehensive plan periodic cycle was extended to a 10-year cycle. The current comprehensive plan periodic update cycle requires that Medina complete its review and revision by **December 31, 2024**.

The City Council (CC), the Planning Commission (PC), the Development Services Committee (DSC), staff and our consultant, Kim Mahoney, Principal, with LDC Corporation, are collaborating to revise the entire Medina Comp Plan, element by element, to complete this process in time. The goal is to get feedback from the various bodies to make substantive edits beyond that which is required by regulation. This is because those edits will be voluntarily made to reflect the community's interests/vision/values, in addition to those being added by our consultant, as required by updates to state law. We are about halfway thru the process.

Currently the Parks and Open Space Element is in-review. Staff offers this preliminary document today for your review and feedback, as this is your area of focus. This version of the element includes edits in **redline** that show all **changes** our consultant has made to the existing 2015 document, based on guidance from CC and the PC.

Once you have seen this element, it will go to the DSC for review next week, then return to the PC for re-review before heading back to the CC for a recommendation to send to the state Department of Commerce and the Puget Sound Region Council (PSRC) for review. All elements will be vetted by the state and PSRC before returning to the City. Once that occurs, any changes may be reviewed by the CC and there will be a public comment period (and SEPA done) this summer, before final adoption by the City Council of the 2024 Medina Comp Plan in the autumn.

LDC Consultant Kim Mahoney will attend this meeting, along with City staff.