



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

January 27, 2025

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**Subject:** Park Board Goal Setting for Joint Meeting

**Category:** City Council Business – Discussion

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### **Summary**

At the February 10, 2024, Medina Council Retreat, Staff was directed to work with Park Board to develop a work plan, specifically “*Council would like Park Board to develop a Work Plan to include a policy for off-leash and on-leash areas.*”

On July 2, 2024, City staff held a meeting with Park Board leadership to review and discuss the draft work plan.

On July 15, the revised draft of the Park Board Work plan was presented to the Park Board for review, discussion, and direction. The Board proposed several recommendations for changes.

At the Park Board meeting on September 16, 2024, the draft plan was approved by the Board to forward to the City Council for review and approval.

At the City Council meeting on October 14, 2024, Council passed the work plan and added “***Motion Gokul to schedule joint visioning and planning session with the Park Board to determine prioritization and success metrics for the proposed plan. This was seconded by Reeves carried by a 5:1 (Johnston dissented) vote.***”

***Additionally, Council further directed staff that prior to setting up any joint meeting with the Park Board to return to Council in order to establish goals for the joint meeting.***”

At the January 27 Council Meeting, Council needs to direct staff to establish goals for the joint meeting. Based on recent Council discussions, staff has identified the following as a possible guide for discussion:

1. Strategic Planning and Vision
  - a. Align Priorities: Identify shared goals for Medina parks.
  - b. Long-Term Planning: Develop a unified vision for Medina parks and open spaces.
2. Budget
  - a. Funding: Determine budget allocations for upcoming park projects.
3. Community Engagement
  - a. Public Input Plans: Develop strategies for gathering community feedback on park improvements
4. Policy and Governance
  - a. Joint Decision-Making and Framework: Define how Park Board and Council can collaborate on future decisions.

- b. Park Policies: Review and updated ordinances or policies related to park use, hours, and regulations.
5. Metrics and Accountability
  - a. Success Measurements: Establish clear metrics to evaluate success of Park Board Work Plan.
  - b. Progress Check-ins: Plan regular check-ins by the Chair/Vice Chair/Park Board Liasion.

“Medina Park Board Workplan Priorities” meets and supports Council’s priorities 3, 4, and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

**Attachment**

- Park Board Work Plan

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:** TBD

**Recommendation:** Discussion and direction

**City Manager Approval:** 

**Proposed Council Motion:**

Time Estimate: 30 minutes