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TO: City Council
FROM: Dan Thompson, Planning Commission Chair
DATE: July 1, 2025
SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation: Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA25-001)
ATTACHMENTS: Planning Commission Recommended Comprehensive Plan Amendment

On behalf of the Planning Commission (PC), I am pleased to present the PC's recommendation on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan annual update. The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment includes updates to the Land Use Designation Table and Land Use Map that are necessary to adopt concurrently with the proposed Parks Zone code amendment under consideration by the City Council (AB 6716).

The scope of work for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic review, adopted by the City Council in 2022, included the creation of a new Parks Zone. The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) recommended separating the Parks Zone project into two phases: the first phase to develop a new zone for City-owned Open Space Lands, and the second phase to develop a new zone for City-owned park properties. The Open Space Zone was developed by the PRC, Open Space Conservancy Trust (OSCT) Board, and PC, and adopted by the City Council in 2024 with [Ordinance No. 24C-15](#).

After adoption of the Open Space Zone, the PRC developed a recommendation on the Parks Zone and presented their recommendation to the PC at the April 23, 2025 PC meeting. The revisions to the Land Use Designation Table were drafted by staff after the PRC finalized their recommendation and were included in the materials for the May 28, 2025 PC meeting.

The PC held an open record public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan amendment and finalized a recommendation on May 28, 2025 ([PCB 25-10](#)). There were no public comments made during the public hearing.

After deliberation, the PC recommends the City Council consider the attached draft Comprehensive Plan amendment, amending the Land Use Designation Table and Land Use Map in the Land Use Element. The draft Comprehensive Plan amendment aligns with the draft Parks Zone code amendment currently under consideration by the City Council (AB 6716).

 June 23 2025
Dan Thompson Date
Planning Commission Chair
City of Mercer Island