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## A Parks Plan for All

Hood River Valley Parks & Recreation  
Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan

### Multi Agency Joint Parks Plan Sub-Committee

September 19, 2019

Work Session Notes

#### In Attendance:

**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District:** Board Members Anna Cavaleri, Nan Noteboom; Staff Members Mark Hickok, Marcie Wily

**Hood River County: County Commissioners:** Rich McBride; Staff Member Jeff Hecksel

**Port of Hood River:** Port Commissioners David Meriwether, Hoby Streich

**Hood River County School District:** School Board Members Chrissy Reitz, Corinda Hankins Elliot

**City of Hood River:** City Councilman Mark Zanmiller, Megan Saunders; Staff Member Jennifer Kaden

**Public:** Heather Staten, Linda Maddox, Susan Crowley

#### Welcome and recap of last meeting

Hickok welcomed the group, gave a brief synopsis of the last meeting, and time for people to review the notes from the last meeting.

#### Recap of definitions and provide input on Goals.

The group reviewed the definitions of Goals, Policy, and strategy, particularly the definition of a Goal. The group mulled over the intentions and overall implication of what a goal should be as implied by its definition: something we are working towards versus something we are already doing. The group decided that each goal should use active verbs and **keep it in statement format versus a directive**. Various suggestions were noted regarding word choice, working to pare sections, by limiting redundancies.

Suggestions made included:

- Preface with a stating that the document and these goals outline what each agency aspires to **but ultimately is not mandated by;**
- Place funding strategies in Policy 5.5 – Funding Resources
- Define Level of Service (LOS)
- Combine policies and strategies that have redundancies (ie – Policy 1.2 and 1.4 and Policy 4.1 and 4.2)

### **Park Classifications and Walkshed Groups**

The group reviewed parkland classification. Acreage came up and there was discussion as to whether the acreage was needed when it came to the various classifications of different park types, like Neighborhood, Community, or Regional Park. There was agreement that there should be some idea of acreage, but that the definition of the park was more important than the size.

The group moved on to walkshed maps. Questions arose as to whether schools and special use parks should count towards the minimum standards for acreage. The group also considered whether how the size and amenities of a park should be factored in the walkshed (i.e. – a smaller park with fewer amenities should have a smaller walkshed than a community park). There were questions about the mapping worked, and whether various parks' walkshed could be identified by a different color dependent on amenities and walkshed. The group would like to see the schools and special use park represented.

### **Next Steps:**

Staff will work on compiling comments from the plan and making a revision with comments from the group for review at the next meeting.

The group decided to reschedule the next few meetings to allow for the May Street Elementary Grand Opening. Next meeting dates will be scheduled for:

October 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7pm – Hood River Aquatic Center Party Room

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7pm – Hood River Aquatic Center Party Room

- Tentative November 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7pm – Hood River Aquatic Center Party Room

