Purpose

• Update the County Council on the work of the Parks Advisory Board on the Parks Comprehensive Plan

• Share the Parks Advisory Board recommendations
The Clark County Parks Division was created last year under the Department of Public Works.

A Clark County Parks Advisory Board was created last year as well.

The state Growth Management Act requires that local parks plans as a component of county master plans (RCW 36.70A) and is required before the county staff can apply for state parks grant funding.
**Vision statement:** Clark County Parks & Recreation strengthens the quality of life for the entire community.

**Mission statement:** Provide an interconnected system of parks, trails, recreation facilities and natural areas that support diverse recreation, environmental stewardship and economic development.

**Goals and policies:** Based on extensive public outreach and found in chapter three of the plan.
Key master plan elements

- Inventory of parks, sports facilities, and trails-only county facilities
- Needs assessment for parks, recreation, open space and trails
- Results of public outreach effort: Public Demand Chapter of the plan
- Implementation recommendations, including funding strategies
- Parks Capital Facilities Plan- 6 & 20 year list of all county parks, trails, and planning projects
Key findings of public outreach

- The public believes county parks is doing a good job
- The parks system is a major contributor to positive economic, environmental, and health outcomes
- More trails and trail connections received the top votes in all of the public outreach
- Public expressed need for more facilities, and more access and connections to facilities
- Enhancing communications and outreach
Outreach results

• More partnerships and collaboration
  • empower volunteers
  • forge stronger & new partnerships to leverage community resources

• Connect the gaps
  • parks
  • trails
  • recreational amenities

• Increase access
  • parks
  • parking
  • trail access
  • outdoor recreation opportunities for children
  • trail amenities such as parking, benches, and restrooms
Plan recommendations

- Highlights of ten goals
  - Emphasizes forming and continuing strong public and private partnerships
  - Ensure that adequate funding is available and we will be good stewards of the public’s investment
  - Ensure equity and access to the parks system to promote a healthy community

- Capital facilities plan
  - 6-year project list represents top priorities
  - 20-year project list includes broader range of projects over the long-term, and ensure grant eligibility
Plan implementation

- Cost of six-year CFP: $38 million
- Park Impact Fee revenue: $12,120,847
- Estimated shortfall: $26 million
- Metropolitan Parks District: consider locking in levy rate of 0.25/$1,000
- Existing parks division: additional staffing needed
Timeline and Next Steps

**JUNE 2015**
DRAFT Plan developed

**JULY 2015**
DRAFT Plan presented to the Parks Advisory Board & the County Council

**AUGUST 2015**
Planning Commission work session and hearing

**SEPTEMBER**
Board work session and hearing

**JUNE 2016**
Parks plan included as a required element of the comprehensive plan update
Questions?

Staff is seeking Board confirmation that we are okay to proceed with the public adoption process of the Parks Master Plan.