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STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Leslie Eldridge, Interim Director

DATE: Jan 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Technical Support Document to the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Map

Situation

The Official Parks, Trails, and Open Space Map was presented to Parks Commissioners for feedback at the Dec 6, 2023 Business Meeting. Parks Commissioners asked for some minor changes to the map and for the inclusion of a Technical Support Document with the map to provide a narrative of the APRC strategy and changes over time. Tonight, staff presents the map and narrative for final approval by the Parks Commissioners. A public hearing with the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2024, and then on to City Council.

Background

The Parks, Trails, and Open Space Map is a guide for APRC land acquisition and designates properties for different usage including neighborhood parks, potential sports fields, open spaces, trail connectivity, and riparian areas.

The last official update of the map was done in 2002 with a “Light Update” done by APRC in 2012 without formal adoption.

On October 11, 2023, APRC approved the updated Parks, Trails, and Open Space Map.

On Nov 28, 2023, the Planning Commission reviewed the comparison and official maps at their Study Session. Some minor corrections were made to the comparison and the official maps based on feedback from the Planning Commission.

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A public hearing to consider the proposed Parks, Trails, and Open Space Map amendment is tentatively scheduled before the Planning Commission for January 23, 2024. A public hearing and first reading of the proposed ordinance before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2024, with second reading scheduled for March 5, 2024.

Attachments

Official Parks, Trails and Open Space Map

Comparison Parks, Trails and Open Space Map

Technical Support Document (Findings)

October 11, 2023 APRC Business Meeting Minutes:

https://www.ashland.or.us/SIB/files/FinalMinutes_10_11_23_RegularMeeting.pdf

Nov 28, 2023 Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes

<https://www.ashland.or.us/Agendas.asp?AMID=8394&Display=Minutes>