

## **Recreation and Parks Advisory Board 2013 Work Plan**

### **High Priority Strategic Directions and Plans**

- 1) Support City Staff in development of dog park infrastructure for the City.
  - a) Develop funding mechanism.
  - b) Host at least one open house opportunity to engage citizens and solicit public input on dog parks.
  - c) Finalize park rules and regulations and associated ordinances.
  - d) Identify future dog park sites.
  - e) Create an ongoing "Oak Ridge Dog Park User Group" to assist City in promotions and issue resolution.
  
- 2) Develop a master plan strategy for future redevelopment and enhancement of the City waterfront.
  - a) Evolve existing master planning concepts to reflect current thinking, priorities, and public input (written report by December 2013).
  - b) Define a proposed plan of future, executable projects, including scope, cost estimates, coordination/integration, and ROM schedule (December 2013).
  - c) Assist staff in addressing existing buildings repurposing/refurbishing with recommendation based on options and ROM cost estimates (December 2013).
  - d) Host at least one open house opportunity to engage citizens and solicit public input (June 2013).
  
- 3) Develop an action plan for development of a CSX rails-to-trails initiative.
  - a) Articulate a set of functional requirements (e.g., surface, access points, support infrastructure such as parking, potable water, benches, bike racks, etc.) and design criteria for the detailed designs that will convert the rail line to a highest, maximum use transportation and recreation corridor through the City (December 2013).
  - b) Define a proposed plan of Articulate a high-level plan of future, executable projects, including scope, cost estimates, coordination/integration, and ROM schedule (December 2013)
  - c) Host at least one open house opportunity to engage citizens and solicit public input (October 2013).
  
- 4) Develop a 2013 community funding opportunities list.
  - a) Top 5 to 10 community funding opportunities in a series of price ranges (e.g., <\$500, \$1K, \$5K, \$10K, \$29K, \$50K, \$100K, \$500K) - August 2013

5) NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

- Identify the long-term community needs/investments beyond Council's four tactical initiatives. This is an ongoing, evolutionary process that helps define mission and vision.
  - Deliverables:
    - Quarterly open house-style availability sessions (e.g., topics such athletic facilities/programs; parks; human-powered; individual activities (hiking, etc.), city programming.)
    - Working draft of needs assessment (~10 page report for CY-2012) including a spreadsheet containing key data such as:
      - Inventory of citizen-suggested unmet needs;
      - Demographic that need would serve;
      - Extent of deficit/unmet need versus existing capacity;
        - Extent to which average versus peak demand is met;
      - What condition/situation it fixes/improves;
      - Opportunities to increase/optimize utilization of existing facilities, including potential to use existing facilities for new purposes.
- Evaluate the current recreation & parks mission & vision
  - Deliverables:
    - Consider R&P mission statement; is it to provide a diversity of quality community recreation opportunities for citizens and guests to the city?
    - Consider the 5, 10, and 20 year vision for R&P (25 years ago the city's R&P vision was to develop a park system, and resources were focused on that).