

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan Process Update

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Background on the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Service Delivery Review

In February of this year, City staff brought forward to Council a report to propose the “Renewal of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in Richmond”. The report laid out the City’s perspective on how the current system works and related issues. In addition, early in the year, the City embarked on a Master Plan Process to provide a comprehensive framework which will set the 10-year direction for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in Richmond.

On February 24, City Council adopted the following:

1. That the Guiding Principles for the Service Delivery System be adopted; and
2. That staff seek community feedback on the Community Involvement Model, Planning Framework and Proposed Service Delivery System

During February and March, staff met with all current operating partners and Advisory Boards, as well as many other stakeholder groups and community agencies. In addition, approximately 550 people attended Open Houses held at City Hall and Richmond Centre Mall to learn more about the proposal and provide feedback on the City’s Proposal.

On April 14th, City Council adopted a recommendation to establish a Community Working Group representative of a broad range of community interests. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group are to make recommendations to City Council on the Master Plan and the renewal of parks, recreation and cultural services delivery system, adhering to the guiding principles for the service delivery system. This will include a framework for a new Recreation Service Delivery System that identifies weaknesses in the current system, necessary improvements including a community involvement model, the roles of volunteers, an implementation strategy and the financial impact.

On April 29th, City Council held a Public Meeting to hear feedback from the community on the Renewal of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. This information will be considered by the Working Group.

On May 15th, the first meeting of the Community Working Group was held. These meetings are open to the public and the Agendas and Meeting Records will be available on the City’s website. Community Groups or members of the public have the opportunity to make presentations to the Working Group for their consideration.

Staff Teams were also created to work on an analysis of specific types of programs and services; the vision of what services are needed and how they may be provided in the future. This work will also be presented to the Community Working Group for their consideration.

It is anticipated that the Community Working Group will be presenting their recommendations to City Council later in the fall of this year. **At that time, Council will make final decisions as to the direction of PRCS in Richmond.**

Master Plan / Community Working Group Process

Please review the Community Working Group Process shown here. The process may be adjusted if additional time is required.

Community Working Group			Master Plan Consultation Process		
Mtg. No	Purpose / Topic	Resource Materials		Public Process	Focus Groups
1 May	Orientation	o Work Book	←	Community Leaders Workshop (June 5-6)	Round 1
2 June	Reviewing the Future Vision	o Community Leaders Workshop Summary o Staff Working Group (Dream) Report o Best Practices	←	Open House No. 1 (July)	
3 July	Understanding the Current Reality (What Works Well)	o City Analysis o Staff Working Group Report o Consultant Analysis o Others Analysis			
4 August	Exploring What Needs to Happen (By When / By Whom)	o Master Plan Options o Staff Working Group Report			
5 Sept.	Reviewing the Options	o Open House Materials	←	Open House No. 2 (October)	Round 2 (October)
6 Oct.	Confirming the Preferred Option	o Open House Summary o Prepared Option	←	Open House No. 3 (November)	