

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM:

Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP, Director

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

September 5, 2019

SUBJECT:

Our Parks, Our Future—Long Range Plan draft

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) will present PARD's 10-year Long Range Plan, *Our Parks, Our Future*, to the Parks and Recreation Board for a formal recommendation to City Council at the September 24, 2019, meeting.

The full plan document was released to the public in early August and can be found at this <u>link</u>. Additionally, PARD provided a summary of recommendations through our SpeakUp Austin page (<u>link</u>) and this has allowed community members to provide direct comments through an interactive PDF. The community input phase has been extended to September 16, 2019.

This memo serves as advanced notification of the Plan's availability for review prior to the September 24th meeting. PARD realizes the plan includes a wealth of information and I want to ensure Board Members have the opportunity to digest the plan ahead of the meeting. The planned presentation to the Boards provides a summary overview and is a valuable opportunity for PARD to receive feedback about the plan recommendations.

Please note that our project web page (<u>link</u>) also provides links to additional information, reports, and summaries that informed aspects of the draft plan. These include:

- Board and Commission presentation schedule (subject to change)
- Community Engagement Summary (to date) and Full Survey Report
- Statistically Valid Survey Executive Summary and Full Survey Report
- Community Profile and Recreation Trend Report
- Benchmarking Report by Trust for Public Land
- 2010 Long Range Plan

Should you have any questions, please contact Kim McKnight, Park Planning Division, at (512) 974-9478 or via e-mail at Kim.McKnight@austintexas.gov.

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