



City Council Agenda Bill

20283

Bill Number

Subject: An update to the 2008 Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan (PRO Plan) / Chapter 7 of the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan.

Summary Statement: The Parks and Recreation Department has been working on an update to the Park, Recreation and Open Space (PRO) Plan, an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The last full PRO Plan update was in 2008. RCW 79A.25.120 requires local agencies to submit an updated PRO Plan every six years to remain eligible for grants under the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and work session in November 2013 and has recommended approval of the Plan, with minor amendments, (7-0 vote). The Plan has also been recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which oversaw the update process. An approved update must be submitted to the State by March 3, 2014.

Previous Council Action: Public Hearing held January 13, 2014. Staff updates in March and October, 2013.

Fiscal Impact: Revenue assumptions and estimated expenditures for full implementation are set forth on page 56 of the Plan. Individual projects are brought forward in the annual Capital Facilities Plan for budget consideration.

Funding Source:

Attachments: Materials from the January 13, 2014 City Council Public Hearing are available at www.cob.org Ordinance

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Council Vote Requested	27-Jan-2014	Pass Ordinance	Leslie Bryson, Parks & Recreation	10 min

Council Committee:

Parks & Recreation
Roxanne Murphy, Chair
Pinky Vargas; Jack Weiss

Committee Actions:

Agenda Bill Contact:

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Reviewed By	Initials	Date
Jeff Thomas, PCD Director	JT	1-22-2014
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Legal	AAm 1/22/14
Mayor	KL/BK 1/22/14

Council Action:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM RELATING TO LAND USE PLANNING AND UPDATING CHAPTER 7 OF THE BELLINGHAM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH THE NEW PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

WHEREAS, an updated Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PRO Plan) is required by state and federal agencies for the City to qualify for parks and recreation funding; and

WHEREAS, the City updates its Pro Plan every six years, and City Council last adopted an updated Pro Plan in 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the Pro Plan is included as Chapter 7 - Parks, Recreation and Open Space of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in July, 2013 the City Council held a public hearing and subsequently voted to include consideration of the proposal to update the Pro Plan and Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan in the annual amendment process for 2013/2014; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department worked with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to oversee the PRO Plan update process, provide input, and evaluate recommendations; and

WHEREAS, other public participation opportunities in the PRO Plan update process included a statistically valid phone survey, a web-based survey, monthly public meetings, a public workshop and open house; and

WHEREAS, a Determination of Non Significance (DNS) was issued for the proposed update to the Pro Plan and Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan on October 8, 2013, consistent with RCW 43.21 C; and

WHEREAS, as required by RCW 36.70A.106, notice of the City's intent to adopt an update to the Pro Plan and Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan was sent to the Department of Commerce on mmmm dd, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after mailed and published notice, the Bellingham Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal to update the Pro Plan and Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan on November 7, 2013 and a work session on November 21, 2013 to further review the proposal; and

WHEREAS, November 21, 2013, the Planning Commission found the proposal consistent with the Comprehensive Plan amendment criteria in BMC 20.20.040, and thereafter adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations in support of adoption of the updated PRO Plan and Chapter 7 of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on January 13, 2014, to consider the proposal, the staff report and recommendations, and the record and recommendations of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposal satisfies the Comprehensive Plan Amendment requirements of BMC 20.20.040 and is consistent with the State Growth Management Act and the rest of the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, in February 2014, City Council adopted the updated 2014 PRO Plan by Resolution _____ and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Chapter 7 - Parks, Recreation and Open Space of the 2006 Bellingham Comprehensive Plan is hereby repealed and replaced by the updated Pro Plan attached as **Exhibit A**.

Section 2. City Council adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Planning Commission dated November 21, 2013, attached as **Exhibit B**.

PASSED by the Council this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Council President

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Office of the City Attorney

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