



Tukwila Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Public Information Update: Phase 3

Memorandum

To: Dave Johnson, Recreation Superintendent, City of Tukwila

From: MIG Project Team

Date: October 4, 2013

RE: Phase 3 Public Information Update: Tukwila PROS Plan

Keeping the community informed of progress on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is critical to developing the best possible plan and building ownership in the community. This information update is intended for project staff to use as source material for a variety of communication opportunities at key points in the process. The content is designed as a mix of short headlines and more detailed messages. These messages can be used to provide fresh content for the website, as well as mailings and other updates to the community.

What's New: Information about the project

Preliminary Needs Analysis Completed

MIG completed the preliminary Needs Analysis and discussed key findings with the Technical Advisory Committee and City Council in late August. As a result of these meetings, there are several additional layers of information that will be reviewed during plan development including areas of high crime, residential density, racial and ethnic diversity and major employment areas. Along with this data, there are five key needs identified in the Needs Analysis that will be used to base plan directions. These include a need for:

- Accessible and connected parks and recreational opportunities;
- Walking and biking, health and wellness;
- Socializing, gathering and a sense of community;
- Opportunities for all; and
- Affordable and convenient opportunities.

Strategy Session Outcomes

MIG held the third Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting to strategize directions for the plan, including potential recommendations and prioritized

projects to improve parks and recreation services. The meeting consisted of participants representing a wide cross section of different City departments to provide specific feedback on development of the plan. The TAG identified several points, listed below. Graphically recorded notes of the meeting are provided at the end of this memo.

- Not all parks are the same. Some provide different experiences and opportunities than others. At the same time, city residents have varying degrees of access to parks. Tukwila's hills, busy streets and highways and different land use patterns should all be considered when addressing park land goals.
- Employees also have recreation needs that should be met. Walkable streets and trails, mobile programming and places for lunch or socializing are the types of facilities and ideas that could meet the recreational needs of employees in Tukwila.
- The PROS Plan should identify specific walking and biking improvements that meet existing needs, while forwarding recommendations of the Walk and Roll Plan, to make the biggest gains in park access. Trails that provide loops or that bridge gap areas can also improve recreational opportunities.
- Open space should be embraced in the park system, creating places for people to experience natural areas and for environmental education.
- City programs and services should "ebb and flow" with the constantly changing nature of Tukwila's population. These opportunities should be affordable and accessible, especially in areas lacking convenient access. The City should also seek partnership opportunities to expand the resources available to residents.

Check out the project webpage:

<http://www.tukwilawa.gov/recreation/propenspaceplan.html>

The project team continues to maintain a page on the City of Tukwila's website to keep track of the latest information about the planning process. Check in here for opportunities to get involved, review the work to date and find out more about the parks, recreation and open space system.

Getting Involved: Upcoming events

- *City Council Update: October 7, 2013*
- *Technical Advisory Meeting #4: Date TBD*
Review of the working Draft Plan and identify refinements for the public review draft.
- *City Council Update: Date TBD*
A complete review of the draft plan.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Dave Johnson, Recreation Supervisor at 206-768-2822 or Dave.Johnson@tukwilawa.gov.

TAG Meeting 3: Strategy Session September 26, 2013

Meeting Notes

