




TO: Olympia City Council
FROM: Maria Ruth, Chair 
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)
DATE: September 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Recommendation on Preliminary 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)

Greetings, Council Members--

During the September 16, 2021, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC), committee members voted unanimously to approve the Parks, Arts, and Recreation chapter of the *2022-2027 Preliminary Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)* and \$7,863,399 in appropriations therein for 2022.

We are pleased to see continuous progress on ADA upgrades to Lions and Yauger Park in 2022 and in LBA Park, McGrath Woods, Bigelow Park, Percival Landing in subsequent years.

The \$200,000/year for these ADA upgrades as well as the \$750,000 /year for of our Capital Asset Management Projects (CAMP) in this draft CFP are funded through the Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD). We appreciate the continued dedication of these reliable, taxpayer-generated funds to projects that help ensure Olympia's parks are safe, accessible, and enjoyable to everyone and every body in our growing and diverse community.

It is very exciting to see funding allocated in 2022 in this draft CFP for the redesign of the Armory Creative Campus/Arts Center, and Yelm Highway Community Park Master Plan and Design as well as funding for the acquisition and development of the Peace & Healing Park (at Fertile Grounds). These projects reflect two great strengths of Olympia's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Department—its ability to work steadfastly over decades to realize long-held community goals and its ability to respond swiftly to emerging needs in our community.

Thank you considering PRACs recommendation in your CFP review process. Please contact me at (360) 350-8583 or mruth@ci.olympia.wa.us if you would like to discuss PRAC's recommendation.

Maria Ruth, Chair
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CC: Olympia Planning Commission