



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2013
To: Mayor Buxbaum and Olympia City Councilmembers
From: Jim Nieland, Vice-Chair *Jim Nieland*
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Subject: Artesian Court Draft Concept Plan

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) is pleased to see the evolution of the Artesian Court based on public meetings and comments. The staff has taken into account public comments and revised preliminary plans to reflect community interests. The Committee feels the plan is a good one and is ready to move into the final design phase.

After hearing public testimony at the PRAC meeting on April 11, PRAC makes the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1

PRAC recommends approval of the concept plan for the Artesian Court and further recommends that Parks, Arts and Recreation Department be directed to proceed with design review, permitting and final construction documents.

Recommendation 2

PRAC recommends the Artesian Court be designated as a city park, to be operated and maintained by the Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, pending sufficient additional operational funding in the 2014 Operating Budget.

Recommendation 3

PRAC also recommends earmarking an additional \$53,000 in the 2014 Capital Budget to be added to the \$100,000 currently authorized to provide a total of \$153,000 for construction.

Recommendation 4

PRAC recommends the Artesian Court be a phased development that would allow for the addition of "active" recreational elements, interpretive displays and reasonably accessible restrooms. In the future, if the City pursues construction of public restrooms downtown, PRAC believed this would be a good site.