



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jim Nieland, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

DATE: December 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Downtown Strategy

According to the Council-adopted scope for the Downtown Strategy, advisory boards (other than OPC) have a role to advise Council and staff on potential initiatives to include in the Strategy, including the following tasks:

- Receive an informational briefing from staff
- In line with scope, make recommendations for initiatives pertaining to expert purpose and role for consideration by staff and City Council
- Members may participate, listen and/or observe public workshops/meetings

At the August 18, 2016 meeting, PRAC received a briefing and provided parks related feedback to staff for incorporation into the Strategy's draft recommended actions. At the December 15, 2015 meeting, PRAC reviewed the Strategy's proposed actions and provided the following comments (note, a quorum was not present).

- Views from parks and trails are important and PRAC would like to be involved in any future work efforts that may affect or impact important views from parks or trails.
- A PRAC member has volunteered to participate on the technical committee for the upcoming downtown regulations and design guidelines update.

PRAC appreciates the opportunity to participate and provide comment throughout the Downtown Strategy process and welcomes the positive changes the finished plan will affect in downtown Olympia.