

September 22, 2020

Olympia Metropolitan Parks District Advisory Committee,

YES Olympia Parks Coalition supports Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation programs and monitors the City's and District's compliance with the Interlocal Agreement. Coalition members work on specific park, open space and related activities and we join together to assure that the funding the voters directed to parks is actually used for parks purposes and is tracked as such. A list of member organizations follows this letter.

The following are our comments on the report titled: *DRAFT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 City's compliance with funding levels set forth in the Interlocal Agreement between the OMPD Board and Olympia City Council.*

1. The report shows budgeted funds matching the required amounts. When budgets were adopted, the City and the MPD planned to be in compliance with the Interlocal Agreement.
2. A complete history would be helpful to show year-to year budgets, revenues, and expenses. This should also include specifics on any funds that were transferred back to the general fund at year end.
3. Since capital budget projects often take several years to complete, the history should include details tracking the funds over time for these multi-years projects.
4. Any changes resulting from the audit may modify our comments on the report.

Separate from the report, we have appreciated the follow up from staff that has shown actual revenues and expenses. We value the open communications we have experienced with City and MPD staff.

Sincerely,

Signed by Bob Jacobs and Karen Messmer – representing the YES Olympia Parks Coalition

Yes Olympia Parks Coalition

YES Olympia Parks is a coalition of organizations that support parks, open spaces, and recreation. The coalition negotiated the wording for the MPD ordinance and the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the MPD. These documents defined the terms under which the coalition would support and campaign for the Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) ballot measure, which it successfully did.

- Olympia Coalition for Ecosystems Preservation
- Friends of LBA Woods (formerly LBA Woods Coalition)
- Friends of the Waterfront
- Woodland Trail Greenway Association
- Olympia Capitol Park Foundation
- Parks and Sidewalks Campaign Committee of 2004
- North Capitol Campus Heritage Park Development Association