



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Armory Creative Campus Update

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Title

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Recommended Action

Not referred to a committee

Report

Issue:

Update on the Armory Creative Campus Community Visioning Process and Business Planning Phase.

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Background and Analysis:

In March 2022, the Olympia Armory was transferred to the City of Olympia, “for use as a community asset dedicated to using the arts to support community development, arts educations and economic development.” Nine city planning initiatives over the last 30 years illustrate the conviction toward leveraging the arts as a powerful tool for strengthening culture, education, community building, equity, and the economy.

Key initiatives have prepared the City for this moment, where timing and space align including the Olympia Parks Arts and Recreation and City Comprehensive Plans; 2018 Arts Cultures and Heritage study; and 2021-2022 Armory Creative Campus Conceptual Design and Business Plan to be completed in August 2022.

Staff will share an update on the current Conceptual Design and Business Planning phase.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Visioning phase has engaged 1,467 people through surveys, focus groups, tours, and events - including local community organization like the Eastside Neighborhood Association and various non-profits. Additionally, the Armory Engage page has had 4,290 unique visitors.

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Options:

Not applicable

Financial Impact:

Not applicable

Attachments:

None