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To:

Parks and Recreation Commission

From:

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Subject: Parks Master Plan Update

The Parks and Trails Master Plan update process is underway, although our timeline has been extended since our initial discussions on this topic.

The survey that the commission reviewed and provided feedback on was finalized and released to the public on June 15, 2022. Parks was able to promote this survey during the County Fair, both online and in person at the County Parks booth. This effort has yielded over 400 responses to date. We anticipate leaving the survey open throughout the outreach period and expect many more responses to come.

We have yet to execute an agreement with a consultant to assist in outreach efforts. Although we identified a firm several months ago, we ran into some delays. We continue to work with the consultant and County Procurement and Contracts to ensure that all the requirements are met and that an agreement is nearing completion. I am optimistic that we will have our consultant on board prior to the August Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, and that more updates will follow regarding events, meetings, and our progress with that very important aspect of our process. Although it was disappointing to have this part of the project delayed, I was reminded that the cooler weather will be a better time to hold any outdoor public workshops. Accordingly, the bulk of this effort will be scheduled for the Fall.

Staff has also been working on a draft website in order to centralize information on how to get involved in the process, including a calendar of events, contact information, and access to submit entries to our photo contest.

We look forward to working with the Commission on the next phase of this project!

Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager c.