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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Jennifer Franich, Deputy CAO
Subject: 8/27/24 Item #16, Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report

On Tuesday, August 27, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Commission will present their annual report. This is the first time this Commission has presented to the Board under the new commission/committee annual report policy. The current Commission is committed and well-resourced, and staff is thankful to have their input and guidance in our many endeavors. However, both the Commission and staff at times struggle with the very broad purpose and duties of the commission (as stated in [EDC Code Chapter 2.20](#)), and would like help defining the work of the Commission to be achievable and meaningful, as well as the role of the commission overall, to best serve your Board.

Parks staff worked with the Commission on the presentation and provided guidance in the development of the goals for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year (Slide #20). It was suggested that staff prioritize these goals to provide some context for the discussion. The following summarizes our thoughts:

Priorities – In order of importance

1. “Review and provide input to staff and the Board on the Draft Parks and Trails Master Plan.”
2. “Review outcome of Lebeck Engineering study for Chili Bar and provide recommendations on priorities and phasing to the Board of Supervisors (D-4).”
3. “Continue to work with staff to develop draft changes to the River Management Plan as a result of the five-year review (D-4).”
4. “Review Henningsen Lotus Park Master Plan and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for improvements and priorities for funding needed projects at the park (D-4).”
5. “Continue to provide a public forum for discussion of Parks and Recreation concerns and opportunities (ongoing).”

Recommendations on other Goals in Slide #20

- Consider deferring to a future year, due to all of the other priorities outlined above: “Provide a public forum for the study of electric bicycles and scooters on the El Dorado Trail and develop policy recommendations for the Board.”
- “Re-assemble Master Plan Advisory Committee for Master Plan feedback on the complete Draft Parks and Trails Master Plan.” The timing of the Committee meeting and the attendees will make

this very hard to accomplish by the end of the year. Staff will be connecting directly with all agencies that were a part of this Committee for a more efficient process. We have discussed this with the Commission already at our last meeting, however, that discussion happened after the completion of the presentation slide deck.

- “Aid efforts to develop a park in the community of Grizzly Flats (D-2).” The Board could direct staff to seek out funding for a possible park, however, it is unclear how the Commission could help with this effort at this time and it may be a better goal for a future date or a future project stage.
- “Aid efforts to develop a 30-acre trailhead in El Dorado Hills (D-1).” Although our public input on from the Master Plan survey prioritized trails, this goal may be too specific at this time. In the future there will be opportunities to collaborate with County partners to create trailheads and the Commission may be helpful in those endeavors.
- Additional Possible Direction: It would be helpful to also have direction from the Board to review the Parks and Recreation Commission ordinance to better define the role and scope of the Commission. Due to our current focus on completing the Master Plan, we would ask that if this is the direction the Board wishes to provide, the Board direct staff to return to the Board with an item for conceptual approval to amend the EDC Code Section 2.20 within one year.

We sincerely look forward to the discussion and your Board’s direction on Tuesday.