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Parks Master Plan Questionnaire

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Parks Master Planning Team and Commissioners:

It would be more appropriate, and certainly more efficient, to explain the intention behind the questions and how the information will be used before asking the Commissioners to respond to any survey.

The first two questions are rather vague, and not only would it be difficult for me to narrow my focus to only one thing in, or hoped for, in the plan, but I wouldn't want to, nor do I think it useful for any of us to do that. Avoiding district-centric silos is critical to a good Master Plan update, and by its nature such a plan should start with a broader vision.

Especially since you state that you intend to enter our answers into the public record of our next meeting, it would be far more effective and considerate (and legal) to discuss a potential survey prior to asking us to fill out an instrument that asks open ended questions about our non-County related lives, as the last two questions do.

We can guess at the intent of the questions, but we would be better served, as would the public, if we understand what the desired information is and how it will be used before moving forward with a survey of Commissioners. In addition the PRC is on record asking for a public workshop about the update to discuss County staff's proposed approach and the PRC's role, as well as content of the update itself. Again, while a survey of Commissioners may be a useful instrument connected to such a workshop, prior discussion of such would make it more relevant.

It would be very helpful to have on our upcoming agenda staff's perspective and pertinent information on development of the requested workshop and further PRC discussion of same. If the process has begun, it would be nice to know. It would also give staff a chance to describe how needed expertise not on staff will be obtained, the proposed use of the \$250K budgeted for the process, and a timeline, among other items.

Hopefully our other Commissioners will be able to add any comments they have prior to the 19th. Regardless, requests by the PRC regarding the update are already on record, perhaps we can start there.

Respectfully,
Julia McIver

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On Oct 7, 2021, at 11:52 AM, Brian Michaelson <brian.michaelson@edcgov.us> wrote:

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