

Public Comments Anacorte Parks and Recreation Draft Comprehensive Plan

Note:

The public comments within this document pertain to the Draft Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan presented to City Council on November 4, and were received between November 3, 2019 and December 31, 2019. Comments may be paraphrased or summarized for brevity.

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1	11/3/2019	Email Comments	Ross Barnes	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	(1) Rotary Park: Heavy Trampling at Disc Golf Course (2) Soroptimist Station Address Correction (3) Washington Park - suggested alternate geographic description, opposed to boat launch expansion. (4) Anacortes Community Forest Lands - suggested new description of Forest Lands Manager position and that the Forest Lands are not within city limits due to recent acquisitions. (5) Skyline -suggested Skyline area should be providing recreation opportunities on the west end of town. (6) Guemes Channel Trail - listed a variety of perceived problems and concerns with the trail and other shoreline trails on the west side of town. (7) Natural Areas & Open Space (8) Heart Lake Master Plan (9) Small Boat Center - section needs more specificity. (10) Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve (11) Anchor Cove Park - where is it? (12) Cap Sante Park - repeat of item (1) (13) Causland Park - repair work doesn't match existing rock work and should be better researched. (14) The Depot - Concerns about wetland buffers. (15) Roadside Park (16) Thompson Trail - Calls for shoreline enhancement. (17) Volunteer Park - Calls for wetlands mitigation.	(1) Maintenance of Invasive Plants is ongoing. (2) Correction made. (3) Comment noted. (4) Correction made on city limits comment. (5) Skyline is under private ownership. (6) Comments noted, on-going work is permitted. (7) "Active and Passive" recreation regarding appropriate use best handled by specific management plans and master plans. (8) Concerns would be addressed in ACFL Plan update. (9) Section is in reference to small boats in the marine environment. Parks and Recreation is working with Anacortes Waterfront Alliance on possible amenities. (10) Park projects must follow applicable permits. (11) Park cited in 1996 Parks Plan, researching origin. (12) See item (1) (13) Repairs are researched and compared with historical photos/maps, matching rocks are used when available and appropriate. (14) Comments noted. (15) Trail maintenance is ongoing. (16) Comment noted. This area is a significant smelt fishery, any of the actions suggested would need to be vetted by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and other appropriate entities. (17) City Staff is working with the Anacortes School District on a Management and Mitigation report at Smiley's Bottom near Volunteer Park.
2	11/13/2019	Email Comments	Robert Barry	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	Poor Plan/Poor Management	Comment noted.
3	11/14/2019	Email Comments	Katherine O'Hara	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve / Guemes Channel Trail - opposed to the continuation of the Guemes Channel Trail through the Ship Harbor wetland buffer.	Comment noted. Parks projects must follow applicable regulations and acquire necessary permits.
4	11/18/2019	Email Comments	Kathleen Lorence-Flanagan	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	(1) Grammatical errors need correction suggests minor reorganization of document. (2) Volunteer Field. (3) Park Facilities under other ownership. (4) Recreation Programs (5) Public Input Survey - grammatical corrections and comments on survey. (6) Park Needs and Standards (7) Major Projects and Identified Needs - grammatical corrections suggested. (8) Goals and Policies (9) Park Funding Options (10) Parks Capital Improvements	(1) Comments noted, corrections made. (2) City staff is working with the Anacortes School District on a Management and Mitigation report at Smiley's Bottom near Volunteer Park. (3) Comment noted. (4) Correction made. (5) Comments noted, grammatical corrections made. (6) Comments noted. (7) Grammatical changes made. (8) Comments noted. (9) Comments noted. (10) Grammatical corrections made. Comments noted.
5	12/5/2019	Email Comments	Ross Barnes	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	Ebikes - related to parks, comments are concerned about fire hazards presented by ebikes & regulation of ebikes related to use. How are other jurisdictions handling this question?	The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is currently discussing Ebikes on paved trails.
6	12/11/2019	Email Comments	Katherine O'Hara	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	Request is to alter Policy PR-4.3 to add Skagit Audubon Society to a list of community groups that should make up a Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sub-committee on Ship Harbor.	Policy PR-4.3 comes from the City Comprehensive Plan, adjustment could be made when the update to that plan occurs.
7	12/16/2019	Email Comments	Ross Barnes	APRD Draft Comprehensive Plan	Looking for document that track changes between December and November versions of the plan. Repeated 11/03/2019 Comments.	A track changes document is available on the Parks and Recreation web page. Please see responses to Mr. Barnes' comments from 11/03/2019.

