

CITY OF GARDNER
Open Space and Recreation Plan Steering Committee
Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
115 Pleasant St., Room 202
January 31st, 2023 at 3p.m.
Virtual Meeting Update

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Members Present:

Sophie Dorow, Rob Oliva, Norman Beaugard, Trevor Beaugard, Anna Wilkins, Ron Cormier, Steve Rockwood, Arica McCarthy, Gordon Leedy

Members Absent:

David Orwig, Norman Beaugard, Steve Cormier

Guests & Visitors:

None

MEETING – brought to Order by Sophie Dorow at 3 pm

Discussion

Begin meeting-

Tighe and bond Arica and Gordon to go over the map updates, table update timeline and next steps for the draft plan with the OSRP steering committee.

- Discuss criteria for the ranking map and look at goals that were detailed in previous meetings to analyze. Jon GIS, Arica and Sophie discussed some action items for priority rankings in which tables, appendices and maps such as the action plan need attention. The priority ranking map will be worked on by Trevor and Sophie. Jon will work on map #15 (recreation facility map) and update tables that match the maps where there were some discrepancies that need to be updated next.

Gordon and Arica- Discussion on sending the draft to all committees timeline discussion and when to post to city website and advertised in newspaper for public review and so they can make comments.

Scheduling for the public meeting in march if all goes according to plan. GIS work is set to be complete by 10th.

Sophie- is set to update the action plan map by hand drawing a draft in which Jon can translate into GIS mapping format to input into the draft plan.

- Discussion among committee in changing the old GIS priority ranking map layout and features and how its depicted to a much easier/more user-friendly version. The green dots will be labeled with the Map/lot/parcel ID so it is easier to reference in the future plans.
- Natural heritage and endangered species and biomap link will be included in the draft report as inquired by committee member.

Sophie and Arica plan to discuss the next steps and update once information is gathered on action plan map and priority ranking map. Which should take a few days to then review the draft as a whole and make any additional comments on the draft that the committee has at that point.

Tighe and Bond- Next step would be to submit to the public to view.

Sophie to help GIS responsibilities and input the chapter 61 table and map which coincide with one another. Assessors office can help determine this, and using Arc GIS online. This will take time and effort to complete to go through to identify which parcels are 61A and 61B.

- The committee discussed some discrepancies in parcels missing for chapter 61 lands and plan to incorporate them.
- Committee discussion on permanent, municipal, conservation easement and quazi land and deeded land.

Closing discussion-

Tighe and Bond- Ends with a plan to regroup once maps and tables are updated. A meeting invite will be sent out by Sophie in the near future once she meets with Arica.

End meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Undetermined

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