

MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy Agenda Committee

FROM: Lauren London, Chair, Park Advisory Commission

DATE: March 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Park Advisory Commission Policy Agenda Items

Whereas, the Park Advisory Commission reviewed the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation goals outlined in the PROS Plan,

Whereas, Objectives related to each Goal are listed in the current PROS Plan, and

Whereas, the Parks Advisory Commission have affirmed the goals outlined in the PROS Plan, summarized as follows:

GOAL 1: Provide an Exceptional Park Experience

Rationale: *The core values developed by staff, the city's strategic plan, and the capital improvements plan criteria all contain as a goal to strive to provide the highest quality customer experience and exceed expectations for the greatest number of users. Additionally, the goal is to ensure that parks, facilities, and amenities are safe, well maintained and meeting the current demands of the community.*

GOAL 2: Ensure that the Park System is diverse, equitable, and inclusive

Rationale: *Providing opportunities for all and engaging the full diversity of the community is a core value developed by staff, and a goal of the Sustainability Framework Plan and of the city's organizational strategic plan.*

GOAL 3: Ensure that the park system is comprehensive, distinctive, and innovative

Rationale: *Responding to changing recreation trends with innovative amenities, facilities, and programming that provide new experiences and create regional destinations is integral to the Parks' core values and the capital improvement plan criteria.*

GOAL 4: Ensure that the park system is financially sustainable

Rationale: *Assuring a firm financial basis for the park, recreation, and open space system is a goal of the city strategic plan and a criterion of the capital improvements plan.*

GOAL 5: Foster Environmental Stewardship and meet the City's A2 Zero Sustainability Goals

Rationale: *The Sustainability Framework Plan, the park staff core values, and the capital improvements plan all emphasize the importance of being environmental stewards and encouraging sustainable practices.*

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission forwards these affirmed goals and objectives to the Policy Agenda Committee.