

Subject **Re: Response to final Game Plan Comments**

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- reply.final.gameplan4-8-19.pdf (~133 KB)
- final.gameplan3-22-19.pdf (~165 KB)
- all 2019 comments 3.27.2019.xlsx (~191 KB)

April 8, 2019

To: DPR Mark Tabor,  
DPR Dody Erickson  
City Council  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Dear Mark,

Thank you for getting back to us with replies to INC Parks and Recreation Committee draft Game Plan comments. We have gone through all of your responses and several of our comments were addressed.

We continue to have four outstanding concerns for the Game Plan and would appreciate your attention to them.

**INC #21** regarding transparent and accessible Budget information

We would like the following statement to be added as a separate strategy or it be placed in an existing strategy:

Provide greater detail breakdown of DPR's Annual Budget line items to enhance transparency and to understand the intention of monies spent in each category or budget line for accountability and transparency of the 20 year Game Plan.

**INC #22 and #42** regarding transparent engagement page 110 and 180

It is still not clear to us how the public will be involved early in policy and regulation discussions. We believe it is very important to come to the community before the policy or regulation is drafted and to get some early feedback. It will require alerting people to know the concerns or reasons there is going to be a discussion *prior* to establishing a draft.

We are aware the ultimate decision is the department's as it is clearly stated in the edit comment to be added to pg. 180 to read:

"The development of Policies and Regulations are a departmental responsibility with advice from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and approval by the Executive Director"

The sentence seems to negate anything in the Game Plan that says involving the community in the development of policies and regulations. We would like to know if it is clearly stated to "include the community early in policy and regulation development"?

**INC #34** regarding regional parks

We don't see mention of regional parks unless they are considered specialized parks as on page 117. If that is the

case then it would be helpful to define specialized parks in the Glossary.

Our doubt of the Game Plan addressing regional parks is further reinforced on page 187

"What are the results of implementing these strategies? "

Regional Parks are listed on the cover page 187 but there are no outcomes of implementing the strategies for regional parks as they are listed with every other park, recreation center and mountain park on pages 190-199

**INC #37** regarding **Support the development or enhancement of a comprehensive non profit foundation to help promote and fund park and recreation and improvements** page 139 strategy 4.4

We continue to be concerned about the purpose of the foundation, the independence and oversight of the foundation and we believe the idea of a DPR Foundation should be vetted with council and the community and therefore not be a strategy in the Game Plan Healthy City.

Again, thank you for all your time and effort on the 20 year Game Plan and look forward to working with you and the Department.

Sincerely,

Cindy Johnstone

Maggie Price

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cc. Happy Haynes, INC Executive Committee, Jill Jennings Golich, Caryn Champine

Attachments: Reply Gameplan 4-8-19, Game Plan Golf Course to Mark Tabor 3-22-19, All 2019 Comments 3-27-2019