



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: AUGUST 17, 2026**  
**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT** **WARD: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN – PARK AND RECREATION ELEMENT DRAFT POLICIES**

## **ISSUE:**

Presentation and discussion of the draft policies for the Park and Recreation Element of the “Riverside 2050” General Plan Update.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and discuss draft policies for the Park and Recreation Element of the “Riverside 2050” General Plan Update.

## **BACKGROUND:**

A comprehensive update of the General Plan kicked off in Fall 2024. The General Plan is a comprehensive document which outlines community-wide priorities, goals and specific implementation measures to create a sustainable, resilient, and livable Riverside. The Update process will ensure that the General Plan reflects the vision and diverse voices of all residents through 2050. The Citywide initiative includes robust public outreach in each of the City’s Wards and will identify focus areas for enhanced analysis and outreach.

## **DISCUSSION:**

This three-year effort will guide the development of the City through the year 2050. Community participation and input are critical to shaping the Riverside we want to see for generations to come. Updating the General Plan will ensure the City is complying with state legislation and nationwide policy goals. The current General Plan was last updated in 2007 and has served as a strategic, long-range planning document to guide the City’s growth to 2025. This Update process will ensure that the General Plan reflects current community conditions and vision for the City through 2050. The General Plan update is led by the Community and Economic Development Department. More information on community outreach and project progress are available online at <https://riverside2050.squarespace.com/>.

Taking into consideration the 2020 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Master Plan, 2021 Trails Master Plan, and recent General Plan community input, the consultant

has drafted the Park and Recreation Element policies, which are being presented to the Parks Commission for discussion and feedback.

A Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) is being prepared concurrently with the General Plan. The City's Office of Sustainability is leading preparation of the CAAP. The CAAP will set ambitious, yet achievable emissions reduction targets for our City. More information on CAAP will be presented to the Commission at a later date

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this report.

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Attachments: Presentation