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# Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

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Basketball court, Eastgate Lions Park



Picnic Shelter, Fort Walla Walla Park

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Farmer's Market Pavilion, Crawford Park

## Executive Summary

Parks and Recreation have a long history in Walla Walla. The park system is more than a century old, and Walla Walla residents overwhelmingly consider Parks and Recreation to be essential to their quality of life. The City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department manages 19 facilities throughout the city for the benefit of the people of Walla Walla and provided recreation programming to more than 10,000 people during 2017.

Walla Walla's parks range from intimate Xeriscape Park, a low-water landscape demonstration garden, to bustling Washington Park, where families recreate the whole year, to the classically designed Pioneer Park and historic Fort Walla Walla Park, where Walla Walla's history as an indigenous gathering place and frontier boom town is on display. Recreation opportunities abound, with ballfields and playgrounds and courts to be found throughout the city and programming activities spread throughout the year.

Public input on this plan was garnered at events throughout 2017, in parks as well as at events for the overall City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan produced in tandem with this Parks and Recreation Plan and which adopts this Parks and Recreation Plan by reference. An online survey was also used to gain insight into the public's desires and vision around parks and recreation in Walla Walla, which almost 500 residents responded to. City Parks and Recreation Department staff also provided valuable input about the current status of parks, facilities, and recreation programs.

By most metrics, including number of facilities, acreage of parks, and user satisfaction, parks and recreation in Walla Walla are achieving high levels of service. There is certainly room to improve scores, for specific kinds of facilities, at specific parks, and regarding the geographic distribution of parks, but overall, the current status is good and moving in the right direction.

The purpose of this plan is to provide a roadmap for the Department's and the public's vision of parks and recreation over the next six years. Broadly, the Goals and Policies contained in the plan aim to provide high levels of service, meet the needs of Walla Walla's diverse population, and continue to enhance the quality of life for residents.

# Background

## Planning Context

The City of Walla Walla encompasses approximately 12.5 square miles. The Washington State Office of Financial Management 2017 population estimate is 33,840 residents.

The population of Walla Walla is about 26% under age 18, 24% are 18-34 years old, 19% are from 35-49, 17% are 50-64, and 15% are older than 65. The population under 35 is a bit higher than the state average due to the student populations of Whitman College, Walla Walla Community College, and Walla Walla University. The public-school system and institutions of higher learning provide many opportunities for recreation through school facilities and programming. These existing opportunities are a great reason for the City to partner with these organizations in order to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure accessibility for participants.

Approximately 15% of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino. This is a growing segment of Walla Walla’s population. All parks and recreation print materials currently produced are bi-lingual in English and Spanish. Maintaining and improving access to programming for the Spanish-speaking population will continue to be an important facet of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation’s mission.



Playground, Washington Park

Roughly one-third of Walla Walla households are categorized as Very Low or Low Income. This population may experience difficulty participating in programming or in reaching facilities. Continued efforts to ensure all segments of Walla Walla’s population are able to engage in Parks and Recreation will be necessary.

Walla Walla has an enduring connection to its parks. Planning for city-owned parks began in 1901, when the land that was to become Pioneer Park was purchased by the City for park purposes.

Walla Walla residents consistently rank Parks and Recreation highly on yearly citizen satisfaction scores, including year-over-year

improvements. Recreation and Parks were identified as the second and fourth most important priorities, respectively, where the City should concentrate on improving facilities and services in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan survey. Together, these show that residents of Walla Walla highly value existing opportunities and desire further investment and expansion in the system.

While there was a Parks and Recreation Plan for the period from 1972-1992, that plan was not updated and re-adopted after that point. Parks and Recreation funding and prioritization in the past two decades has relied on year to year assessments of need and on user generated visions for individual parks and projects. The intent of this document is to anticipate the short and long-term needs of the entire Walla Walla Parks and Recreation system in order to plan for the future before it arrives.

Capital for the Parks and Recreation Department comes from two sources, the City’s general fund on a biennial budget cycle, and from private donations. These sources have been adequate, but there certainly is room for expansion of partnerships with outside funding organizations, for continued cooperation with facility providers, and for exploration of additional funding sources to implement system-wide improvements and specific facility upgrades and additions.

This plan has been developed in conjunction with the City of Walla Walla’s periodic update for the Comprehensive Plan and is consistent with that document. This plan is also adopted to be consistent with the guidelines established in Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Manual 2, so that future City of Walla Walla projects may qualify for RCO grant funding.

**System Status – 2018**

The City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department manages 15 parks totaling approximately 395 acres; an 18-hole municipal golf course; an aviary; an aquatic facility including Olympic size lap pool, slides, and splash features; an 89-acre cemetery founded in the 1860s, and a trail system with over seven miles of trails.

In 2017, Recreation programs served over 10,000 Walla Wallans participating in more than 20 different programs – almost a third of Walla Walla’s population. The total number of contacts with visitors was almost 182,000, nearly double the previous year’s attendance – largely due to the re-opening of Veteran’s Memorial Pool.

Major recent improvements include the complete refurbishment and expansion of Veteran’s Memorial Pool, a new ADA accessible playground installed at Wildwood Park, the planning for a new ADA accessible playground to be installed in spring 2018 at Fort Walla Walla Park, and the preliminary design work for a complete reconstruction of Heritage Square.



BMX course, Fort Walla Walla Park

## Inventory

The inventory is intended to provide information about each park and recreation facility. A brief history is presented first, followed by a catalogue of the amenities in each location and their condition, rated by Parks and Recreation staff as either Good, Fair, or Poor. Americans with Disabilities Act compliance is also denoted. History information is sourced from City of Walla Walla document archives, including Ordinances and Resolutions passed by City Council, and from Walla Walla 2020.

Each park is also classified by park type. Park types are categories which provide broad information about the size of the park/facility, what type of recreation is available, and who the typical users are. Community parks provide a diverse range of recreational activities and typically include parking facilities and restrooms. They are generally 25 acres or larger and have a service radius of 2 miles. Neighborhood parks have a smaller range of activities available, are usually between 5 and 10 acres large, and serve the area up to half a mile around. Mini-parks provide specialized recreation opportunities to a limited population and are generally smaller than 1 acre. Users of mini-parks are drawn from the surrounding one quarter mile area.

### Carnegie

*109 South Palouse Street*

4,300 square foot building

Community Facility

Carnegie was constructed in 1905 by Henry Osterman with funds from Andrew Carnegie's philanthropic efforts on a site that was donated to the City. It served as the site of the Walla Walla Public Library from its founding until 1970. When the library moved to the larger building just west on Alder, Carnegie became home to non-profit arts groups leasing the space from the City for gallery and studio space. In 2006, the City assumed these responsibilities and activities directly.



Carnegie, 109 South Palouse Street

- Pottery painting studio - good
- Dance/fitness space - good
- Yoga studio - good
- Statue

There is one ADA accessible entrance on the rear of the building, to the daylight basement of the premise. An ADA parking stall is appropriately located to access this entrance. There are no ADA accessible bathrooms or water fountains in the building.



Pottery painting studio at Carnegie Art Center

### **Crawford Park**

*106 West Main Street*

1.2 acres, Market Shelter 3,200 square feet

Mini-Park

Crawford Park is a downtown gathering space. It serves as the site of the Valley Transit Transfer Center as well as the site of the Walla Walla Downtown Farmers Market from May through October.



Crawford Park provides a respite from the hustle and bustle of downtown Walla Walla

- Farmer’s Market pavilion - fair
- Stage with power - good
- Benches - fair
- Statue

There are multiple ADA parking spaces at this location, including van accessible stalls. The bathrooms at the Valley Transit transfer station are owned and operated by Valley Transit and available for public use only at their approval. They are completely ADA compliant, as are the water fountains. The park site is paved with ramps.

### **Eastgate Lions Park**

*2140 Tacoma Street*

12 acres

Neighborhood Park

In 1963, the property that would become Eastgate Lions Park was formally designated for park purposes. The Eastgate Lions Club was an active participant in the process. Resolution Number 3062 formally named the park site in recognition of the contributions of the Club in 1963.



Valley Little League Fields at Eastgate Lions Park

- Valley Little League Fields
  - 3 baseball diamonds, batting cage, bleachers, and scoreboards - good
- Picnic shelter - good
- Basketball court - good
- Baseball backstop with no diamond - good
- Play structure - fair
- Mill Creek Trail from Park to Tausick Way – 1 mile, fair

Parking for the Little League Fields is ADA compliant, and off-street parking available at Fire Station 2 provides access to the sidewalks and Eastgate Lions Park. There is no paved access through Eastgate Lions Park. Both sets of bathrooms meet ADA requirements. There are no water fountains available at this site.

## Fort Walla Walla Park

1199 Myra Road

205 acres

Community Park

The site of the former Fort Walla Walla, this park offers many ways to interact with and interpret that history as well as traditional recreational opportunities. There is a museum on-site, operated by the non-profit Fort Walla Walla Museum organization, including a historic village of restored late 1800's era buildings. The amphitheater at the site is currently not safe for public use. A Master Plan for Fort Walla Walla Park was adopted in 2004.

- Disc golf course - fair
- BMX course - good
- Off-leash dog park - fair
- Amphitheater - poor
- Model airplane field - good
- Remote control car area - good
- Skate park - fair
- Ropes course - good
- Picnic shelter - good
- 2.5 miles of trails - fair
- Natural area

There are two restroom locations in the park, and all are ADA accessible. The two water fountains at the park are also ADA accessible. Many of the trails within the park are accessible as well.

## Heritage Square

116 East Main Street

0.7 acres

Mini-Park

Heritage Square is located in the heart of Downtown Walla Walla. The City is currently working through a master planning process for Heritage Square, with planning and visioning to occur through 2018 and the construction anticipated to begin in approximately 2020.

- Statue
- Mural "Windows of the Past"

There is ADA accessible parking located between Mill Creek and the park, and there are ADA accessible bathrooms and a water fountain available. The restrooms are in poor condition, however.



Activity group builds trust and confidence on the ropes course at Fort Walla Walla Park



Windows of the Past Mural, Heritage Square

## Highway 12 Trail

*North of Highway 12 from Myra Road to Wellington Avenue*

2.5 miles

When Highway 12 through Walla Walla was completed in the mid-1960s, a pedestrian trail was included to provide for safe pedestrian transport. Responsibility for the care and maintenance was transferred to the City in 1988. The trail traverses two and a half miles from Wellington Avenue in the Eastgate neighborhood to Myra Road on Walla Walla's western border. The trail is paved for its whole length. There are portions of the trail that are not ADA accessible due to changes in elevation.

## Howard Tietan Park

*616 E Tietan Street*

19 acres

Neighborhood Park

The land that would become Howard Tietan Park was acquired by the City of Walla Walla from Marvin and Erva Tucker for \$11,760 in 1950. It is clear that the Tuckers intended for this property to be used for park purposes, as Resolution Number 2548 includes language that if "work toward establishing a park is not commenced within three years" the City would owe an additional \$1,960. The land was leased for wheat farming purposes in 1954. In

January 1961, the City Manager requested a study of the importance of this land to the future park needs of the City and the financial ability of the City to develop the tract as a park. February 1961 saw a determination that the City should not part with the land for any reason, and that the City was financially unable to provide a definite program for the development of a park at this location. A proposal to name the park "Captain Albert Harold Rooks Park" failed in October 1963 and the park was officially named Howard-Tietan Park at that time. The City annexed the land encompassing the park in April 1967. In June 1968, the City formally accepted facilities which the Exchange Club of Walla Walla had provided labor, materials, and funds for. These facilities included a baseball diamond and backstop, bleachers, and drinking fountains.



Entrance to Howard Tietan Park

- 2 Baseball diamonds, with backstops and bleachers - good
- 2 Soccer fields - good
- 1 Baseball backstop, no diamond - poor
- Play structure - good
- Swing set - good
- Basketball hoop, no formal court - good
- Electronic wall game - poor
- Picnic shelter - fair
- Mature shade trees
- Playfield used for various sports

There are 2 ADA accessible parking stalls on the north end of the parking lot, with a paved ramp that leads to the accessible bathrooms and water fountains.

**Jefferson Park**

*750 Sprague Street*

9 acres

Neighborhood Park

The land for Jefferson Park was initially purchased in 1911, with further land condemned in 1916. Jefferson Park was formally named in 1931. The Senior Center on site is leased by the City to an operator for programming focused on Walla Walla’s senior population, with the City providing building maintenance. The Wellness Center is leased to an operator for programming and maintenance, and the tenants and activities at this location vary. A fishing pond is stocked in the spring and provides the opportunity for anglers 14 years old and younger to hone their skills.



Playground, Jefferson Park

- Senior Center - fair
- Wellness Center - good
- Basketball half-court - good
- Play structure - good
- Swing set - good
- Wading pool – poor
- Juvenile fishing pond
- Mature shade trees

Restrooms and water fountains are accessible. There is one designated ADA parking stall. A paved path leads from the parking lot to the restrooms and play structure.

**Memorial Park/Borleske Stadium**

*505 East Rees Ave*

12 acres

Community Park

The land that would eventually become Memorial Park was annexed for the purposes of a park, community hall, and meeting space in 1939. This complex is owned jointly by the City of Walla Walla, Walla Walla Public Schools, and Whitman College and operated to benefit all three members as well as the community at large. Borleske Stadium is host to the Walla Walla Sweets baseball team as well as Whitman Baseball and Walla Walla High School Football. Borleske Field is a limited access facility. A standard size track open to the public is also at this site.



The grand re-opening of Veteran’s Memorial Pool, Memorial Day weekend 2017

- Veteran’s Memorial Pool
  - Olympic size pool - good
  - Toddler-pool - good
  - Slides and water toys - good
  - Locker rooms and event space - good
- Standard track – good
- Borleske Stadium - good
- Picnic tables
- Mature shade trees

There are no restrooms available in the park, but the pool facility is fully ADA compliant.

**Menlo Park**

*1242 Alvarado Terrace*

3 acres

Neighborhood Park

The historic Alvarado Terrace neighborhood features Menlo Park. The land comprising Menlo Park was dedicated to the City of Walla Walla in 1939 and was originally named Green Park.



Playground, Menlo Park

- Baseball backstop with no diamond - fair
- 1 tennis court - poor
- Basketball court - fair
- Play structure - good
- Swing set – good
- Mature shade trees

Only on-street parking is available at Menlo Park. The restrooms here are ADA accessible with a ramp leading directly to the street, as is the water fountain. There are not accessible paths through the park, and the existing sidewalk on the east park boundary has only one ADA compliant ramp at the intersection with Walla Walla Ave.

**Mill Creek Sportsplex**

*111 Tausick Way*

50 acres

Community Park

This park was developed primarily for organized sporting events. The park opened in 2002 with three softball fields and one soccer field. A second soccer field was added in 2004 and a Master Plan was created at this time for future development of the southwest section of the park.



Aerial view of the ballfields, playground, and skate park at Mill Creek Sportsplex

- 3 softball diamonds with bleachers and scoreboards - good
- 2 soccer fields - good
- Skate park - good
- Play structure – good

Multiple ADA accessible parking spaces are available on-site. The restrooms are fully accessible, the water fountains associated with the restrooms are accessible while the water fountains near the play structure are not. There are paved paths to all of the playing fields, but not to the skate park or play structure.

**Mountain View Cemetery**

*2120 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue*

65 acres

City Recreation Facility

Mountain View Cemetery is an active cemetery. It was founded in the 1860s and the City assumed responsibility for maintenance in the 1950s. Its main recreation feature is the numerous paved roads crisscrossing the grounds and many large shade trees, making it a desirable location for walkers and runners.



Mountain View Cemetery

There is a fully ADA accessible restroom at this location and water fountains located near the Cemetery Clerk’s office. There is ADA parking available at the cemetery office.

**Pioneer Park**

*940 East Alder Street*

Approximately 58 acres

Community Park

Pioneer Park is Walla Walla’s original park. The City of Walla Walla acquired the land that would become Pioneer Park in 1897 for \$60,000. In 1900, the Parks and Civic Arts Board was formed, and 1901 saw the City formally approve the site for use as a park. The park was designed by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm and opened to the public in 1908. A fish hatchery was maintained in conjunction with Washington State on site from 1915 to 1955. In 1931, the park’s name was changed from City Park to Pioneer Park.



The historic bandstand at the center of Pioneer Park

- 2 softball fields with bleachers - 1 fair and 1 good
- Baseball backstop with no diamond - poor
- Basketball hoop with no formal court - fair
- Soccer field - fair
- 6 pickleball courts - good
- Historic bandstand - good

- Play structure - good
- Swing set - good
- Picnic shelter - fair
- Garden center/event space - fair
- Aviary - good
- Rose garden - good
- Mature shade trees
- Streams/ponds
- 1.4 miles of trails
- Wedding Fountain



The remodeled aviary, Pioneer Park

There are multiple available ADA parking stalls on site, and both restrooms are accessible. The only accessible water fountains are those that are co-located with the restrooms. An accessible path leads from parking area to aviary, garden center, and around park perimeter.

### **Veterans Memorial Golf Course**

*201 East Rees Avenue*

135 acres

City Recreation Facility

City Council first proposed a municipal golf course via ballot measure for bond funding in 1940. The acquisition of the land that would become Memorial Park and Veterans’ Memorial Golf Course was submitted for a bond ballot measure in 1945. In 1946, City Council authorized the hiring of a golf architect to design Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course.



Putting green and clubhouse, Veterans Memorial Golf Course

- 18-hole golf course
- Driving range
- Club house

Accessible parking is available at the club house, and a paved path with ramp leads from the stalls to the clubhouse. Restrooms on the course and at the club house are ADA accessible.

### **Vista Terrace Park**

*925 Mountain Park Drive*

7 acres

Neighborhood Park

The residents of the Melody Park Terrace neighborhood petitioned City Council in 1974 to create a park in their area. Council approved their petition. Funds for the playground equipment for Vista Terrace Park were acquired in 1976.



Vista Terrace Park in the Melody Park Terrace neighborhood

- 2 Baseball backstops with no diamonds - fair
- Basketball court - fair
- Swing set - fair
- Shade trees

Only on-street parking is available at this park. There are no improved bathrooms, only portable toilets. The one available water fountain is not ADA accessible.

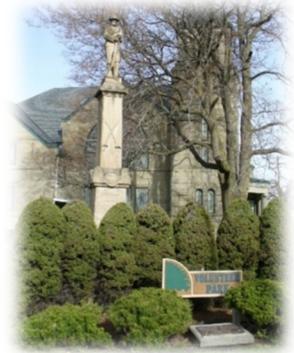
**Volunteer Park**

*Northwest corner of intersection of Alder Street and Palouse Street*

0.1 acre

Mini-Park

The land for Volunteer Park was donated to the City of Walla Walla in 1904 by the First Congregational Church, for use as a public park.



Spanish American War memorial, Volunteer Park

Volunteer Park is a small grassy space with 2 memorials, one each commemorating Walla Walla-area veterans of the Spanish American War and the Space Shuttle Challenger Crew.

**Washington Park**

*700 West Cherry Street*

12 acres

Neighborhood Park

The land for Washington Park was purchased for \$2,500 in 1927. The land was adjacent to Washington School, which was built in 1901.



Children play in the splashpad at Washington Park

- 2 Basketball courts - fair
- 2 Soccer fields – good
- Splash pad - good
- Play structure - good
- Stage with power - fair
- Mature shade trees

Accessibility at this park is good. There is a ramp from the available ADA parking space to the restrooms, splash pad, and one of the basketball courts. The restrooms and water fountains are accessible.

## **Wildwood Park**

*21 South Division Street*

6 acres

Neighborhood Park

In 1922 one portion of what would become Wildwood Park was purchased by the City of Walla Walla for \$5,800 and in 1924, another portion was purchased for \$2,450. City Council proposed a ballot measure in 1970 for the public to determine whether the City should sell Wildwood Park, this ballot measure failed.



The new playground installed in fall 2017 at Wildwood Park

- baseball backstop, no diamond - fair
- full-court basketball - good
- play structure - good
- swing set - good
- picnic shelter - fair

There is 1 accessible parking space, with a ramp that leads to the picnic shelter, swing set, play structure, and restrooms. The restrooms are fully ADA accessible, as are the water fountains.

## **Xeriscape Park**

*706 Isaacs Avenue*

0.2 acre

Mini-Park

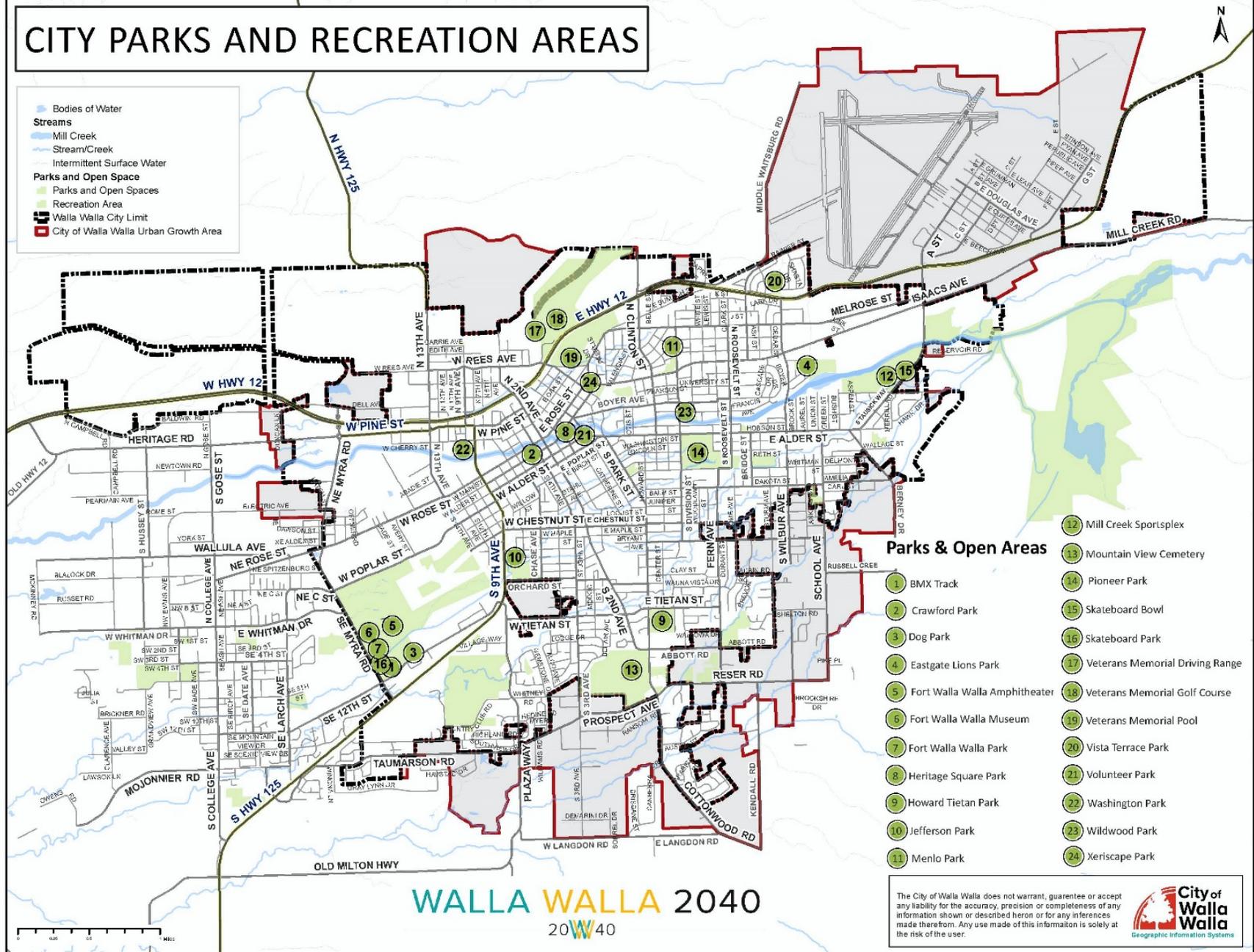
Xeriscape Park serves as a demonstration garden for low/no irrigation gardening techniques. It features paved paths, benches, and statuary. There are no bathrooms or water fountains at this site, and the brick paver path was replaced with stamped concrete during the Isaacs Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Plan project in 2017.



Xeriscape Park, 706 Isaacs Avenue

# CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

- Bodies of Water
- Streams**
- Mill Creek
- Stream/Creek
- Intermittent Surface Water
- Parks and Open Space**
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Recreation Area
- Walla Walla City Limit
- City of Walla Walla Urban Growth Area



## Parks & Open Areas

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 BMX Track                     | 12 Mill Creek Sportsplex           |
| 2 Crawford Park                 | 13 Mountain View Cemetery          |
| 3 Dog Park                      | 14 Pioneer Park                    |
| 4 Eastgate Lions Park           | 15 Skateboard Bowl                 |
| 5 Fort Walla Walla Amphitheater | 16 Skateboard Park                 |
| 6 Fort Walla Walla Museum       | 17 Veterans Memorial Driving Range |
| 7 Fort Walla Walla Park         | 18 Veterans Memorial Golf Course   |
| 8 Heritage Square Park          | 19 Veterans Memorial Pool          |
| 9 Howard Tietan Park            | 20 Vista Terrace Park              |
| 10 Jefferson Park               | 21 Volunteer Park                  |
| 11 Menlo Park                   | 22 Washington Park                 |
|                                 | 23 Wildwood Park                   |
|                                 | 24 Xeriscape Park                  |

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## Recreation

Recreation programming in the City of Walla Walla has grown in leaps and bounds from a decade ago. Programs are open to participants from areas outside of the city limits, including Milton-Freewater, Oregon, College Place, Washington, and unincorporated areas of Walla Walla County. Opening recreation program participation to those outside city limits assists with cost recovery and thus helps ensure programs can be offered to City residents at an affordable rate. Further expansion of some types of recreation programming is constrained by a lack of indoor recreation facilities.

### Recreation Programs

A wide variety of programming is available to participants of all ages. Parks and Recreation Staff are highly responsive to community desires when designing programs, leading to a roster of programs that changes to fill gaps. Below are the programs which were offered throughout 2017.

*UPlay* – free summer day camp offered for ages 7-12 in Pioneer and Washington Parks and Edison School  
*Free Meals* – summer meal service program offering meals to children ages 1-18 through funding from the USDA  
*Fall Youth Soccer* – largest league sport in the Walla Walla Valley  
*Youth Flag Football*  
*Blue Mountain Girls Softball*  
*All-Comers Track Meet* – track meet for ages 1-12  
*Warrior Soccer Academy* – clinic to teach the skills of soccer, offered in partnership with WWCC  
*Youth Softball Tournaments* – girls' fastpitch teams from the Pacific Northwest region compete in Walla Walla  
*Youth Tennis Lessons*  
*Sports and other camps* – lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, frisbee, golf, hiking, biking, survival, art, music  
*Youth Special Events* – Father-Daughter Ball, Mother-Son Superhero Bash, Pumpkin Carving, All-Comers Swim Meet, Fishing Derby  
*Pottery Painting Studio*  
*Adult Art and Enrichment Classes* – Watercolor painting, portrait sketching, picture matting, ukulele, guitar  
*Adult Softball*  
*Adult Soccer*  
*Swimming Lessons*  
*Summer Swim Team*

Overall, participants in Walla Walla recreation programming indicate a satisfaction level of more than 85%.

### Program Participation

Since 2000, the number and variety of recreation programs as well as the number of participants have expanded rapidly. In 2000, the only recreation programs offered were UPlay, Free Meals, Open Gym, Sports/Other Camps, Youth Special Events, and Swimming Lessons for a total of approximately 1850 participants.

By 2012, the number of participants in recreation programs had increased to over five times the 2000 numbers to about 9800 people, due in large part to a wider field of available programs as well as increased community knowledge and involvement. Almost all of the current programs were available five years ago, although Memorial Pool closed in 2005, causing a decrease in swimming recreation numbers.

In the past five years, the overall total of program participants has held about steady, although the number of visits, or the amount of times an individual participant has been involved in an activity, has close to doubled. This growth can be attributed almost entirely to the reopening of Memorial Pool, which far exceeded attendance expectations in its first year.

### Recreation Partnerships

The City of Walla Walla is able to offer a wide variety of recreation programs in areas of the City that are accessible to all families thanks in part to the partnerships that exist with many stakeholders. These affiliations can be generally classified as either facility partnerships or expertise partnerships.



A putting green and the driving range, Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course

Facility partnerships ensure that Recreation programming can be held throughout the community at sites that are not owned by the City. Important collaborations in this realm include Walla Walla Public Schools, College Place Public Schools, Walla Walla Community College, and Whitman College.

Expertise partnerships expand the possibilities for programming by providing sources of human capital. These outside entities contribute knowledge of sports and recreation new to the region as well as forge connections between users, providers, and outside agencies to increase reach and prevent duplication of efforts. Walla Walla Public Schools allows recreation program information to be distributed in classrooms. Whitman College students, faculty, and staff bring new activity ideas and act as coaches.



The picnic shelter at Wildwood Park is the site of Campfire Walla Walla’s summer camp each year

## Public Outreach

The public involvement process for this plan was intended to reach a wide geographic area as well as current users of parks and recreation facilities and programs. A multi-pronged approach was used in order to accomplish this goal and to hear from a variety of stakeholders.

Appendix I is a flyer highlighting the overall intent of the Parks and Recreation Plan process and outreach schedule that was distributed at Comprehensive Plan and Parks Plan outreach events, available at the City Service Center and Walla Walla Public Library, and available on the Parks and Recreation and Development Services web pages.

### Comprehensive Plan Effort

This Parks and Recreation Plan has been produced during the same time period as the mandated update to the Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan. As such, there was the opportunity to use Comprehensive Plan events during the visioning stage to elicit input for this Parks and Recreation Plan. This was accomplished through multiple methods.

- Comprehensive Plan Survey questions and results specific to Parks and Recreation
- Question at outreach events and open houses centered upon Parks and Recreation
- “Favorite Places” map exercise



Playground, Howard Tietan Park

The feedback from these methods vary widely but can be categorized in three rough groups: those who support, appreciate, and enjoy the current parks and want to see them maintained for the future, those who had precise responses related to desired changes at a specific park or parks, and those who envisioned changes for the whole of the Parks and Recreation system.

Washington Park, Memorial Pool, and Pioneer Park were all rated very highly among participants’ favorite places in Walla Walla, where everyone was given a dot sticker and instructed to place it on the location of their favorite place. This exercise was performed at open houses and visioning meeting specific to the Comprehensive Plan, as well as at events where the Comprehensive Plan was not the main focus – Children’s Day and the Farmer’s Market. All ages were encouraged to share their input.

### Parks and Recreation Plan Survey

An online survey which was open from July 31, 2017 through September 4, 2017 received 491 responses. The survey was available online via Survey Monkey, and the access link was posted on the City website (Parks and Recreation header, Walla Walla 2040 Comp Plan page) as well as posted and promoted on City social media accounts (main City Facebook page, City Parks and Recreation Facebook page). The survey link was also included

in the flyer mentioned above, received a feature in the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, and was available to be administered at individual park open houses.

This survey was designed with a mix of question types, including rating, multiple choice, and open ended, in order to gain a more complete understanding of participants' attitudes and use patterns. Questions were both broad and detailed regarding parks, the complete parks system, individual recreation programs and the full recreation system. Results of the survey are available in Appendix III.

### **Parks Open Houses**

Open houses were held at individual parks spread throughout the city in order to reach users with a wide geographic base as well as to reach users who may not have accessed the survey through the web. Parks open houses were advertised via Facebook events on the City's main Facebook page as well as through the flyer. All of the open houses were held from 4-6 in the afternoon in order to capture a variety of users and were initially scheduled to take place from August 23, 2017 through September 7, 2017. The last three dates in September were cancelled due to very poor air conditions and air quality warnings from Washington State Department of Ecology. Attendance at these events ranged from zero to more than 30 contacts. The parks that had very low turnout are those which are most active when there are events scheduled (Mill Creek Sportsplex) and the ones with the highest turnout were parks that are neighborhood gathering spaces, such as Jefferson and Washington Parks.

### **Summary**

The residents who participated in the outreach process for the Parks and Recreation Plan, as well as for the Comprehensive Plan, feel a very strong connection to Parks and Recreation in the City. Participants indicate a high level of satisfaction with parks and recreation facilities, specifying that they enjoy the facilities, that the City is doing a good job and that facilities are in good shape, clean, and maintained. The most desired facility additions and updates include trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and community center/event space.

Satisfaction with recreation programs is also very high, due to reasonable costs to participate, great variety of programs, and having good experiences. Program areas to add or expand include enrichment/educational programs, aquatic programs, camps, youth sports, and art programs. Support for even the lowest selected program type, adult sports, is still close to 25%.

Almost 60% of respondents think there are about the right number of parks and recreation opportunities in Walla Walla, while an additional 29% believe the opportunities should be expanded.

About a quarter of survey participants expressed that the reason they do not use parks and recreation facilities and programs more often is because the facility or program they would prefer to use is not available, while 22% said they are too busy to do so.



Wading pool and splash feature, Veteran's Memorial Pool

## Demand and Need Analysis

Current population growth projections show the City growing at a moderate rate of approximately 0.75% per year. The current inventory shows more than enough parklands as measured by acreage per capita, with 395 acres of parks for 33,840 people, or about 11.6 acres per 1,000 residents, higher than the national average of 9.6 acres per 1,000. This acreage computation does not take into account Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course or Mountain View Cemetery, as these are both single use recreation facilities. However, as growth continues in the southern region of the city, the need for new parklands will inevitably arise. It is important to acquire land as early as possible, as open space will become increasingly difficult to obtain as the area develops.

The National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA) 2017 Agency Performance Review provides benchmarks to compare jurisdictions and their parks and recreation facilities against the national median. Among cities of 20,000-49,999, Walla Walla falls close to the median in most categories. These measurements are for 1 facility of a given type per the average population to require or support the facility.

Washington State Recreation Conservation Organization provides scoring criteria in Manual 2 to help jurisdictions identify how they compare against national standards.

### **Quantity Criteria – Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities**

This level of service uses a percentage difference between existing per capita quantity of facilities and the average per capita of facilities. To obtain the score in the last column, the population of Walla Walla (33,840) is divided by the population per facility based on the NRPA median. The resulting number is compared to the number of facilities that Walla Walla has, and the percent difference between the median/ideal is used to determine the score. Items with “overall median” denoted are those which NRPA did not have figures for cities of a particular size, only for an average of all cities.

#### RCO Score

- <10% difference – A
- 11-20% difference – B
- 21-30% difference – C
- 31-40% difference – D
- >41% difference - E

| # Facilities<br>Walla Walla | Type of Facility                  | NRPA median metric<br>for cities 20,000 to 49,999 | RCO Score |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 9                           | Basketball hoops (any size court) | 1/6875  | A         |
| 8                           | Playgrounds                       | 1/3010  | E         |
| 6                           | Pickleball courts                 | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 5                           | Full youth-sized baseball fields  | 1/5509  | E         |
| 5                           | Picnic shelters                   | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 5                           | Full softball fields              | 1/10656   | A         |
| 5                           | Full size soccer fields           | 1/10065   | A         |
| 2                           | Tennis courts (overall median)    | 1/4375  | E         |
| 2                           | Skate parks                       | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 2                           | Small stages with power           | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 1                           | Pool (overall median)             | 1/33,040  | A         |
| 1                           | Splashpad                         | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 1                           | Dog park                          | 1/29683   | B         |
| 1                           | Disc golf course                  | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 1                           | BMX park                          | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 1                           | Golf course                       | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 1                           | Driving range                     | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |
| 1                           | Senior center                     | 1/31428   | A         |
| 1                           | Amphitheater                      | 1/31934   | A         |
| 1                           | Track                             | <i>No data</i>                                    |           |

Because this plan only accounts for City-owned recreation facilities, the LOS above appears to be failing for playgrounds, tennis courts, and youth baseball fields. However, there are many facilities of these types owned by Walla Walla Public Schools which provide further access for these activities, with limitations based mostly on time of day. Tennis courts in particular have seen a distinct drop in use, and the pickleball courts at Pioneer Park were converted from tennis courts in 2015 at the request of a group of highly interested members of the public.

### Public Satisfaction

This level of service metric measures public satisfaction with parks and recreation facilities. In the Parks and Recreation Survey, satisfaction was measured for individual parks overall and the satisfaction with the overall parks and recreation system. Carnegie, Crawford Park, Mountain View Cemetery, Volunteer Park, and Xeriscape Park were not included in the survey, as they were determined to be so small or are so specialized in their use that the status of each is well known to the Parks and Recreation Department and the highest possible completion rate was desired for the survey. Veteran's Memorial Pool was used in the survey rather than Memorial Park/Borleske Stadium, as the pool is the only fully City-owned and operated facility at that location.

RCO Score:

- >65% satisfied – A
- 51-65% satisfied – B
- 36-50% satisfied – C
- 25-35% satisfied – D
- <25% satisfied – E

*Overall Satisfaction, Individual Parks*

For this LOS, the N/A responses were subtracted from 100, and the Very Satisfied, More Than Satisfied, and Satisfied responses were added together. The sum was divided by the result of removing the not applicable answers, so that an accurate percentage for each park is measured.

| Park                           | Sum of Percent Satisfied | Adjusted Total Respondents | Adjusted Percent Satisfied | Score |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Eastgate Lions Park            | 43.41%                   | 61.63                      | 70.40%                     | A     |
| Fort Walla Walla Park          | 69.60%                   | 84.23                      | 82.60%                     | A     |
| Heritage Square                | 20.53%                   | 46.14                      | 44.50%                     | C     |
| Howard-Tietan Park             | 72.54%                   | 83.30                      | 87.08%                     | A     |
| Jefferson Park                 | 42.25%                   | 57.04                      | 74.07%                     | A     |
| Menlo Park                     | 35.03%                   | 43.48                      | 80.57%                     | A     |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex          | 60.19%                   | 68.15                      | 88.32%                     | A     |
| Pioneer Park                   | 94.52%                   | 98.73                      | 95.70%                     | A     |
| Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course | 24.71%                   | 29.98                      | 82.42%                     | A     |
| Veteran’s Memorial Pool        | 71.72%                   | 80.40                      | 89.20%                     | A     |
| Vista Terrace Park             | 9.58%                    | 16.71                      | 57.33%                     | B     |
| Washington Park                | 38.00%                   | 50.59                      | 75.11%                     | A     |
| Wildwood Park                  | 35.95%                   | 50.24                      | 71.56%                     | A     |

Almost all of Walla Walla’s parks and recreation facilities scored much more highly than the 65% satisfaction required for an “A” LOS in this category. The two parks with lower LOS, Heritage Square and Vista Terrace Park, are parks which City staff had already identified as not meeting the community needs. Of note in this section are the number of survey respondents who selected N/A for a given park/facility, indicating that they had not visited the park/facility. This certainly makes sense for neighborhood and mini-parks, but perhaps the most interesting in this category is that just over 70% of respondents indicate that they have not visited Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course. Those who do are certainly pleased with the facility, but it is worth considering the City’s long-term plan for that site.

*Overall System Satisfaction*

The Very Satisfied, More Than Satisfied, and Satisfied responses were added together and scored using the same metric as the previous LOS standard. Overall, participants in the survey indicated a total satisfaction with the Parks and Recreation system of 83.26%, which is scored as an “A” for this standard.

## Agency-Based Assessment

This criterion measures the number of facilities and amenities within the system which are fully functional for their specific design and safety guidelines. Over 95% of City of Walla Walla facilities and amenities are fully functional as designed. Jefferson Pool and the Amphitheatre at Fort Walla Walla Park are both completely closed and not accessible to the public at this time, while Heritage Square is minimally functional as a safe and welcoming downtown gathering space.

## Population Within Service Areas

A buffer relevant to each park and its category (Community, Neighborhood, or Mini-Park) was drawn with City of Walla Walla Geographic Information Systems resources. The buffer for Community Parks is 2 miles, the buffer for Neighborhood Parks is ½ mile, and the buffer for mini-parks is ¼ mile. The percentage of population that falls outside of the service areas in the buffers determines the Level of Service.

>75% in service areas - A

61-75% in service areas – B

46-60% in service areas – C

30-45% in service areas – D

<30% in service areas – E

Based on the map on the following page, only the areas at the most southern and eastern portions of the city are outside of the buffers for parks. The score overall for population in service areas is “A”.

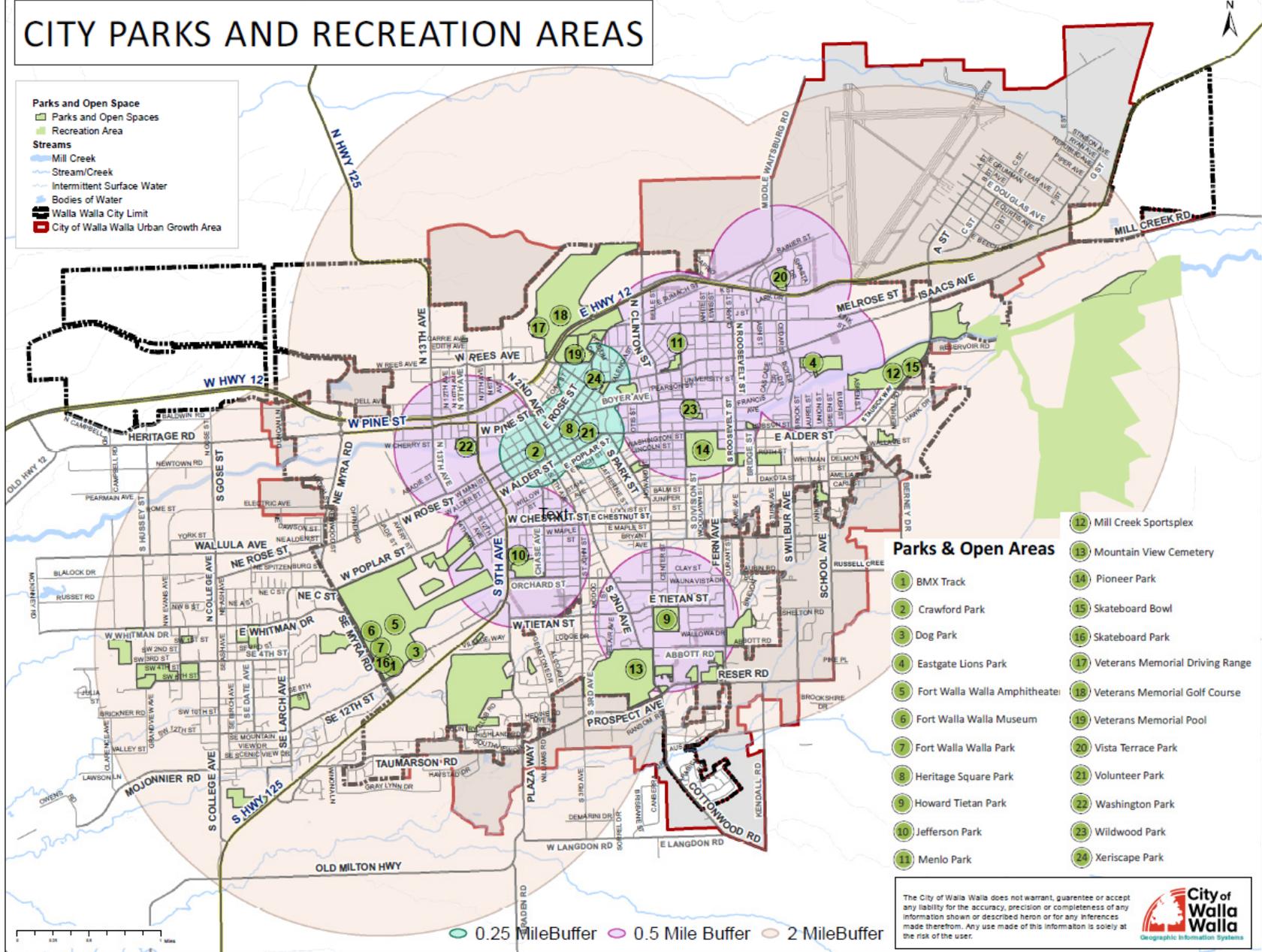
It is worth noting, however, that community parks, those with the 2-mile buffer, are usually parks that users drive to, and are a significant driver to achieving the “A” score. There are far more gaps in service when evaluating at the neighborhood park level, especially in the east and south.



The pickleball courts at Pioneer Park are the direct result of community input about desired recreation facilities

# CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

- Parks and Open Space
  - Parks and Open Spaces
  - Recreation Area
- Streams
  - Mill Creek
  - Stream/Creek
  - Intermittent Surface Water
  - Bodies of Water
- Walla Walla City Limit
- City of Walla Walla Urban Growth Area



## Access

This LOS measures the percentage of facilities that may be accessed safely via foot, bicycle, or public transit. This was evaluated using City of Walla Walla GIS maps and Valley Transit route maps, where applicable. Vista Terrace Park, Menlo Park, and Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course overall are the hardest to reach via alternate transportation methods, and they represent neighborhood parks where even if sidewalk facilities are not present, traffic is not a large issue and a golf course, where almost all users are going to be driving in order to bring their clubs with them. With 16 out of 19 facilities having some form of alternate access available, or 84%, this level of service receives an “A” score.

### *Pedestrian Access*

Safe access via foot was assessed by the presence of sidewalks leading to each park or facility. Of the 19 facilities, only 5 score poorly. Vista Terrace, Menlo, and Jefferson Parks meet this criterion partially, with sidewalks or paths leading to part but not all portions of the parks. Memorial Pool lacks good pedestrian connectivity between the street, where there is no sidewalk, and through the parking lot to the pool entrance. There is no sidewalk leading to Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course.

### *Bicycle Access*

Dedicated bike lanes provide access to Mill Creek Sportsplex, Eastgate Lions Park, Pioneer Park, Howard Tietan Park, and Mountain View Cemetery. The remaining parks and recreation facilities can, for the most part, be reached by bicycle, but few users seem to do so.

### *Transit Access*

Parks and recreation facilities that can be reached directly via Valley Transit include the Mill Creek Sportsplex, Eastgate Lions Park, Pioneer Park, Howard Tietan, Mountain View Cemetery, Jefferson Park, Fort Walla Walla Park, and Crawford Park – the location of the transit center. Washington, Menlo, and Memorial Parks are not directly served, but stops for these locations are located within 2 blocks.

## Capital Improvement Program

### Planned Improvements

Projects that the Parks and Recreation Director and staff have identified as important, based on public feedback, existing Park Master Plans, and age of resources.

Items with \* have been identified as potentially eligible for grants, donations, and partnerships.

| Facility/Project               | 2018       | 2019 | 2020         | 2021 | 2022       | 2023 +     | Description   |
|--------------------------------|------------|------|--------------|------|------------|------------|---|
| <b><i>Eastgate Lions</i></b>   |            |      |              |      |            |            |   |
| • splash pad                   |            |      |              |      | \$200,000* |            | new splash pad  |
| • parking lot                  |            |      |              |      |            | \$30,000   | Crack seal, slurry seal, and restriping                     |
| • playground                   |            |      |              |      |            | \$75,000*  | replacement play structure                                  |
| <b><i>Fort Walla Walla</i></b> |            |      |              |      |            |            |   |
| • playground                   | \$115,000* |      |              |      |            |            | new play structure  |
| • amphitheater                 |            |      |              |      |            | \$300,000* | roof repair, bench restorations, restroom upgrade, lighting |
| • parking lot (north)          |            |      |              |      | \$50,000   |            | Overlay, crack seal, fog seal, restriping                   |
| • parking lot (south)          |            |      |              |      |            | \$10,000   | crack seal, fog seal, restriping                            |
| <b><i>Heritage Square</i></b>  |            |      |              |      |            |            |   |
| • re-envisioning               | \$75,000   |      |              |      |            |            | re-design   |
| • construction                 |            |      | \$1,500,000* |      |            |            | re-development  |
| • parking lot                  |            |      |              |      |            | \$10,000   | crack seal, fog seal, slurry seal, restriping               |

| Facility/Project                 | 2018 | 2019     | 2020     | 2021       | 2022     | 2023 +       | Description  |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|--|
| <b>Jefferson</b>                 |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |
| • splash pad                     |      |          |          | \$300,000* |          |              | new splash pad   |
| • parking lot                    |      |          |          |            |          | \$35,000     | crack seal, slurry seal, restriping                            |
| <b>Howard-Tietan</b>             |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |
| • parking lot                    |      |          |          |            |          | \$35,000     | slurry seal and restriping                                     |
| <b>Mill Creek Sports Complex</b> |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |
| • maintenance building           |      |          |          | \$125,000  |          |              | new maintenance and equipment storage building                 |
| • new fields/expansion           |      |          |          |            |          | \$5,000,000* | 2 new soccer fields, 3 new softball fields, additional parking |
| • lighting                       |      |          |          |            |          | \$150,000*   | Upgrade existing lighting to LED                               |
| • parking lot                    |      |          |          |            |          | \$133,000    | crack seal, fog seal, restriping, expansion                    |
| <b>Mountain View Cemetery</b>    |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |
| • roads                          |      | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$50,000   | \$50,000 | \$50,000     | overlay, repair  |
| <b>Pioneer</b>                   |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |
| • garden center                  |      | \$40,000 |          |            |          |              | roof replacement, exterior repair                              |
| • aviary                         |      |          |          | \$30,000*  |          |              | replace rearing pens and siding                                |
| • parking lots                   |      |          |          |            |          | \$60,000     | crack seal, fog seal, slurry seal, restriping                  |
| • playground                     |      |          |          |            |          | \$150,000*   | replace play structure   |
| <b>Memorial</b>                  |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |
| • parking lot                    |      |          |          |            |          | \$60,000     | chip seal, restriping  |
|                                  |      |          |          |            |          |              |  |

| Facility/Project                             | 2018     | 2019       | 2020     | 2021     | 2022 | 2023 +       | Description   |
|--|----------|------------|----------|----------|------|--------------|---|
| <b><i>Veteran's Memorial Golf Course</i></b> |          |            |          |          |      |              |   |
| • clubhouse roof                             | \$90,000 |            |          |          |      |              | roof and ceiling replacement                                    |
| • HVAC                                       |          | \$15,500   | \$16,000 | \$16,000 |      |              | replacement   |
| • parking lot                                |          |            |          |          |      | \$15,000     | crack seal, fog seal, restriping                                |
| <b><i>Vista Terrace</i></b>                  |          |            |          |          |      |              |   |
| • restrooms                                  |          | \$150,000* |          |          |      |              | construct restrooms   |
| • playground                                 |          | \$80,000*  |          |          |      |              | install play structure  |
| <b><i>Washington</i></b>                     |          |            |          |          |      |              |   |
| • parking lot                                |          |            |          | \$20,000 |      |              | crack seal, slurry seal, restriping                             |
| <b><i>Wildwood</i></b>                       |          |            |          |          |      |              |   |
| • parking lot                                |          | \$15,000   |          |          |      |              | crack seal, slurry seal, restriping                             |
| <b><i>Future New Park</i></b>                |          |            |          |          |      | \$1,000,000* | acquisition and development of a new park in South area of City |

## Past Partnerships

The value that residents and organizations in Walla Walla place in the Parks and Recreation system is obvious from their support. Many groups and individuals contribute generously of time, labor, and materials in order to provide new equipment or improve parks. Indeed, there is a long history of community philanthropy to support Parks and Recreation in Walla Walla, as the inventory suggests. Some of the most recent financial partnerships are listed here as a record of what is possible when the community works together, and as a springboard for future community investment. Many of these partnerships also offer grant matching capacity to leverage.

- Sherwood Trust
- Winans Community Grant
- Lodging Tax Funds
- Stubblefield Trust
- Clara & Art Bald Trust
- Mary Garner Esary trust
- Community Bank
- Utility Bill Round-up Program
- Walla Walla Noon Rotary
- Blue Mountain Community Foundation
- Blue Mountain Audubon Society
- Walla Walla 2020



Playground, Mill Creek Sportsplex

## Goals and Objectives

The overarching goal for the City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department is to provide high levels of service, meet the needs of a diverse population, and enhance the quality of life for Walla Walla residents.

### Goal 1 – Provide High Levels of Service

Objective 1.1 All parks and facilities should achieve a Level of Service score of B or higher in resident satisfaction surveys.

Objective 1.2 All parks and facilities will be maintained so that all safety standards for equipment are met and parks and facilities are not subject to closures due to neglect, blight, or safety concerns.

Objective 1.3 Continue to conduct regular surveys at the conclusion of recreation programs to ensure programs are meeting the needs of the community.

Objective 1.4 Acquire land sufficient for a neighborhood park in the south portion of the City or UGA in order to develop a park to meet the needs of residents in this developing area of the City.



Wedding Fountain, Pioneer Park

Objective 1.5 Redesign Heritage Square to be a vibrant facility that will allow for a wide variety of programming and act as a central hub of downtown activities.

Objective 1.6 Maintain and expand funding in order to maintain parks at high levels of service.

Objective 1.7 Explore options to provide parks and recreation facilities within a ½ mile walk of 80% of Walla Walla's population.

Objective 1.8 Explore the feasibility of the City using a dedicated grant researcher/writer across multiple departments to raise funds and coordinate matching opportunities.

### Goal 2 – Meet the Needs of a Diverse Population

Objective 2.1 Maintain and expand partnerships with local organizations to assist with facility and program development.

Objective 2.2 Programs should have participation activity that mirrors the diversity of the community as a whole, including instructors, referees, and coaches as well as participants.

Objective 2.3 Maintain and expand scholarships for program registration to assist low-income families and participants.

Objective 2.4 Ensure that the advisory committee, Parks Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, is representative of the diversity of the community to guide the development of facilities and programs.

Objective 2.5 Survey and otherwise involve residents and stakeholders in outreach regarding their parks and recreation preferences needs and visions at least every six years.

Objective 2.6 Evaluate existing facilities for ADA compliance and schedule upgrades to increase accessibility as necessary.

Objective 2.7 Ensure that all future facilities are ADA compliant.

Objective 2.8 Provide all interpretive and regulatory signage in both English and Spanish.

### **Goal 3 – Enhance the Quality of Life for Walla Walla Residents**

Objective 3.1 Identify opportunities to attract visitors to Walla Walla for parks and recreation activities.

Objective 3.2 Ensure facility capacity is available to meet the needs of both residents and visitors.

Objective 3.3 Conduct a feasibility study for a community and/or event center.

Objective 3.4 Continue to provide and expand recreation programs that improve health and wellness.

Objective 3.5 Conduct a feasibility study about future park acquisition, including development impact fees and other possible funding methods.

Objective 3.6 Coordinate trail system planning and development with the City's Transportation Plan and the Blue Mountain Regional Trails project.

Objective 3.7 Protect wildlife and natural habitat and minimize user conflicts.

Objective 3.8 Maintain and expand partnerships throughout the community.

Objective 3.9 Link parks via a coordinated wayfinding system using existing sidewalk and trail corridors.

Objective 3.10 Native plants should be used where appropriate in parks and recreation facilities.

Objective 3.11 Pest management strategies should be targeted and scaled appropriately.

## Implementation Strategies

Implementation Strategies identify how the City will achieve the Goals and Objectives identified in the previous section.

| <b>Implementation Strategy</b>   | <b>Objectives Completed</b>                                | <b>Timeline</b>           |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| Maintain parks with sufficient funding to address all deficiencies and to meet and exceed users' expectations                    | Objective 1.1, Objective 1.2, Objective 1.6, Objective 3.2 | Ongoing                   |
| Complete user outreach to ensure residents' vision for parks and recreation is met   | Objective 1.1, Objective 1.3, Objective 2.5, Objective 3.4 | Ongoing and every 6 years |
| Pursue grant funding at all applicable levels  | Objective 1.6, Objective 2.3                               | Ongoing                   |
| Create partnership recognition program to enhance visibility and reach   | Objective 2.1, Objective 3.8                               | 2019                      |
| Conduct feasibility study for park acquisition funding   | Objective 1.4, Objective 1.7, Objective 3.2, Objective 3.5 | 2019                      |
| Increase outreach to demographic groups with low participation rates   | Objective 2.2, Objective 2.4, Objective 2.8                | Ongoing                   |
| Evaluate existing facilities for ADA compliance  | Objective 2.6  | 2018                      |
| Ensure all replacement and new future facilities are ADA compliant   | Objective 2.6, Objective 2.7                               | Ongoing                   |
| Coordinate with Port and local organized athletic groups to attract tournament sporting events to Walla Walla                    | Objective 3.1  | 2020                      |
| Conduct feasibility study for community and/or event center  | Objective 3.3  | 2021                      |
| Coordinate with stakeholders to implement BMRT trail plan  | Objective 3.6  | Ongoing                   |
| Coordinate design process to link park system using wayfinding   | Objective 3.9  | 2020                      |
| Manage parks and recreation facilities with the triple bottom line in mind – balancing social, environmental, and economic needs | Objective 3.7, Objective 3.10, Objective 3.11              | Ongoing                   |
| Acquire new parkland to meet the needs of Walla Walla residents in all areas of the city   | Objective 1.4, Objective 1.7, Objective 3.2                | 2023                      |

## Plan Adoption

Adoption of this plan was via recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board and the Planning Commission to City Council. Minutes from the meetings where the recommendations were made are attached. The ordinance adopting the plan by City Council is also attached.

The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is adopted by reference to the City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan. The Blue Mountain Regional Trails Plan is adopted by reference to this Parks and Recreation Plan, as well as to the Comprehensive Plan.



## PARKS, RECREATION AND URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

April 2, 2018

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

City Service Center Conference Room

#### I. CALL TO ORDER: Kathryn Howard called the meeting to order at 5:29pm

**Board Members Present:** Kathryn Howard, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Carlos Flores, David Reinholz Anne Harrison,  
**Staff Present:** Andy Coleman – Parks & Recreation Director, Jamie Van Ausdle – Parks & Recreation Secretary, Melissa Shumake - Development Services Planner  
**Absent:** Joshua Wicks, Bryan Lubbers, Laurie Fairbanks,

#### II. ACTIVE AGENDA

##### A. Approval of March 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes - attached

Ted Koehler moved, and David Reinholz seconded the motion to approve the minutes as is. Motion passed unanimously.

##### B. Tree Permits

1. Removals –
  - 340 Reser Rd –
  - 708 Newell –
  - 1124 W Elm -
2. Pruning Requests –
  - 1007 Bonnie Brae –
3. New Tree Plantings –

David Reinholz moved to approve tree permits, Anne Harrison seconded the motion to approve all tree permits. Motion passed unanimously.

#### III. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Walla Walla Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Approval – Reviewed updated document. Final approval will be in June with the completed City of Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan. The Board would like the following added:

- **Inventory** - Natural Area at Fort Walla Walla added to the inventory under Fort Walla Walla as this area has needs as well. This will be added as an amenity.
- **Partnerships** – Add Audubon Society and Walla Walla 2020

Access – Goal is to provide access of ½ mile buffer to each neighborhood park. Not doing as good with access in neighborhood parks. Plan will be updated every six years. We will review how we did, what goals did we reach, what do we need to update, etc. We are due for money and we have lots of projects. Items marked with an \* makes sense to go after funding for. There may be potential funds for Heritage Square project. Review non-city inventory.

Melissa will be adding notes to Goals and Objectives regarding exploring the feasibility of adding a grant writer for the City.

David Reinholz moved to approve the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan with the addition of the natural area at Fort Walla Walla, partnerships with Audubon Society and Walla Walla 2020, and notes regarding exploring the feasibility of adding a grant writer for the City. Carlos Flores seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. **1010 Main Street Tree Removal** – After inspection of the ROW at 1010 Main Street, it was determined that the only tree that would be allowed in the space would be a class I that is short and wide. There is not enough room for this tree to thrive. It would not survive in this area.
- C. **No Smoking in Parks** – Andy Coleman is working with the City Manager on an ordinance to ban smoking in all Parks and Ball Fields, excluding the Golf Course. This will be taken to City Council by the end of May.
- D. **Tree Permit Follow Up** – Members were give tree permits from latter half of 2016 and 2017 for follow up. Follow up information is due back at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **Heritage Square Master Plan** – City Council approved the contract with Hewitt. Hewitt will be here in May for a public meeting. Two concepts will be submitted in June for input. The final will be submitted in October. Steve mentioned the pushback from City Council due to the \$75k cost of the consultant. Lots of support from the board on this project would be appreciated.
- B. **Fort Walla Walla Playground** – Staff received final signed archeological report. 16 test pods, 24” deep were tested. Ribbon cutting will be delayed.
- C. **Open Streets/Summer Parkways Event** – Event is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm – 5pm. Alder Street will be closed from Colville Street to Pioneer Park. Keeping all activities recreational.
- D. **Arbor Day Celebration** – The celebration will be at Berney Elementary at 10am on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Invitations are going out this week.

#### V. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

- Q – Who oversees updating/placing historical signs around Walla Walla? A - Andy will investigate this and report back to the board.
- C – There is a tree on Pleasant and Ankeny that was partial cut down, 10 feet of the tree trunk is still standing.
- A - Will send to the Arborist to follow up on.

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Carlos Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm. Anne Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Next meeting Monday, May 7, 2018.**



**CITY OF WALLA WALLA PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Monday, April 23, 2018 – 6:00 PM**  
City Hall, Second Floor, Council Chambers  
15 N. Third Avenue, Walla Walla

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Daryl Pearson, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Carlan Bradshaw  
Barlow Corkrum  
Amber Delph, Vice Chair  
David Fogarty  
Kent Huxel  
Daryl Pearson, Chair

Member Absent: Brenda Bernards

Staff Present: Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director Development Services  
Jon Maland, Senior Planner  
Jan Garcia, Permit Technician  
Preston Frederickson, Assistant City Attorney

Quorum was established.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. March 19, 2018**

MOTION: Commissioner Fogarty moved to approve minutes.  
Commissioner Corkrum seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public hearing: 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update – Walla Walla 2040**

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Ms. Chamberlain briefed the Commission that she would be presenting a continuation of the draft elements of the Comprehensive Plan and then the specific Map Amendments.

#### **I. Comprehensive Plan Draft Element revisions**

Ms. Chamberlain discussed and reviewed the revisions to the draft plan with the Commissioners.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 6:44 pm

Dorothy Knudson 250 Rancho Villa Walla Walla, WA

Asked about affordable housing/workforce housing. Commenting that it seems there needs to be some zoning-permitting changes that need to happen in this area. Has she missed this opportunity?

Elizabeth Chamberlain advised that development regulations and zoning will be on staff's agenda the second half of 2018.

Noah Leavitt, 625 Whitman St Walla Walla, WA

Asked for clarification on the Community Character section regarding workforce housing, some of the language was changed in regard to ethnic heritage, race & culture.

Mike Corliss 511 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Walla Walla, WA

Are you going to be conducting this Public Hearing in stages? Is this for the overall Comprehensive Plan? Mr. Corliss asked where is the capacity study that would be used as the basis for determining available housing stock, commercial and industrial land.

Dorothy Knudson 250 Rancho Villa Walla Walla, WA

Inquired about property on Dell Avenue that was zoned residential and now is owned by the Port of Walla Walla and now zoned industrial. When is there any discussion about why and could it be changed? It seems there are properties throughout Walla Walla that could be looked at for rezoning, but we don't talk about this now we talk about it later?

Gary Petersen 702 S Park St Walla Walla, WA

If you want to have affordable housing the land underneath the bill has to be affordable. Our problem over the last 15-20 years is the zonings that we have drawn a very tight urban development ring around the City. Earlier there was talk about land around highway 12, this is probably the best area to expand and grow. Mr. Corliss was asking about the land stock, on paper there may be lots of residential land but it's so fractured and so small and by other non-residential zones not making it a first-choice area to live. Maybe expanding that Urban Growth Area as soon as possible with the possibility of these property owners creating more residential properties for growth.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Rd Walla Walla, WA

Inquired if we are just taking comments in general on the comprehensive plan or various applications on map plans? I just want to follow up on what we just gone through on the UGA request was denied to the North. The Growth Management Act is very much a part of how things are chosen. Just supporting the whole process, you don't just go where you want to go as you have all these other things that define the

process such as the Growth Management Act.

Ian Winterbourne 422 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Walla Walla, WA

Would like to follow-up on what Mr. Corliss said and inquire about densifying the areas closer to downtown Walla Walla and the Colleges. I have been inquiring about building mother in laws or smaller structures on land that is in the City currently. Most Cities allow this or allow altering existing spaces. Wondering if anything has been done to address these areas.

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 6:57 pm

Ms. Chamberlain responded to the questions/comments that were asked during the public hearing portion. Ms. Chamberlain explained the goal of this update is to overhaul of the Comprehensive Plan by restructuring the document, looking at all policies and land use designations, recommending a single residential land use designation, and then use the zoning code for rezoning property that would allow some flexibility for density, development standards in regard to setbacks, lot size, etc. The development code update will happen second half of 2018 once the Comprehensive Plan Update is complete.

A Land Capacity Analysis has been completed as required as part of this Comprehensive Plan Update and was reviewed at the February Planning Commission Meeting. The analysis included vacant land and redevelopable land for both residential and commercial/industrial. The Land Capacity Study is available through the website or you may contact staff to obtain a copy.

Accessory dwelling units are allowed under the current municipal code. Staff has reviewed the regulations and will be bringing forward recommendations for changing the current code to allow for more variety of housing types to include tiny homes, duplexes and etc.

In regard to the striking of language in summary of the historic workforce part of town summarizing the character areas, staff was recommending to strike this as it was pointed out to be a somewhat harsh statement in the original plan that was carried forward with the new plan. Staff didn't feel this statement was really necessary and recommended to strike this paragraph. The striking of the comment about race and cultural from the goals of the housing chapter (H-1) and was included in comments received from City Council and race and culture don't play a part into housing choices and staff agreed it really wasn't appropriate to have in this section.

Chairman Pearson asked if the Commission if they would like to discuss any of the draft revisions further at this time. Commissioner Fogarty suggested the Commission move on ahead with the Land Use Map Amendments.

## II. Land Use Map Amendments

Chairman Pearson polled the Commission as to if they have any conflicts of interest or outside communications on any of the amendments. None stated.

**Map Amendment 7: Gary Petersen Applicant – North 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Cherry Street – Note Mr. Petersen did not receive notice of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. This application shall be re-heard at this meeting.**

Jon Maland presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm

Gary Petersen, 702 S Park St Walla Walla, WA

The property is owned by the railroad. Mr. Petersen asked to distribute a map to the Commission and did submit to the Commissioners for their review. Mr. Petersen indicated he is seeking the property to go from Residential to Light Industrial. The railroad has no need for the property any longer and are willing to sell the property, but the railroad has stated in an email the railroad usually puts a deed restriction on property they sell that residential use is not permitted as the property is close to the railroad tracks and the railroad does not want this liability. The map that was submitted shows a drain line that takes runoff water to Millcreek. The City indicates this property could be divided into six lots, but this would be pretty restrictive due to the drain line. I would like you to reconsider staff's recommendation and allow light industrial zoning.

Commissioner Fogarty asked Mr. Petersen if his intent is to develop the land for storage units. Mr. Petersen advised it would be a storage building that would be divided and rented out by different contract/trades such as contractors, artists and etc.

The commission asked if there was an easement that stated this land could not be built upon due to the drain pipe. Mr. Petersen responded not that he was aware of but that you could not build a structure on top of it.

The commission asked Mr. Petersen about this being an opportunity for affordable housing.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal further.

MOTION: Commissioner Fogarty moved to approve staff's recommendation of retaining the residential land use designation of the property.  
Commissioner Corkrum seconded the motion.

The commission discussed the motion further.

Motion carried 4-2

**Map Amendment 2: Steven Pao Applicant - 625 Woodland Avenue**  
**Map Amendment 3: Steven Pao Applicant - 537 Woodland Avenue**

Jon Maland presented the staff report on behalf of the City for both Map amendments 2 & 3. Staff and Mr. Pao did meet since the March public hearing to discuss questions and concerns raised at the March public hearing. Staff is retaining their recommendation for the property to be designated residential.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 7:25 pm

Steven Pao, 334 Woodland Ave

Mr. Pao commented regarding the use of the land on the west side of the property,

which was used for as a salvage yard and went under an environmental cleanup. Mr. Pao discussed other surrounding properties that are zoned commercial and industrial. In regard to the Myra Road Sub Area Plan, the map indicated that land along Woodland was recommended to be industrial. Woodland Avenue dead ends at Millcreek and there is no other access and the street is in deplorable condition that would cost millions to repair. Due to the proximity of the industrial uses surrounding the property, can't see that anyone would want to develop for residential use. Nobody has knocked on their door inquiring to sell the land for residential development. My family has owned this land for over 100 years and we don't have any plans of selling. The residential designation harms us. I was encouraged by Development Services to apply for the land use change to industrial, then the City pulled their support.

The commission asked Mr. Pao to elaborate on how he feels his family will be harmed by the residential designation.

Mr. Pao gave examples of putting up an 800-sf hay storage wouldn't be allowed, opening his own business wouldn't be allowed and complaints to code enforcement that their property is considered in violation. Have no plans on turning into an industrial business just wants to be able to keep farming.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Rd Walla Walla, WA

I have spoken in support in previous meetings for the Pao's being able to continue to use their property as they wish and still am in support. Prior to the Pao's owning the property his family owned this property. It doesn't make sense that the property to the west be zoned industrial. It has always been reported that Development Services has been working with Mr. Pao but does not appear to be the case. South of Woodland is an asphalt pile that is zoned to be there, and the Foundry has been given industrial designation. Why are the Pao's being asked to give up their property to use as they wish.

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 7:41 pm

The commission and staff discussed the proposal further.

MOTION: Commissioner Fogarty moved to leave the zoning as residential but authorize staff to implement a floating two-acre industrial designation for future use for either parcel. Commissioner Corkrum seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-2; Commissioners

**Map Amendment 10: City of Walla Walla Applicant – Downtown Map amendment**

Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and Staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 7:58 pm

Chairman Pearson asked if anyone would like to speak on this proposal. Seeing no

one wishing to speak on the application Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 7:59 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Fogarty moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

**Map Amendment 11: City of Walla Walla Applicant – 1400 Block of Lower Waitsburg Road**

Jon Maland, Senior Planner presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 8:01 pm

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Rd Walla Walla, WA

I agree, if the residents are in agreement, what they are requesting makes sense. I have a question that you might want to get an answer to before going forward in regard to the Parsons' and Nelson's property, (in which I do support them). There is an existing or pending application from May or June 2017 where the developer has requested a lot split. From one tax parcel to multiple parcels. It's a mystery why the application has been pending. The latest message I got from Development Services is that it is on hold.

Mike Corliss, 511 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

We are in favor of this change if that is what the landowner would like.

Lou Nelson, 1442 Lower Waitsburg Rd, Walla Walla, WA

Asked Mr. McFarland what he was referring to in regard to the application. Mr. McFarland advised file BSP-17-0003. Why is this application still pending?

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 8:05 pm

Staff advised there currently is a request to subdivide the property by applying for a binding site plan. The application is still pending, and staff is waiting for follow-up information to be submitted regarding easements. The application is irrelevant and has no bearing on the land use for the map amendment.

MOTION: Commissioner Fogarty moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Huxel seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

**Map Amendment 12: Anthony Wenham Applicant – 1225 E Sumach Street/Highway 12**

Jon Maland, Senior Planner presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 8:08 pm

Jim Hayner, 249 W Alder St Walla Walla, WA

I am speaking on behalf of Tony Wenham. This property was first applied for as industrial which came before this commission. The commission felt commercial designation was a better choice and recommended to go on to City Council with the commercial designation. The proposal went before City Council who did vote and created a resolution to zone this as commercial and prepare an ordinance to be approved at another City Council meeting. At the subsequent City Council meeting the Council voted to not approve the ordinance for the commercial zone and advised Mr. Wenham he could appeal or wait for the next process. They have waited for the next process and thus is why they are here tonight. Mr. Hayner explained his client is wanting to develop the property and still have the development be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and compatible with the highway.

Chairman Pearson asked Mr. Hayner what recommendation he is trying for.

Mr. Hayner advised he understands the amendment to be Mr. Wenham is in favor of going to commercial instead of industrial.

Richard Pike, 1135 E Sumach

I am part owner of this property with the reconfiguration of the highway it has made it almost impossible to move farm equipment. It makes the property almost impossible to use when zoned residential and that is why he is in favor of changing to commercial or industrial.

Mike Corliss, 511 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Walla Walla, WA

I spoke previously on the application when the land use change was being processed in 2016. It should not be single family residential but perhaps higher density of some sort.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Rd Walla Walla, WA

Spoke against the proposal. My thanks to Development Services for not supporting this application as we recently learned from the land capacity study there is currently a balance of land as zoned. The property in question is R-72 and more homes can be built in this area and if taken out of residential status, this may upset the current balance. R-72 provides a greater range of housing than the larger residential zoning.

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 8:19 pm

The commission and staff discussed the proposal further.

MOTION: Commissioner Huxel moved to approve staff's current recommendation of residential for this property. Commissioner Fogarty seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1; Commissioner Delph dissenting.

**Map Amendment 13: Evans Trust Applicant – Lower Waitsburg Road/ highway 12**

Jon Maland, Senior Planner presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 8:20 pm

Jim Hayner, 249 W Alder St Walla Walla, WA

This property has existed as being zoned residential for probably the last 25 years and has been used for agriculture. There is a demand for residential and we agree with staff about this being a mixed-use designation but would like you to consider that some portion of the property could be considered commercial but not designate what portion must be commercial.

Mike Corliss, 511 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Walla Walla, WA

I like the residential, the mixed-use and the multi-family. On commercial I like the bubble idea with the flexibility of limiting only a certain portion of the land area to commercial.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Rd Walla Walla, WA

I'm in the middle just have a couple of questions, it's all about traffic safety and smart growth. The question is the property was annexed a few years ago as R-96, is this putting the cart before the horse. If you change and put in other zoning aspects such as commercial the potential for more traffic is my concern. If the overpass is not built yet and they have their zoning change and they start building. What is the City's approach on traffic safety? I would appreciate some input from the City

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 8:43 pm

The commission and staff discussed the proposal further.

Ms. Chamberlain advised the transportation plan looked at all intersections and a draft EIS (environmental impact study) was done on this property. From a capacity standpoint Clinton and Highway 12 have capacity however we are aware there are some deficiencies which were identified as well in the traffic study. A corridor study is in the works to be conducted in the near future to look at several areas with this area included.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal further.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Delph moved to approve staff's recommendation, allowing a third of the property to be flexible for commercial land use designation encouraging commercial not to be high traffic generating. Commissioner Fogarty seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1; Commissioner Huxel dissenting.

At 8:58 pm the Commission and staff took a break and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 pm

**Map Amendment 14: City of Walla Walla Applicant – Tietan Street/Modoc Street (Walla Walla Clinic)**

Jon Maland, Senior Planner presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 9:07 pm

Nat Webb, 176 Prospect Ave

My two sisters and I own property to the north side of Tietan close to intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. I'm not necessarily opposed but have raised concerns as our lots are zoned single family residential but are across from commercial uses. We have had our lots for sale for several years. Would it be wise to consider changing the unused lots in the area to multi-family instead?

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 9:11 pm

Elizabeth Chamberlain acknowledged that staff did receive a letter regarding the properties that were commented on by Mr. Webb and had no contact information on the letter for staff to respond about the request for a higher density zoning possibility. Staff will certainly look at this in the next phase of the code amendments.

MOTION: Commissioner Delph moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Fogarty seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

**Map Amendment 15: City of Walla Walla Applicant – 1625 E alder Street (Church)**

Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 9:16 pm

Chairman Pearson asked if anyone would like to speak on the proposal. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 9:17 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Bradshaw moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Corkrum seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

**Map Amendment 16: City of Walla Walla Applicant – Isaacs Avenue/Melrose Street**

Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 9:26 pm

Chairman Pearson asked if anyone would like to speak on the proposal. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 9:27 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Fogarty moved to approve staff's recommendation to have both north & south sides zoned industrial on condition at a future date staff consider allowing residential multi-family in the industrial zone. Commissioner Delph seconded the motion.

Motion failed 1-5

MOTION: Commissioner Corkrum moved to approve staff's recommendation on the northern portion of the property to change to Industrial and leave the southern portion as currently designated (Commercial). Commissioner Huxel seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1; Commissioner Delph dissenting.

**Map Amendment 17: City of Walla Walla Applicant – Tausick Way/Garrison Street**

Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 9:38 pm

Chairman Pearson asked if anyone would like to speak on the proposal. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 9:39 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Delph moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Huxel seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

**III. Plan Adoption by Reference**

Elizabeth Chamberlain, Director briefed the Commission on the draft Parks Recreation Plan. The Parks and Recreation Plan is in addition to the Parks Element. The plan will be submitted to the State's Recreation and Conservation Office. Having this plan in place will allow some grant opportunities for the City for park development. Melissa Shumake, Planner was the staff person that worked on this project with Parks and is out of town at a conference and we want to acknowledge she did a great job on this. This plan was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

Andy Coleman, Parks and Recreation Department Director thanked Development Services Staff with a special thanks to Melissa Shumake for her hard work on this plan.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 9:45 pm

Chairman Pearson asked if anyone would like to speak on the proposal. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak Chairman Pearson close the public hearing at 9:46 pm.

No vote or motion was required as this will be included as part of the Comprehensive Plan approval.

#### IV. Zoning Code Text Amendments

Jon Maland, Senior Planner presented the staff report on behalf of the City.

The commission and staff discussed the proposal.

Chairman Pearson opened the public hearing at 9:53 pm

Steven Pao, 334 Woodland Ave Walla Walla, WA

Just a comment on code 21.04.020 the last sentence or word maintained by a Port District or Irrigation Company. My family's land is part of an association. Would an association apply to this as well?

Jon Maland responded that the Pao's wouldn't be classified as a habitat area, so this would not apply to them.

Chairman Pearson closed the public hearing at 9:56 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Huxel moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Corkrum seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

#### Draft Comprehensive Plan

MOTION: Commissioner Delph moved to recommend approval of the Draft Comprehensive Plan as stated with amendments to City Council for their review. Commissioner Fogarty seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Chairman Pearson thanked staff for all their hard work. Elizabeth Chamberlain reciprocated the thanks to the Commission for all their hard work and many hours they spent on reviewing and comments for drafting the plan.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATE

Elizabeth Chamberlain, Development Services Director updated the Commission on projects.

The Red Lion on Main Street will be redeveloped/remodeled by a company out of Montana that has done similar projects, looking at 75 rooms with a planned summer start date.

Walla Walla Town Center has 3 restaurants that are slated to go in; Mod Pizza, Sonic, and a Mexican restaurant. There is still an interest for a grocery store and a fitness center to be going in.

Penrose Hotel is moving forward again. The architect has met with staff and will be going back to the taller building (11 stories) and more rooms (133).

The next meeting will be June 11th at 7:00 pm

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Commissioner Bradshaw motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Corkrum seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – WALLA WALLA 2040 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF RCW CHAPTER 36.70A AND TAKING SUCH OTHER ACTION RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla passed Municipal Ordinance A-2405 on May 13, 1970 which classified the City of Walla Walla as a nonchartered code city under Title 35A of the Revised Code Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners passed County Resolution 90-449 on October 30, 1990 opting into planning activities under the Washington Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council passed City Ordinance 2008-25 on November 5, 2008 adopting an updated comprehensive plan for the City of Walla Walla; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla is required to conduct a periodic review of its comprehensive plan and development regulations every eight years pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW and complete the periodic review no later than June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla published in the Union Bulletin and on the City's website an advertisement that the City was accepting comprehensive plan amendment applications as part of the city's required periodic update and established a deadline for submittal of April 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla began its public participation process with a community survey and public open house held on May 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla participated in community events and held community outreach meetings June – September 2017 gathering public input on the community's wants and vision for the future of Walla Walla; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla presented a preliminary comprehensive plan to the public at an open house on November 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla issued a Determination of Significance and SEPA scoping noticed on December 21, 2017 with scoping comments due February 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the notice of application and public hearing notice were published on March 2, 2018 in the Union Bulletin, posted on the City's website at least 14-days prior to the date of hearing, posted at City Hall, and provided to applicants and interested parties for the Planning Commission public hearings on March 19, 2018 and April 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the draft comprehensive plan update and development regulations were transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services Division, and other state agencies for the 60-day state review period in accordance with RCW 36.70A.106 on March 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and corresponding notices on March 9, 2018 with a comment deadline of April 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft elements at their regular and public meetings on March 13, 2017, September 11, 2017, October 2, 2017, November 6, 2017, December 4, 2017, January 8, 2018, and February 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council and Planning Commission held a joint work session reviewing the draft comprehensive plan on March 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, after proper notice the Walla Walla Planning Commission held two public

hearings on the periodic update to the comprehensive plan and development regulations on March 19, 2018 and April 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearings the City of Walla Walla Planning Commission heard and considered the public testimony and the evidence and exhibits presented to it; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla Planning Commission thereafter made their recommendation on the periodic update to the comprehensive plan and development regulations on April 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations at a regular work session on May 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Statement and corresponding notice were issued on May 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed periodic comprehensive plan update and development regulations on May 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council deliberated upon on the draft comprehensive plan and development regulations on May 23, 2018 following the public hearing and requested that staff review bring forward a final draft for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council has considered the matter during a regularly and duly called public meeting of said Council, has given said matter careful review and consideration, and finds that good government and the best interests of the City of Walla Walla will be served by passage of this ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Walla Walla do ordain as follows:

**Section 1:** The Walla Walla City Council finds that the amendment adopted herein advances state interests identified in Section 36.70A.010 of the Revised Code of Washington.

**Section 2:** The Walla Walla City Council finds that the public outreach activities held and outlined below as well as the process used to consider and adopt this ordinance satisfies the City's public participation procedures adopted pursuant to Section 36.70A.035 of the Revised Code of Washington:

| <u>Event Date</u>           | <u>Event Type</u>                                    |
|-----------------------------|--|
| May 1, 2017                 | Stakeholder Advisory Committee                       |
| May 23, 2017                | 1st Public Open House (Spanish translation provided) |
| May 12, 2017 - May 30, 2017 | Survey   |
| June 25, 2017               | Children's Day*                                      |
| July 12, 2017               | Realtors Association Meeting*                        |
| July 26, 2017               | Sunrise Rotary*                                      |
| July 27, 2017               | Noon Rotary*   |
| July 29, 2017               | Downtown Farmer's Market*                            |
| August 23, 2017             | Stakeholder Advisory Committee                       |
| August 24, 2017             | Edison Neighborhood Block Party*                     |

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| August 29, 2017                            | Neighborhood Outreach - Fire Station 1*                               |
| September 6, 2017                          | Neighborhood Outreach - Fire Station 2*                               |
| September 12, 2017                         | Neighborhood Outreach - Prospect Elementary*                          |
| September 14, 2017                         | Neighborhood Outreach - Grace United Methodist Church*                |
| September 19, 2017                         | Edith and Carrie Neighborhood Outreach (Spanish translation provided) |
| September 26, 2017                         | Transportation Plan Open House  |
| November 29, 2017                          | Comprehensive Plan 2nd Open House (Spanish translation provided)      |
| January 22, 2018                           | Stakeholder Advisory Committee  |
| February 15, 2018                          | Home Builders Association (Housing focus)                             |
| March 5, 2018                              | Homeless Providers Meeting (Affordable Housing focus)                 |
| *Materials provided in English and Spanish |   |

**Section 3:** The Walla Walla City Council by reference incorporates herein the Countywide Planning Policies and all prior amendments thereto and finds that the periodic update to the comprehensive plan hereby adopted is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies.

**Section 4:** The Walla Walla City Council finds that the periodic update to the comprehensive plan hereby adopted coordinates and is consistent with the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Plan for the City of College Place and its urban growth area. Both jurisdictions were represented on the City’s Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan.

**Section 5:** The Walla Walla City Council here by approves and adopts the future land use map incorporated into the comprehensive plan as well as the following described site specific amendments to the comprehensive plan land use map for the City of Wall Walla:

| <u>Map Amendment #</u> | <u>Parcel Number(s)</u>                      | <u>Land Use Designation Change</u>                        |
|------------------------|--|---|
| 1                      | 350724130036                                 | Industrial  |
| 1                      | 350724420023, 350724420022, and 350724410071 | Commercial  |
| 2                      | 360719330002                                 | 2 Acres Industrial; remaining acreage remains Residential |
| 4                      | 360719330027                                 | Industrial  |
| 5                      | 360719340032                                 | Industrial  |
| 5                      | 360719500902                                 | Residential   |
| 8                      | 360731510115, 360731410067, and 360731410061 | Public  |

|    |  |   |
|----|--|---|
| 9  | 360729520804 and<br>360729520805   | Public  |
| 10 |  |   |
| 11 | 360716650002 and<br>360716320029   | Industrial  |
| 13 | 360717410002 and<br>360717440028   | 1/3 Commercial adjacent to<br>roadways (23 acres) |
| 14 | 360732120027, 360732120010,<br>360732120009, 360732120014  | Public  |
| 16 | 360722210018, 360722210015,<br>360722210005, 360722210019,<br>360722210004, 360715430037,<br>360722120048, 360715430038,<br>360715430035, 360715430036,<br>360715430016, 360715430029,<br>360715430028, 360715430022,<br>360715430031, 360715440039,<br>360715440021, 360715440025,<br>360715440006, 360715440058,<br>360715440057, 360715440010,<br>360715440053, 360715440048,<br>360714330032, 360715440049 | Industrial  |
| 17 | 360722140049   | Residential                                       |

**Section 6:** The Walla Walla City Council hereby denies the following described amendments to the comprehensive plan land use map for the City of Walla Walla:

| <u>Map Amendment #</u> | <u>Parcel Number(s)</u> | <u>Land Use Designation</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3                      | 360719330011            | Maintain Residential        |
| 6                      | 360730210012            | Maintain Residential        |
| 7                      | 360719593802            | Maintain Residential        |
| 12                     | 360717440036            | Maintain Residential        |
| 15                     | 360722560002            | Maintain Residential        |

**Section 7:** The Walla Walla City Council hereby adopts the City of Walla Walla’s amended Comprehensive Plan, attached hereto, including the following appendices: Population and Land Capacity Analysis, Housing Inventory, Economic Profile, Transportation Plan Appendices, Parks and Open Space Plan, and Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan. Passage of this ordinance constitutes final adoption of the privately initiated comprehensive plan map amendment requests approved by Section 5 herein, because the properties involved in those applications are located entirely within the city limits of Walla Walla. Passage of this ordinance constitutes final adoption of all the amendments approved herein for the incorporated City of Walla Walla.

**Section 8:** The Walla Walla City Council hereby recommends that the Walla Walla County Commissioners adopt the amended Comprehensive Plan attached hereto for the unincorporated urban growth area of the City of Walla Walla. The City of Walla Walla Development Services Department is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this ordinance and the finalized amended Comprehensive Plan to Walla Walla County for its consideration, and to provide staff support necessary to assist the County to process and consider the proposed amendments.

**Section 9:** The City of Walla Walla finds that the comprehensive plan as adopted by this Ordinance and development regulation amendments adopted by Ordinance No. 2018-16 confirm to the requirements of Chapter 36.70A and Chapter 43.21C RCW and has been prepared with appropriate public participation and has complied with the Level VI review, Chapter 20.30 of the Walla Walla Municipal Code, for the City of Walla Walla's process to amend the comprehensive plan, and the City of Walla Walla has complied with Level V review, Chapter 20.28 of the Walla Walla Municipal Code for amendment of development regulations. The City of Walla Walla will continue to update its comprehensive plans and development regulations annually.

**Section 10:** If any part of this ordinance is for any reason declared or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such part shall be deemed a separate and distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts hereof.

**Section 11:** The City Manager or designee is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation including preparing and publishing the amended Comprehensive Plan.

**Section 12:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

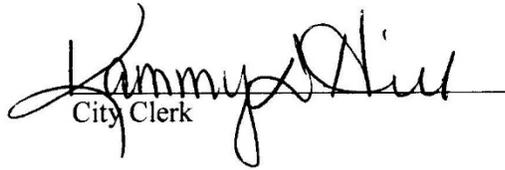
**Section 13:** The Walla Walla City Clerk is directed to publish a copy of a summary and notice of adoption of this ordinance as permitted by section 35A.12.160 of the Revised Code of Washington.

**Section 14:** Notice is hereby given that any petition requesting Growth Board review of the comprehensive plan map amendment must be filed with the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board within sixty (60) days after publication of this summary and notice of adoption in accordance with Chapter 36.70A of the Revised Code of Washington.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Walla Walla, Washington, June 13, 2018.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

## Appendices

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- IV. Public Comments: Comp Plan and Parks Plan Outreach
- V. Inventory of Non-City-Owned Parks Resources

# Appendix I

## Outreach Flyer



# Parks and Recreation Plan

The City of Walla Walla has a long tradition of parks and recreation, one that begins with Pioneer Park and extends into the present, with 18 parks and facilities currently and the opening of the updated Veteran’s Memorial Pool, and future, with an upcoming refresh of Wildwood Park.

The City is updating its Comprehensive Plan, which includes a chapter on Parks and Recreation. This update is paired with a completely new Parks and Recreation Plan. The City has never had a Parks and Recreation Plan before, but adopting one will allow the City to apply for grant funding from Washington State’s Recreation and Conservation Office.



You can help by providing your vision for parks and recreation facilities and activities in Walla Walla’s future. To capture that vision, we have a survey running

through the month of August, and we are also holding outreach events in most of the parks around the City.

**Outreach in the parks will be from 4-6 p.m. on the following days:**

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Mill Creek Sportsplex | Wednesday, August 23   |
| Eastgate Lions Park   | Thursday, August 24    |
| Washington Park       | Tuesday, August 29     |
| Jefferson Park        | Wednesday, August 30   |
| Howard– Tietan Park   | Thursday, August 31    |
| Pioneer Park          | Tuesday, September 5   |
| Vista Terrace Park    | Wednesday, September 6 |
| Fort Walla Walla      | Thursday, September 7  |

The survey is available through the end of August 31, 2017 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parksplan2040>



This input will help us determine how to prioritize improvements in services, operations, programs, and facilities, so that funding can be planned and projects can be executed in the best possible way.

Your input is very valuable and we hope you'll share your vision with us honestly so that the will of the community can be captured.



| See the timeline and community involvement opportunities below: |   |
|---|---|
| October 2   | Level of Service and Capital Facilities presented to PRUFAB |
| November 6  | Draft goals and policies to PRUFAB                          |
| December 4  | Final Goals and Policies to PRUFAB                          |
| February 5  | Draft plan to PRUFAB and Planning Commission                |
| March   | Parks and Recreation plan adopted by the City Council       |

Results of the survey and community outreach will be available on the City website, [wallawallawa.gov/2040](http://wallawallawa.gov/2040), as will drafts of the Plan. **You may also attend meetings of the Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board (PRUFAB), the first Monday of each month at 5:30 at 55 E Moore St (dates and agenda shown left), as the process moves forward to see and comment on drafts of the Plan. PRUFAB will be making recommendations on the plan before it is adopted by City Council.**



If you have any questions or comments about the Plan, please contact Melissa Shumake, Planner, via email: [mshumake@wallawallawa.gov](mailto:mshumake@wallawallawa.gov) or Andy Coleman, Parks and Recreation Director, via email: [acoleman@wallawallawa.gov](mailto:acoleman@wallawallawa.gov)

# Appendix II

## Survey

# Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Plan 2017

Welcome, and Thank  
You!

The Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Walla Walla is intended to function as a vision of what the community would like to see parks and recreation facilities and programs develop into over the next six years while also providing a roadmap to achieve that vision through an inventory, assessment of needs/demand, and capital facilities plan. We want YOUR input on the current state of the City's Parks and Recreation facilities and programs as well as your vision for the future. (Please note that this does NOT include facilities owned and operated by other organizations throughout Walla Walla.)

The survey should take about 10 minutes. None of the questions are required, but we do ask that you think about each question before deciding to skip it. Thank you very much for your input!

# Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Plan 2017

Parks and Recreation  
Facilities



1 Please indicate how often you or a member of your household visits any of the following parks and recreation facilities listed below.

|                                | Daily                 | Weekly                | Every few weeks       | Monthly               | Every few months      | Every 6 months        | Yearly                | Never                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Eastgate Lions Park            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fort Walla Walla Park          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Heritage Park                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Howard Tietan Park             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Jefferson Park                 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Menlo Park                     | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pioneer Park                   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Veteran's Memorial Golf Course | <input type="radio"/> |
| Veteran's Memorial Pool        | <input type="radio"/> |
| Vista Terrace Park             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Washington Park & Splash Pad   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Wildwood Park                  | <input type="radio"/> |

2 For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate your overall satisfaction with that facility.

|                                | Very Satisfied        | More Than Satisfied   | Satisfied             | Partly Satisfied      | Not At All Satisfied  | N/A                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Eastgate Lions Park            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fort Walla Walla Park          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Heritage Park                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Howard Tietan Park             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Jefferson Park                 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Menlo Park                     | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pioneer Park                   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Veteran's Memorial Golf Course | <input type="radio"/> |
| Veteran's Memorial Pool        | <input type="radio"/> |
| Vista Terrace Park             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Washington Park & Splash Pad   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Wildwood Park                  | <input type="radio"/> |

3 For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate how you would rate the condition of that facility.

|                                | Very Good             | Good                  | Fair                  | Poor                  | Very Poor             | N/A                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Eastgate Lions Park            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fort Walla Walla Park          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Heritage Park                  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Howard Tietan Park             | <input type="radio"/> |
| Jefferson Park                 | <input type="radio"/> |
| Menlo Park                     | <input type="radio"/> |
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| Washington Park & Splash Pad   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Wildwood Park                  | <input type="radio"/> |

4 Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Facilities.

| Very Satisfied        | More Than Satisfied   | Satisfied             | Partly Satisfied      | Not At All Satisfied  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> |

5 Please explain why you selected that rating.

6 Please select the types of parks and recreation facilities you would like the City to concentrate its resources constructing, updating, or adding more of.

- Soccer fields
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Playgrounds
- Picnic shelters
- Trails
- Other - please tell us exactly what you want to see
- Dog parks
- Disc golf
- Gymnasiums
- Community center/event space
- Skate parks

7 Please select all the funding methods that you would support to offer new/improved parks and recreation facilities.

- Impact fees (paid by developers, potentially passed on to homebuyer)
- Property tax levy
- Increase use/rental fees
- Don't know/No opinion
- Other - please share your funding idea

## Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Plan 2017

Recreation  
Programs



8 Please select all of the following recreation programs which you or a member of your household have participated in.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth soccer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult art classes       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth flag football   | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult softball          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth softball        | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Soccer            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-comers track meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim lessons            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth art classes     | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult aquatic fitness   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports camps          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery painting studio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UPlay                 | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                     |

9 Please rate your satisfaction with the recreation programs you have participated in.

|                         | Very Satisfied        | More than Satisfied   | Satisfied             | Partly Satisfied      | Not At All Satisfied  | N/A                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Youth soccer            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Youth flag football     | <input type="radio"/> |
| Youth softball          | <input type="radio"/> |
| All-comers track meet   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Youth art classes       | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sports camps            | <input type="radio"/> |
| UPlay                   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adult art classes       | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adult softball          | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adult Soccer            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Swim lessons            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adult aquatic fitness   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pottery painting studio | <input type="radio"/> |

10 Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla recreation programs.

| Very Satisfied        | More Than Satisfied   | Satisfied             | Partly Satisfied      | Not At All Satisfied  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> |

11 Please explain why you selected that rating.

12 Please select all of the types of recreation programs you would like the City to expand or add.

- Youth sports
- Adult sports
- Art programs
- Enrichment/educational programs
- Activity trips
- Camps
- Aquatic programs

Other - Please share specific sports or activities you would like added.

## Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Plan 2017

### General Questions

13 When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Walla Walla, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are:

- Essential to the quality of life
- Important, but not essential
- An unnecessary luxury
- Don't know/No opinion

14 Which of the following statements is the closest to how you feel about parks and recreation in Walla Walla?

- Members of my household use parks and/or recreation facilities and programs on a regular basis and I believe these facilities are important to quality of life
- Although members of my household do not use parks or recreation facilities and programs frequently, I believe they are important to the quality of life
- Parks and recreation programs do not currently play an important role in my life or the lives of my household members

15 When it comes to meeting the needs of the community, would you say there are:

- Not enough parks and recreation opportunities
- About the right number of parks and recreation opportunities
- More than enough parks and recreation opportunities in Walla Walla
- Don't know/No opinion

16 Please select any the reasons you or members of your household do not use City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation facilities and programs more often.

- Facility or program you prefer is not offered
- Facilities do not have the right equipment for the activity you want to do
- You do not feel safe at the park or facility you would prefer to use
- Facilities and programs are too far from your home
- Reservations/Spaces not available
- Too busy to use facilities/programs
- Only use facilities and programs provided by other organizations (YMCA, Country Club, school district, etc)
- You do not know what is available
- Not Applicable
- Other (please specify)

- 17 Do you have any further comments about Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs that you would like to add?

## Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Plan 2017

### Categorization Questions

These demographic questions will help us evaluate everyone's input.

- 18 What is your age?
- Under 18                       41-65
- 19-24                             Over 65
- 25-40
- 19 How many children under age 18 live in your household?
- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more
- 20 What neighborhood do you live in?
- North of Tietan Street, East of 9th Avenue
- North of Tietan Street, West of 9th Avenue
- South of Tietan Street, East of 9th Avenue
- South of Tietan Street, West of 9th Avenue

21 What is your annual household income?

- \$25,000 or less
- \$25,001 - \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$100,000
- Over \$100,000

22 What ethnicity do you identify as? Choose all that apply

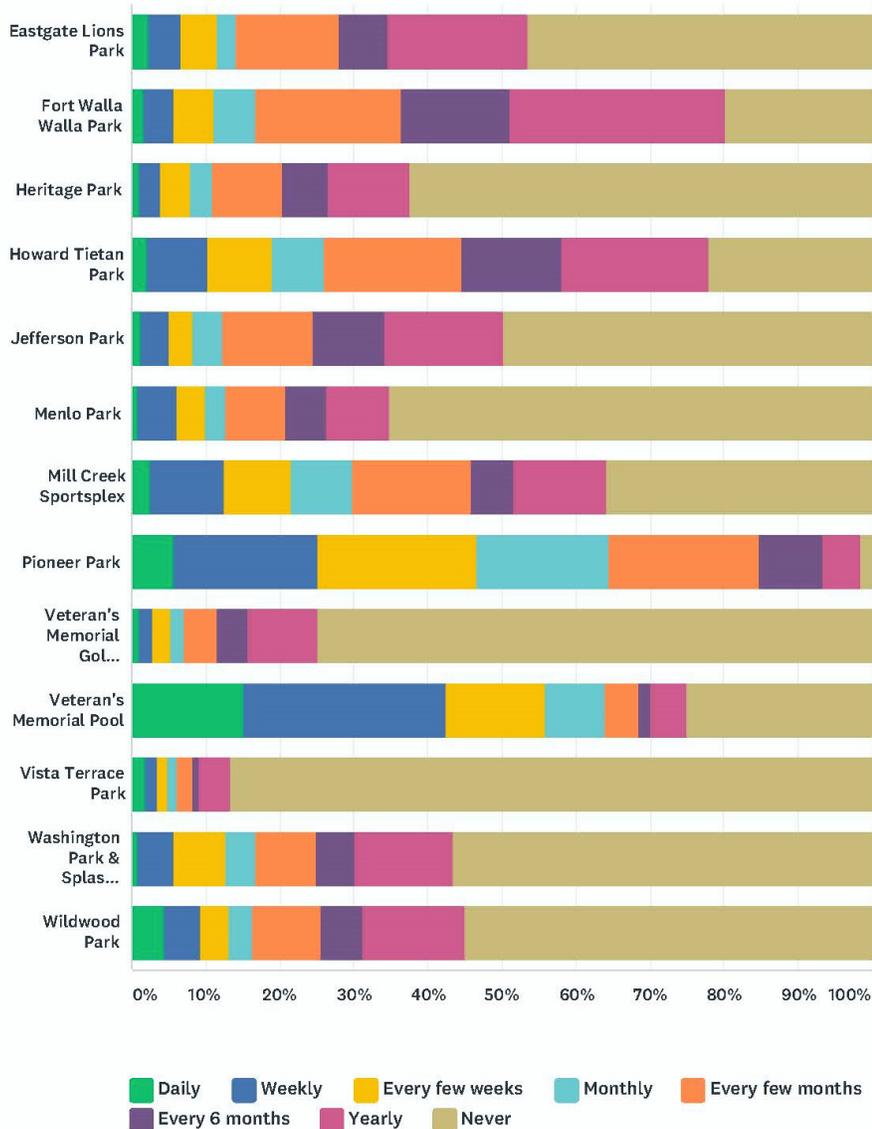
- Caucasian/White
- Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- African-American/Black
- Other (please specify)

# Appendix III

## Survey Results

Q1 Please indicate how often you or a member of your household visits any of the following parks and recreation facilities listed below.

Answered: 490 Skipped: 1

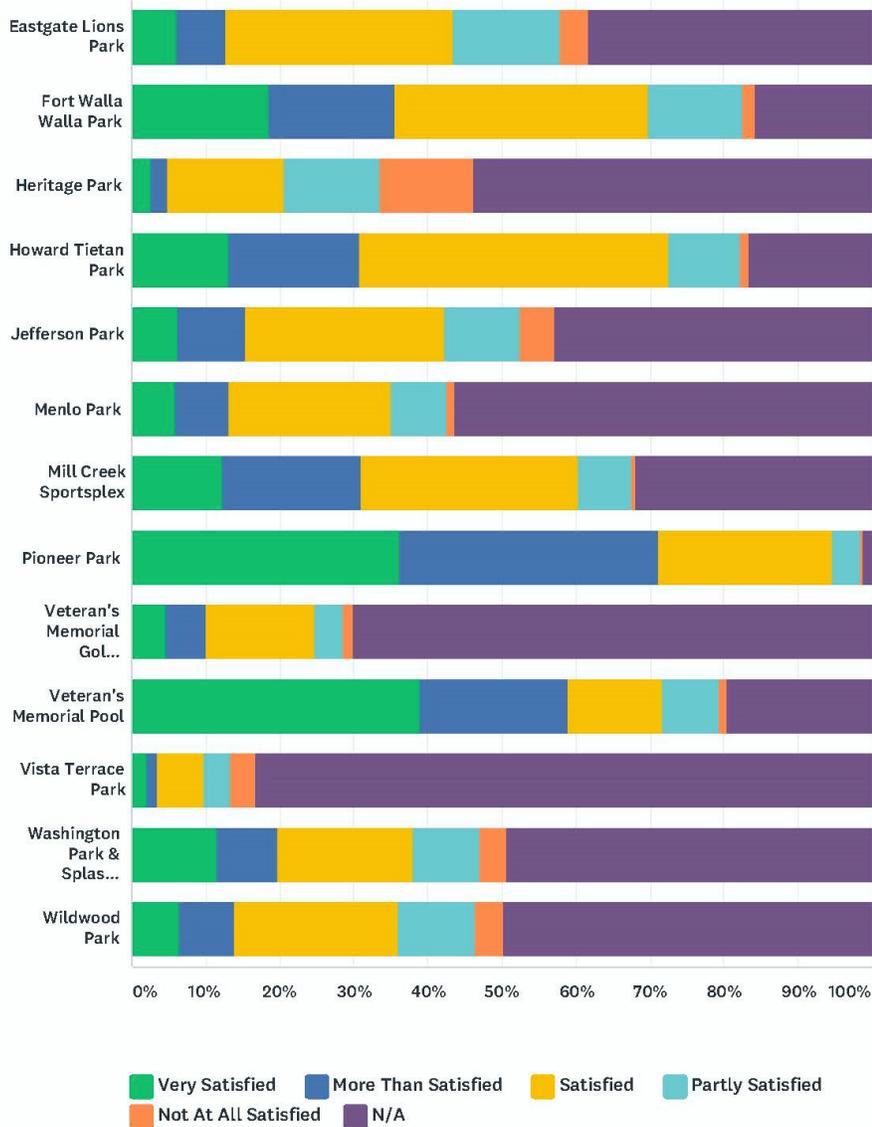


|                     | DAILY | WEEKLY | EVERY FEW WEEKS | MONTHLY | EVERY FEW MONTHS | EVERY 6 MONTHS | YEARLY | NEVER  | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----------------|---------|------------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Eastgate Lions Park | 2.16% | 4.54%  | 4.75%           | 2.59%   | 13.82%           | 6.70%          | 18.79% | 46.65% | 463   |
|                     | 10    | 21     | 22              | 12      | 64               | 31             | 87     | 216    |       |

|                                |              |               |               |              |              |              |               |               |     |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| Fort Walla Walla Park          | 1.70%<br>8   | 3.83%<br>18   | 5.53%<br>26   | 5.53%<br>26  | 19.79%<br>93 | 14.68%<br>69 | 29.15%<br>137 | 19.79%<br>93  | 470 |
| Heritage Park                  | 1.09%<br>5   | 2.63%<br>12   | 4.16%<br>19   | 3.06%<br>14  | 9.41%<br>43  | 6.13%<br>28  | 11.16%<br>51  | 62.36%<br>285 | 457 |
| Howard Tietan Park             | 1.92%<br>9   | 8.33%<br>39   | 8.55%<br>40   | 7.05%<br>33  | 18.80%<br>88 | 13.46%<br>63 | 19.87%<br>93  | 22.01%<br>103 | 468 |
| Jefferson Park                 | 1.29%<br>6   | 3.66%<br>17   | 3.23%<br>15   | 4.09%<br>19  | 12.28%<br>57 | 9.48%<br>44  | 16.16%<br>75  | 49.78%<br>231 | 464 |
| Menlo Park                     | 0.86%<br>4   | 5.18%<br>24   | 3.89%<br>18   | 2.81%<br>13  | 7.99%<br>37  | 5.62%<br>26  | 8.42%<br>39   | 65.23%<br>302 | 463 |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex          | 2.35%<br>11  | 10.02%<br>47  | 9.17%<br>43   | 8.10%<br>38  | 16.20%<br>76 | 5.76%<br>27  | 12.37%<br>58  | 36.03%<br>169 | 469 |
| Pioneer Park                   | 5.60%<br>27  | 19.50%<br>94  | 21.58%<br>104 | 17.84%<br>86 | 20.12%<br>97 | 8.71%<br>42  | 4.98%<br>24   | 1.66%<br>8    | 482 |
| Veteran's Memorial Golf Course | 1.07%<br>5   | 1.72%<br>8    | 2.36%<br>11   | 1.93%<br>9   | 4.29%<br>20  | 4.29%<br>20  | 9.44%<br>44   | 74.89%<br>349 | 466 |
| Veteran's Memorial Pool        | 15.09%<br>72 | 27.25%<br>130 | 13.42%<br>64  | 8.18%<br>39  | 4.61%<br>22  | 1.47%<br>7   | 4.82%<br>23   | 25.16%<br>120 | 477 |
| Vista Terrace Park             | 1.74%<br>8   | 1.74%<br>8    | 1.30%<br>6    | 1.30%<br>6   | 2.17%<br>10  | 0.87%<br>4   | 4.12%<br>19   | 86.77%<br>400 | 461 |
| Washington Park & Splash Pad   | 0.85%<br>4   | 4.70%<br>22   | 7.05%<br>33   | 4.06%<br>19  | 8.33%<br>39  | 5.13%<br>24  | 13.25%<br>62  | 56.62%<br>265 | 468 |
| Wildwood Park                  | 4.48%<br>21  | 4.69%<br>22   | 3.84%<br>18   | 3.20%<br>15  | 9.38%<br>44  | 5.54%<br>26  | 13.86%<br>65  | 55.01%<br>258 | 469 |

Q2 For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate your overall satisfaction with that facility.

Answered: 486 Skipped: 5

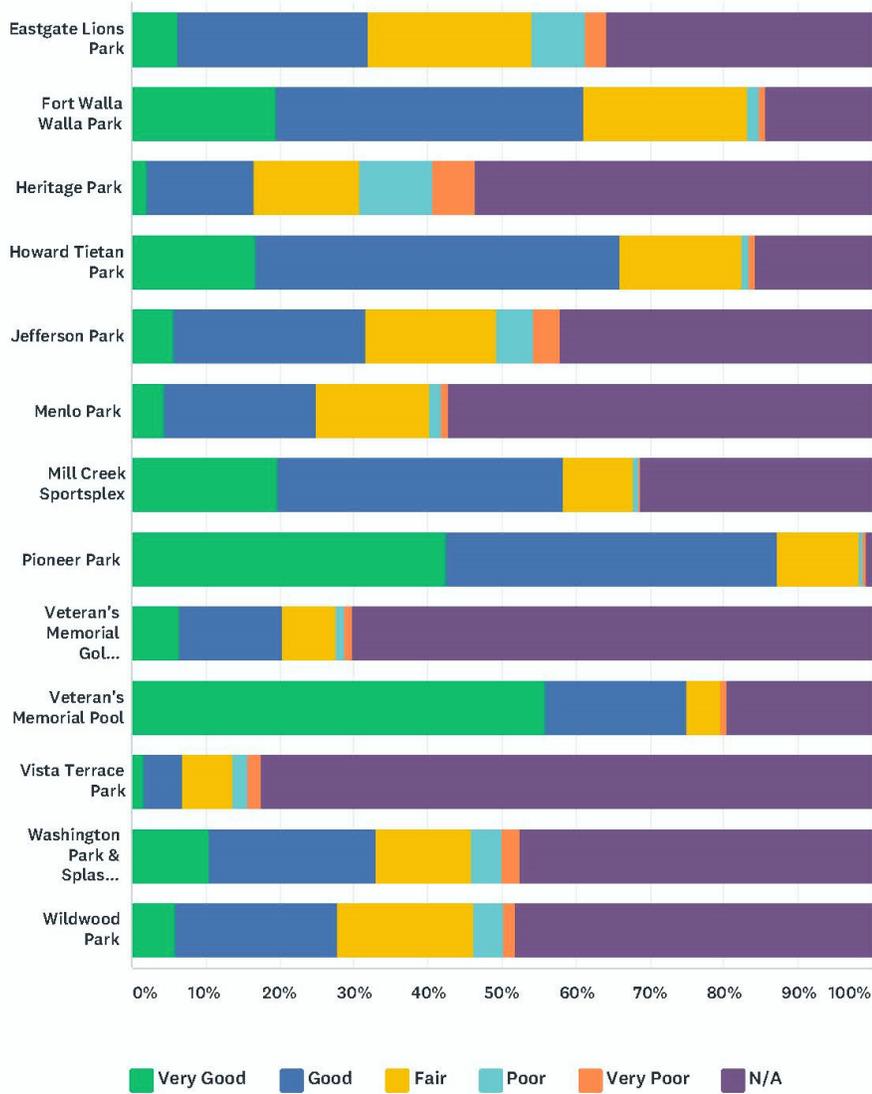


|                       | VERY SATISFIED | MORE THAN SATISFIED | SATISFIED     | PARTLY SATISFIED | NOT AT ALL SATISFIED | N/A           | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| Eastgate Lions Park   | 6.00%<br>25    | 6.71%<br>28         | 30.70%<br>128 | 14.39%<br>60     | 3.84%<br>16          | 38.37%<br>160 | 417   |
| Fort Walla Walla Park | 18.47%<br>82   | 17.12%<br>76        | 34.01%<br>151 | 12.84%<br>57     | 1.80%<br>8           | 15.77%<br>70  | 444   |

|                                |               |               |               |              |              |               |     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----|
| Heritage Park                  | 2.66%<br>11   | 2.17%<br>9    | 15.70%<br>65  | 13.04%<br>54 | 12.56%<br>52 | 53.86%<br>223 | 414 |
| Howard Tietan Park             | 13.04%<br>57  | 17.62%<br>77  | 41.88%<br>183 | 9.61%<br>42  | 1.14%<br>5   | 16.70%<br>73  | 437 |
| Jefferson Park                 | 6.21%<br>26   | 9.07%<br>38   | 26.97%<br>113 | 10.26%<br>43 | 4.53%<br>19  | 42.96%<br>180 | 419 |
| Menlo Park                     | 5.80%<br>24   | 7.25%<br>30   | 21.98%<br>91  | 7.49%<br>31  | 0.97%<br>4   | 56.52%<br>234 | 414 |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex          | 12.18%<br>52  | 18.74%<br>80  | 29.27%<br>125 | 7.26%<br>31  | 0.70%<br>3   | 31.85%<br>136 | 427 |
| Pioneer Park                   | 36.08%<br>171 | 35.02%<br>166 | 23.42%<br>111 | 3.80%<br>18  | 0.42%<br>2   | 1.27%<br>6    | 474 |
| Veteran's Memorial Golf Course | 4.56%<br>19   | 5.52%<br>23   | 14.63%<br>61  | 3.84%<br>16  | 1.44%<br>6   | 70.02%<br>292 | 417 |
| Veteran's Memorial Pool        | 38.98%<br>175 | 19.82%<br>89  | 12.92%<br>58  | 7.57%<br>34  | 1.11%<br>5   | 19.60%<br>88  | 449 |
| Vista Terrace Park             | 1.97%<br>8    | 1.47%<br>6    | 6.14%<br>25   | 3.69%<br>15  | 3.44%<br>14  | 83.29%<br>339 | 407 |
| Washington Park & Splash Pad   | 11.40%<br>48  | 8.31%<br>35   | 18.29%<br>77  | 9.03%<br>38  | 3.56%<br>15  | 49.41%<br>208 | 421 |
| Wildwood Park                  | 6.43%<br>27   | 7.38%<br>31   | 22.14%<br>93  | 10.48%<br>44 | 3.81%<br>16  | 49.76%<br>209 | 420 |

### Q3 For each park or recreation facility you have visited, please indicate how you would rate the condition of that facility.

Answered: 483 Skipped: 8

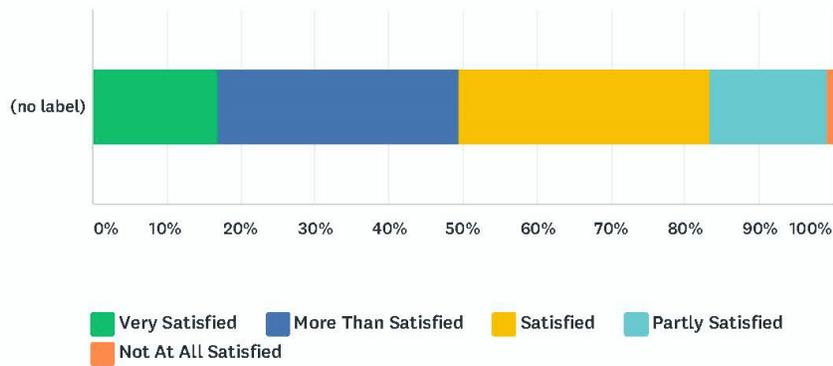


|                       | VERY GOOD | GOOD   | FAIR   | POOR  | VERY POOR | N/A    | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Eastgate Lions Park   | 6.13%     | 25.74% | 22.06% | 7.35% | 2.70%     | 36.03% | 408   |
| Fort Walla Walla Park | 19.50%    | 41.50% | 22.22% | 1.59% | 0.68%     | 14.51% | 441   |
| Heritage Park         | 1.97%     | 14.53% | 14.29% | 9.85% | 5.67%     | 53.69% | 406   |

|                                |        |        |        |       |       |        |     |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----|
| Howard Tietan Park             | 16.59% | 49.30% | 16.36% | 1.17% | 0.70% | 15.89% | 428 |
|                                | 71     | 211    | 70     | 5     | 3     | 68     |     |
| Jefferson Park                 | 5.65%  | 25.80% | 17.69% | 5.16% | 3.44% | 42.26% | 407 |
|                                | 23     | 105    | 72     | 21    | 14    | 172    |     |
| Menlo Park                     | 4.51%  | 20.30% | 15.29% | 1.75% | 1.00% | 57.14% | 399 |
|                                | 18     | 81     | 61     | 7     | 4     | 228    |     |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex          | 19.62% | 38.52% | 9.57%  | 0.72% | 0.24% | 31.34% | 418 |
|                                | 82     | 161    | 40     | 3     | 1     | 131    |     |
| Pioneer Park                   | 42.31% | 44.87% | 11.11% | 0.43% | 0.43% | 0.85%  | 468 |
|                                | 198    | 210    | 52     | 2     | 2     | 4      |     |
| Veteran's Memorial Golf Course | 6.34%  | 13.90% | 7.32%  | 1.22% | 0.98% | 70.24% | 410 |
|                                | 26     | 57     | 30     | 5     | 4     | 288    |     |
| Veteran's Memorial Pool        | 55.76% | 19.19% | 4.51%  | 0.00% | 0.90% | 19.64% | 443 |
|                                | 247    | 85     | 20     | 0     | 4     | 87     |     |
| Vista Terrace Park             | 1.52%  | 5.30%  | 6.82%  | 2.02% | 1.77% | 82.58% | 396 |
|                                | 6      | 21     | 27     | 8     | 7     | 327    |     |
| Washington Park & Splash Pad   | 10.44% | 22.57% | 12.86% | 4.13% | 2.43% | 47.57% | 412 |
|                                | 43     | 93     | 53     | 17    | 10    | 196    |     |
| Wildwood Park                  | 5.78%  | 21.93% | 18.55% | 3.86% | 1.69% | 48.19% | 415 |
|                                | 24     | 91     | 77     | 16    | 7     | 200    |     |

### Q4 Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Answered: 484 Skipped: 7



|            | VERY SATISFIED | MORE THAN SATISFIED | SATISFIED | PARTLY SATISFIED | NOT AT ALL SATISFIED | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|-------|------------------|
| (no label) | 16.94%         | 32.44%              | 33.88%    | 15.91%           | 0.83%                | 484   | 2.51             |
|            | 82             | 157                 | 164       | 77               | 4                    |       |                  |

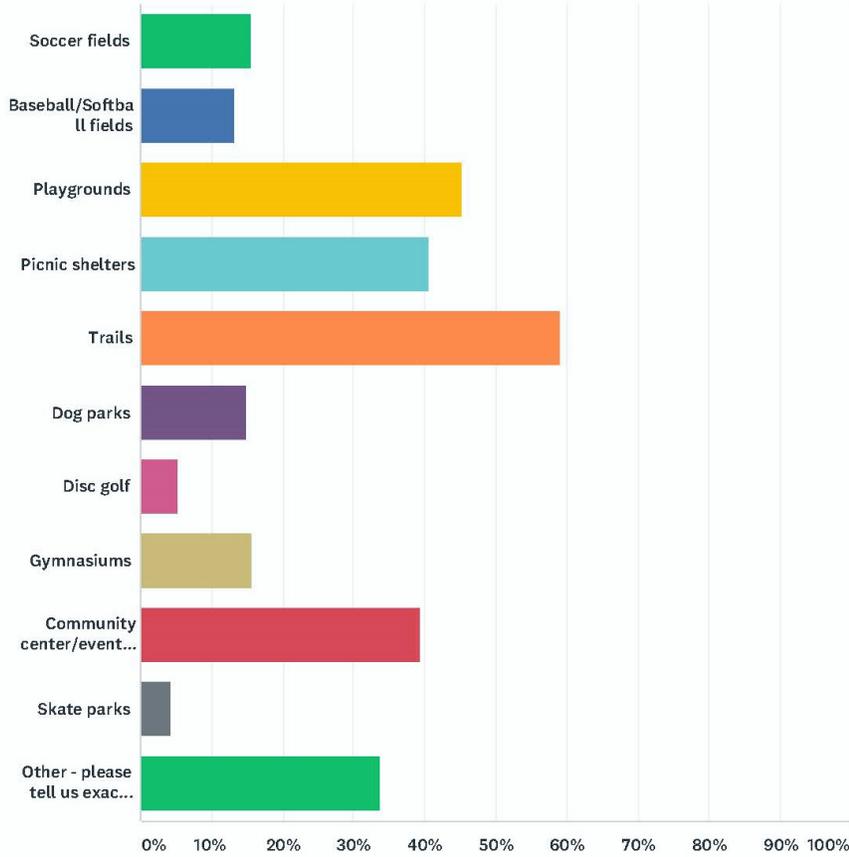
## Q5 Please explain why you selected that rating.

Answered: 404 Skipped: 87

Satisfied Good Repair Splash Pad Parks System  
Play Equipment Washington Park Pioneer Park  
Activities Walla Walla Dirty Park Needs  
Garbage Facilities Mill Creek Pool Sports  
Clean Staff Maintained Upkeep Enjoy Good Shape  
Parks and Rec Great Shape Play Structure  
Good Job

**Q6 Please select the types of parks and recreation facilities you would like the City to concentrate its resources constructing, updating, or adding more of.**

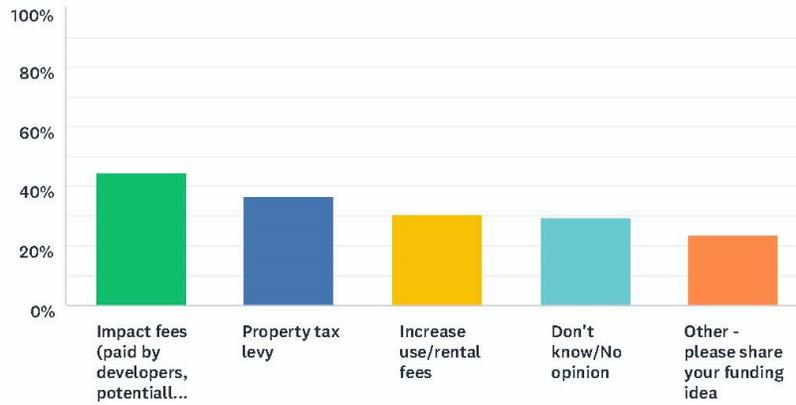
Answered: 476 Skipped: 15



| ANSWER CHOICES                                      | RESPONSES |     |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Soccer fields                                       | 15.55%    | 74  |
| Baseball/Softball fields                            | 13.24%    | 63  |
| Playgrounds   | 45.17%    | 215 |
| Picnic shelters                                     | 40.55%    | 193 |
| Trails  | 59.03%    | 281 |
| Dog parks   | 14.92%    | 71  |
| Disc golf   | 5.25%     | 25  |
| Gymnasiums  | 15.76%    | 75  |
| Community center/event space                        | 39.29%    | 187 |
| Skate parks   | 4.20%     | 20  |
| Other - please tell us exactly what you want to see | 33.61%    | 160 |
| Total Respondents: 476                              |           |     |

**Q7 Please select all the funding methods that you would support to offer new/improved parks and recreation facilities.**

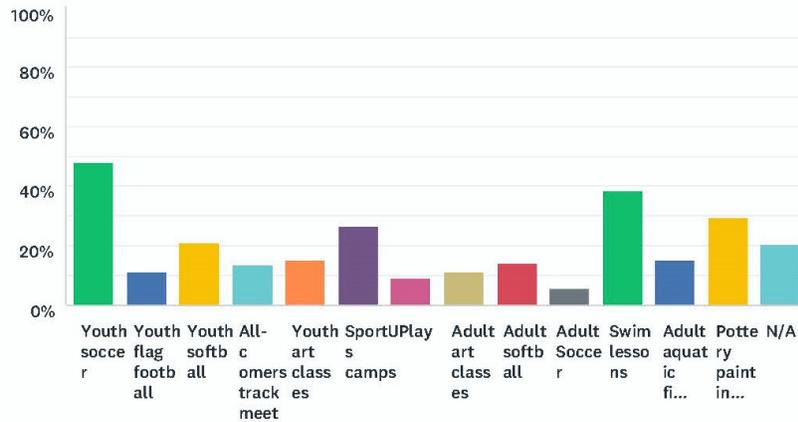
Answered: 481 Skipped: 10



| ANSWER CHOICES   | RESPONSES |     |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Impact fees (paid by developers, potentially passed on to homebuyer) | 44.70%    | 215 |
| Property tax levy  | 36.38%    | 175 |
| Increase use/rental fees   | 30.35%    | 146 |
| Don't know/No opinion  | 29.73%    | 143 |
| Other - please share your funding idea                               | 23.70%    | 114 |
| Total Respondents: 481   |           |     |

## Q8 Please select all of the following recreation programs which you or a member of your household have participated in.

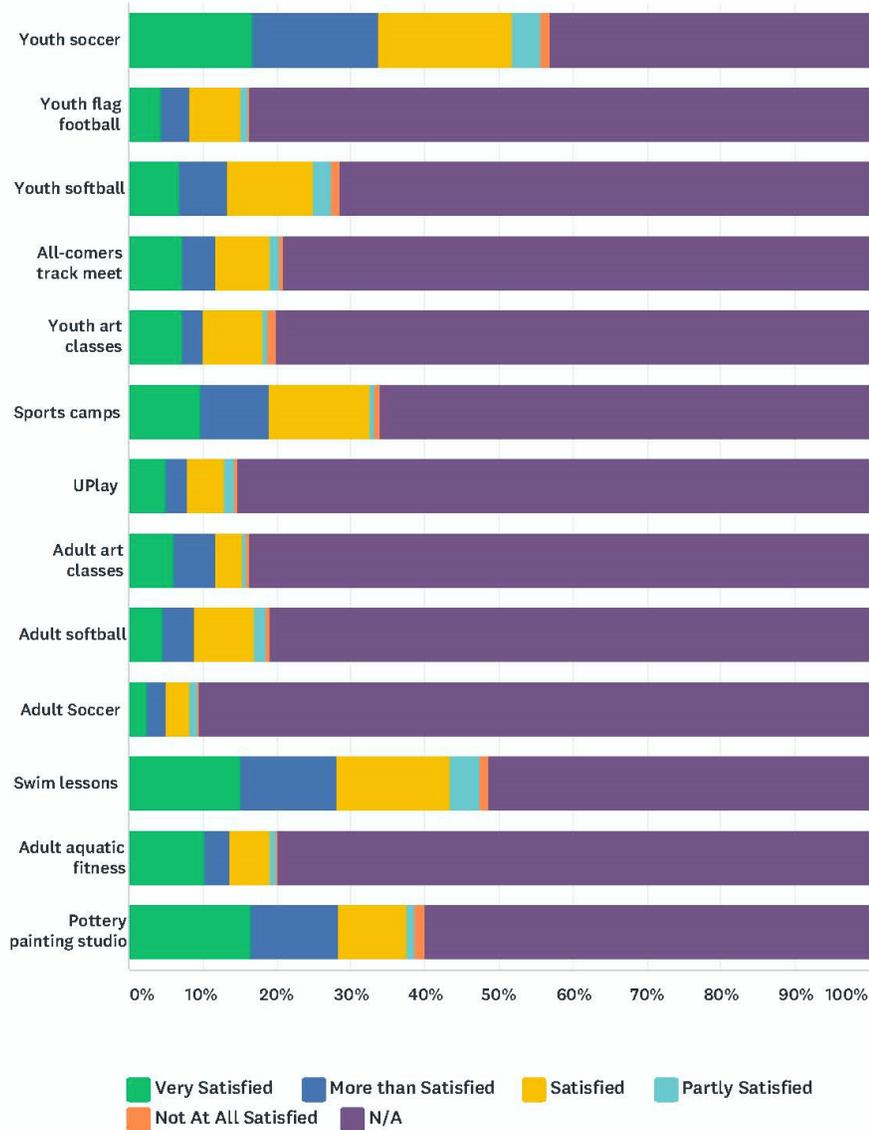
Answered: 457 Skipped: 34



| ANSWER CHOICES          | RESPONSES |     |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Youth soccer            | 47.92%    | 219 |
| Youth flag football     | 11.16%    | 51  |
| Youth softball          | 21.01%    | 96  |
| All-comers track meet   | 13.57%    | 62  |
| Youth art classes       | 15.10%    | 69  |
| Sports camps            | 26.70%    | 122 |
| UPlay                   | 9.19%     | 42  |
| Adult art classes       | 10.94%    | 50  |
| Adult softball          | 13.79%    | 63  |
| Adult Soccer            | 5.69%     | 26  |
| Swim lessons            | 38.73%    | 177 |
| Adult aquatic fitness   | 15.10%    | 69  |
| Pottery painting studio | 29.54%    | 135 |
| N/A                     | 20.35%    | 93  |
| Total Respondents: 457  |           |     |

## Q9 Please rate your satisfaction with the recreation programs you have participated in.

Answered: 444 Skipped: 47

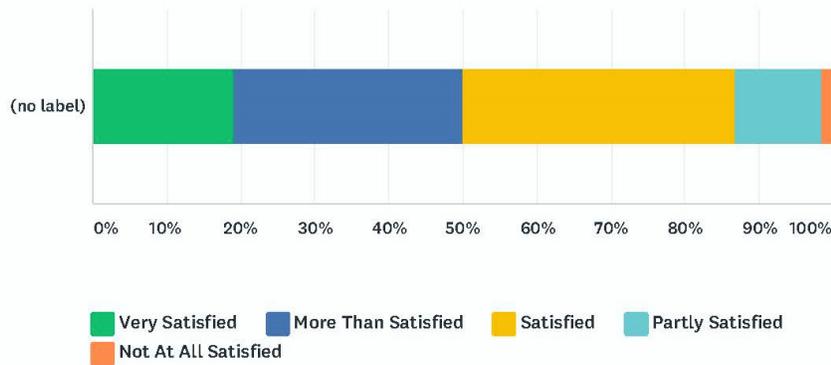


|                     | VERY SATISFIED | MORE THAN SATISFIED | SATISFIED    | PARTLY SATISFIED | NOT AT ALL SATISFIED | N/A           | TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| Youth soccer        | 16.62%<br>66   | 17.13%<br>68        | 18.14%<br>72 | 3.78%<br>15      | 1.26%<br>5           | 43.07%<br>171 | 397   |
| Youth flag football | 4.37%<br>15    | 3.79%<br>13         | 7.00%<br>24  | 0.87%<br>3       | 0.29%<br>1           | 83.67%<br>287 | 343   |

|                         |              |              |              |             |            |               |     |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----|
| Youth softball          | 6.78%<br>24  | 6.50%<br>23  | 11.58%<br>41 | 2.54%<br>9  | 1.13%<br>4 | 71.47%<br>253 | 354 |
| All-comers track meet   | 7.14%<br>25  | 4.57%<br>16  | 7.43%<br>26  | 1.14%<br>4  | 0.57%<br>2 | 79.14%<br>277 | 350 |
| Youth art classes       | 7.20%<br>25  | 2.88%<br>10  | 8.07%<br>28  | 0.58%<br>2  | 1.15%<br>4 | 80.12%<br>278 | 347 |
| Sports camps            | 9.67%<br>35  | 9.12%<br>33  | 13.81%<br>50 | 0.55%<br>2  | 0.83%<br>3 | 66.02%<br>239 | 362 |
| UPlay                   | 4.97%<br>17  | 2.92%<br>10  | 4.97%<br>17  | 1.46%<br>5  | 0.29%<br>1 | 85.38%<br>292 | 342 |
| Adult art classes       | 6.09%<br>22  | 5.54%<br>20  | 3.60%<br>13  | 0.55%<br>2  | 0.55%<br>2 | 83.66%<br>302 | 361 |
| Adult softball          | 4.56%<br>16  | 4.27%<br>15  | 7.98%<br>28  | 1.71%<br>6  | 0.57%<br>2 | 80.91%<br>284 | 351 |
| Adult Soccer            | 2.36%<br>8   | 2.65%<br>9   | 3.24%<br>11  | 0.88%<br>3  | 0.29%<br>1 | 90.56%<br>307 | 339 |
| Swim lessons            | 15.16%<br>57 | 13.03%<br>49 | 15.16%<br>57 | 3.99%<br>15 | 1.33%<br>5 | 51.33%<br>193 | 376 |
| Adult aquatic fitness   | 10.23%<br>36 | 3.41%<br>12  | 5.40%<br>19  | 0.85%<br>3  | 0.28%<br>1 | 79.83%<br>281 | 352 |
| Pottery painting studio | 16.49%<br>61 | 11.89%<br>44 | 9.19%<br>34  | 1.08%<br>4  | 1.35%<br>5 | 60.00%<br>222 | 370 |

### Q10 Please rate your overall satisfaction with City of Walla Walla recreation programs.

Answered: 444 Skipped: 47



|            | VERY SATISFIED | MORE THAN SATISFIED | SATISFIED     | PARTLY SATISFIED | NOT AT ALL SATISFIED | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|------------------|
| (no label) | 19.14%<br>85   | 30.86%<br>137       | 36.71%<br>163 | 11.71%<br>52     | 1.58%<br>7           | 444   | 2.46             |

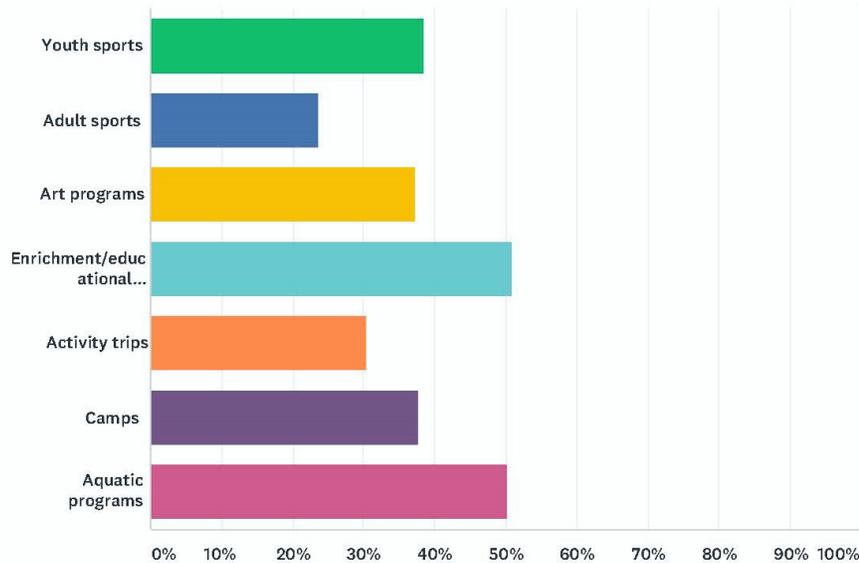
## Q11 Please explain why you selected that rating.

Answered: 331 Skipped: 160

Cost Great Price Organized Winter Sports Swim  
 Room for Improvement Nice Amazing Experience  
 Great Variety Kids Pottery Studio Offerings  
 Opportunities Programs Happy Activities  
 Services Parks Hard Run Fees Pool Good Selection Staff  
 Able to Participate Walla Walla Doing a Good Job

## Q12 Please select all of the types of recreation programs you would like the City to expand or add.

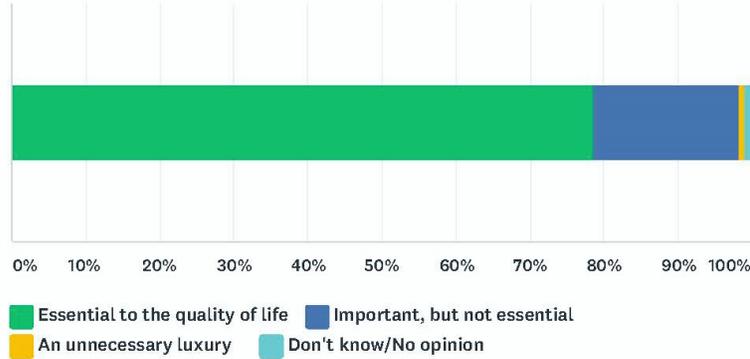
Answered: 395 Skipped: 96



| ANSWER CHOICES                  | RESPONSES |     |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Youth sports                    | 38.48%    | 152 |
| Adult sports                    | 23.54%    | 93  |
| Art programs                    | 37.22%    | 147 |
| Enrichment/educational programs | 50.89%    | 201 |
| Activity trips                  | 30.38%    | 120 |
| Camps                           | 37.72%    | 149 |
| Aquatic programs                | 50.13%    | 198 |
| Total Respondents: 395          |           |     |

### Q13 When you think about the things that contribute to the quality of life in Walla Walla, would you say that public parks and recreation opportunities are:

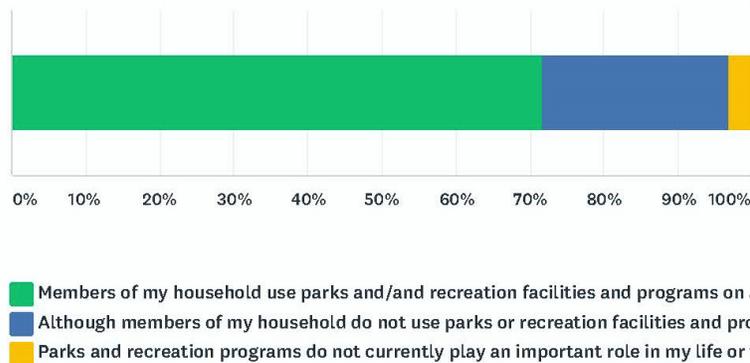
Answered: 459 Skipped: 32



| ANSWER CHOICES                   | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Essential to the quality of life | 78.43%    | 360        |
| Important, but not essential     | 19.83%    | 91         |
| An unnecessary luxury            | 0.65%     | 3          |
| Don't know/No opinion            | 1.09%     | 5          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     |           | <b>459</b> |

### Q14 Which of the following statements is the closest to how you feel about parks and recreation in Walla Walla?

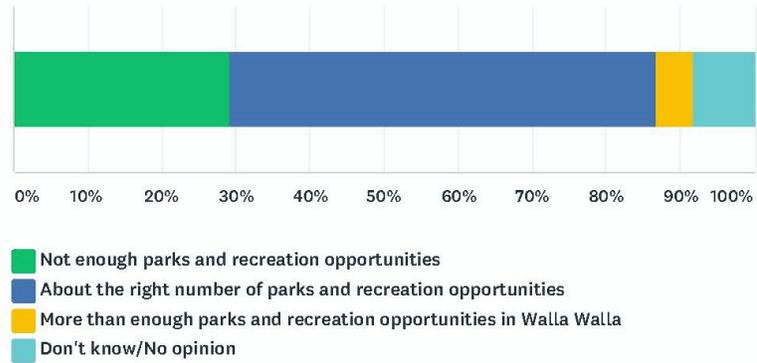
Answered: 458 Skipped: 33



| ANSWER CHOICES   | RESPONSES |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Members of my household use parks and/or recreation facilities and programs on a regular basis and I believe these facilities are important to quality of life | 71.62%    | 328        |
| Although members of my household do not use parks or recreation facilities and programs frequently, I believe they are important to the quality of life        | 25.11%    | 115        |
| Parks and recreation programs do not currently play an important role in my life or the lives of my household members  | 3.28%     | 15         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>458</b> |

## Q15 When it comes to meeting the needs of the community, would you say there are:

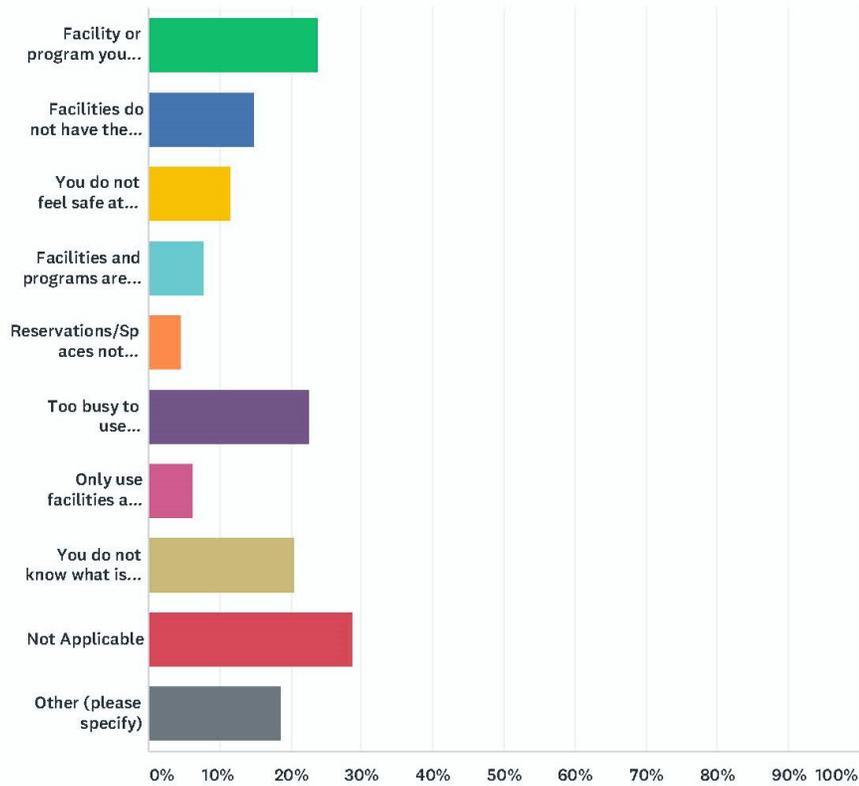
Answered: 459 Skipped: 32



| ANSWER CHOICES   | RESPONSES |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Not enough parks and recreation opportunities                      | 29.19%    | 134        |
| About the right number of parks and recreation opportunities       | 57.52%    | 264        |
| More than enough parks and recreation opportunities in Walla Walla | 5.01%     | 23         |
| Don't know/No opinion  | 8.28%     | 38         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>459</b> |

## Q16 Please select any the reasons you or members of your household do not use City of Walla Walla Parks and Recreation facilities and programs more often.

Answered: 440 Skipped: 51



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |     |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Facility or program you prefer is not offered   | 23.86%    | 105 |
| Facilities do not have the right equipment for the activity you want to do                                  | 14.77%    | 65  |
| You do not feel safe at the park or facility you would prefer to use  | 11.59%    | 51  |
| Facilities and programs are too far from your home  | 7.73%     | 34  |
| Reservations/Spaces not available   | 4.55%     | 20  |
| Too busy to use facilities/programs   | 22.50%    | 99  |
| Only use facilities and programs provided by other organizations (YMCA, Country Club, school district, etc) | 6.36%     | 28  |
| You do not know what is available   | 20.45%    | 90  |
| Not Applicable  | 28.64%    | 126 |
| Other (please specify)  | 18.64%    | 82  |
| Total Respondents: 440  |           |     |

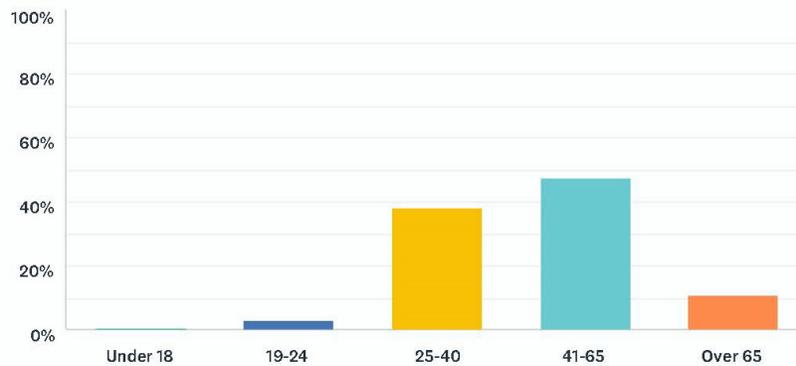
## Q17 Do you have any further comments about Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs that you would like to add?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 298

Nope Survey Good Job Glad Great Job Soccer  
 Walla Walla Playground Equipment Programs  
 Bike Pool Ice Parks Enjoy Family Side of Town  
 Good Work Involved Think Hard Great Work Yoga  
 Facilities Tennis Courts

## Q18 What is your age?

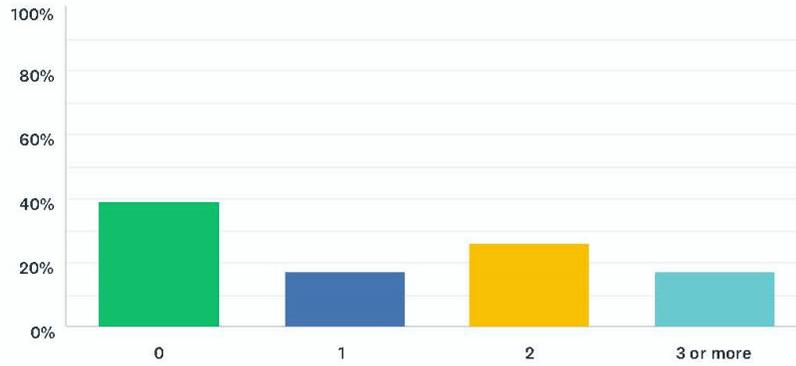
Answered: 453 Skipped: 38



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Under 18       | 0.66%     | 3   |
| 19-24          | 2.87%     | 13  |
| 25-40          | 38.19%    | 173 |
| 41-65          | 47.46%    | 215 |
| Over 65        | 10.82%    | 49  |
| TOTAL          |           | 453 |

## Q19 How many children under age 18 live in your household?

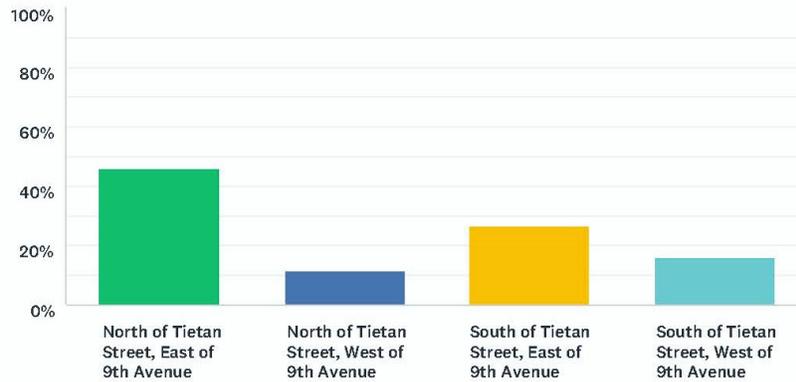
Answered: 453 Skipped: 38



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| 0              | 39.07%    | 177        |
| 1              | 17.22%    | 78         |
| 2              | 26.27%    | 119        |
| 3 or more      | 17.44%    | 79         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>453</b> |

## Q20 What neighborhood do you live in?

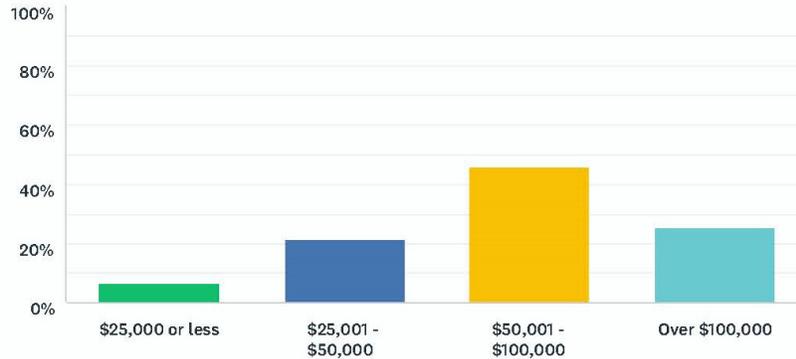
Answered: 431 Skipped: 60



| ANSWER CHOICES                             | RESPONSES |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| North of Tietan Street, East of 9th Avenue | 46.17%    | 199        |
| North of Tietan Street, West of 9th Avenue | 11.37%    | 49         |
| South of Tietan Street, East of 9th Avenue | 26.68%    | 115        |
| South of Tietan Street, West of 9th Avenue | 15.78%    | 68         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               |           | <b>431</b> |

## Q21 What is your annual household income?

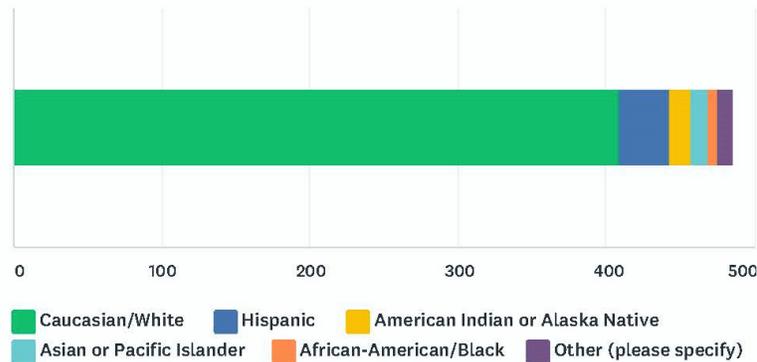
Answered: 438 Skipped: 53



| ANSWER CHOICES       | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------|-----------|-----|
| \$25,000 or less     | 6.62%     | 29  |
| \$25,001 - \$50,000  | 21.69%    | 95  |
| \$50,001 - \$100,000 | 46.12%    | 202 |
| Over \$100,000       | 25.57%    | 112 |
| TOTAL                |           | 438 |

## Q22 What ethnicity do you identify as? Choose all that apply

Answered: 445 Skipped: 46



| ANSWER CHOICES                   | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Caucasian/White                  | 91.91%    | 409 |
| Hispanic                         | 7.64%     | 34  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 3.15%     | 14  |
| Asian or Pacific Islander        | 2.70%     | 12  |
| African-American/Black           | 1.35%     | 6   |
| Other (please specify)           | 2.47%     | 11  |
| Total Respondents: 445           |           |     |

# Appendix IV

## Public Comments

## Public Comments: Comp Plan and Parks Plan Outreach

The following list contains public responses to open ended questions during the Comprehensive Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan outreach processes. The responses were generated during Comprehensive Plan outreach events including Open Houses, neighborhood visits, and community events such as Children’s Day and the Downtown Walla Walla Farmer’s Market. Parks and Recreation Plan responses were generated at parks open houses.

Comprehensive Plan participants were asked to provide feedback related broadly to four subject areas: parks; housing; economy; and infrastructure; and to place a mark on the map for their favorite place in Walla Walla. Of particular note regarding the “favorite places” responses, Children’s Day was held at Washington Park and many responses were gathered on that day.

### *Responses*

- Menlo Park- t-ball field, more play equipment
- Preserve existing parks
- Require developers to set aside parks
- Trail Along Mill Creek Levee
- Acquire abandoned Railroad right-of-way
- Universal Access at existing parks
- Replace fallen trees
- Solar powered lighting
- Waterfront parks \*if\* Mill Creek is daylighted
- Fix pool at Jefferson Park. Update infrastructure/ safe equipment. Open up Mill Creek downtown. Biking lanes, contiguous between municipalities
- Love the dog park
- More activities in existing parks
- Develop the remainder of Mill Creek Sportsplex
- Look for opportunities for parks in areas that don't have them
- Howard Tietan needs a gazebo and looped walking trail
- Wildwood needs more play equipment
- Small Pools centralized in neighborhoods or walking distance
- Community Center/ space for rental
- Climbing equipment/ trees/ treehouses
- Maintain existing parks, all parks get equal funding/equipment
- More activities and non-team sports
- Block party/ close roads to vehicles for non-motorized activities in the streets
- Pop-up park in streets/ neighborhoods
- All parks have looped trails- connect
- More trees at Howard Tietan
- New developments required to have green space/ parks
- Convert empty lot on North side of Rose (next to the gas station) to a park
- Free recreation center for youth
- Fence in splash pad (at Washington Park)- one entrance +exit

- Horse Shoe Pit for Washington Park
- Free activities for children and to include children younger than 5 or 6 years old
- Small skate park at Washington Park
- More splash pads in different parks
- Link access to parks
- Fruit trees/ community gardens in parks
- Active things in parks like chess board or checkers
- More trees in our parks
- Local outdoor water activities
- Planting trees because our old trees may die soon
- Maintain quality, improve Jefferson park by reopening pool
- Jefferson Park pool should be upgraded and made usable
- A neighborhood park for every X number of acres developed as residential
- Enhance Crawford and Pioneer parks. Put playground equipment in Pioneer park and Heritage park
- Plan for park property as we grow, annex, expand, development in those areas. Also, schools
- Splash pads- 2 to 3 more: state park area, WWCC, Pioneer Park, Jefferson Park. Howard Tietan Park- Dog park in Eastgate
- They are in good shape, and the least of issues
- Preserve + maintained. Keep them safe
- Rails to trails, or removal of the rails from railyard North of town out to Eastgate
- More playground equipment. Budget maintenance for parks
- Maintain
- Memorial Pool Guest!
- Pioneer Park water feature to cool off instead of fountain
- Please have H2O for play in Jefferson Park
- Natural playscapes
- Sell Wildwood Park & use money for park system
- A splash pad at Tietan Park
- Pool hours: 1-2 days a week open in morning for small kids who afternoon nap
- Trees & parks
- The Layout of Pioneer Park and the bird aviary also the layout of the town also.
- More organized activities for young people
- Convert old train tracks to bike trails

*Favorite Places (Parks and Recreation Facilities Only)*

|                       |    |                                  |   |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------------------|---|
| Washington Park       | 14 | Veteran's Memorial Golf Course   | 1 |
| Memorial Pool         | 13 | Mill Creek Sportsplex Skate Park | 1 |
| Pioneer Park          | 12 | Fort Walla Walla Skate Park      | 1 |
| Mill Creek Sportsplex | 1  |                                  |   |

# Appendix V

## Inventory of Non-City-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

## Non-City-Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

This appendix serves as an informational document regarding facilities which the City is aware of but has no control or jurisdiction over. The purpose of including this appendix is to indicate the presence of additional resources throughout the community which are available to residents. This appendix is broken into two sub-categories, based on the ownership of the parks/facilities.

### School Facilities

#### **Assumption Catholic School**

*2066 East Alder Street*

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 3 Play structures
- 5 basketball hoops

#### **Berney Elementary School**

*1718 Pleasant Street*

No use allowed after dark.

- Swing set
- 2 Play structures
- Mini climbing wall
- 5 basketball hoops
- 4 baseball backstops

#### **Blue Ridge Elementary**

*1150 West Chestnut Street*

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 3 play structures
- 2 swing sets
- Picnic shelter
- 2 basketball courts
- 4 baseball backstops

#### **DeSales Catholic School**

*919 East Sumach Street*

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Football field with bleachers
- Baseball diamond with bleachers
- Softball diamond with bleachers

#### **Edison Elementary School**

*1315 East Alder Street*

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 play structures
- 1 swing set

- 7 basketball hoops
- 2 baseball backstops
- Gymnasium

#### **Garrison Middle School**

*906 Chase Avenue*

Authorized use only.

- Standard track
- 6 tennis courts
- Football field
- 2 baseball fields
- 5 basketball hoops

#### **Green Park Elementary**

*1105 Isaacs Avenue*

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Ship play structure
- 3 standard play structures
- 4 basketball hoops
- 2 baseball backstops

#### **Lincoln High School**

*421 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 basketball hoops
- Bodyweight fitness structure
- Baseball backstop

#### **Murr Sports Park**

*2043 Fern Avenue*

Authorized use only.

- 2 baseball fields with seating
- 2 soccer fields

**Pioneer Middle School**

450 Bridge Street

No use after dark.

- 6 basketball hoops
- Standard track
- Football field with bleachers
- 3 baseball fields
- 1 softball field
- Gymnasium

**Prospect Point Elementary School**

55 Reser Road

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Swing set
- 4 Play structures
- Jungle gym
- 7 basketball hoops
- 3 baseball backstops

**Sharpstein Elementary School**

410 South Howard Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 2 play structures
- 4 baseball backstops
- 5 basketball hops

**Walla Walla Community College**

500 Tausick Way

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- 6 tennis courts
- 1 beach volleyball court
- 2 soccer fields
- Baseball field with bleachers
- Softball field with bleachers
- Trails
- Dietrich Activity Center
  - Basketball/volleyball court
  - 2 racquetball courts
  - Weight room/fitness center
  - Dance studio

**Walla Walla High School**

800 Abbott Road

No unauthorized use.

- 5 tennis courts
- Standard track

- Football field
- Softball field
- 2 Baseball fields
- 2 soccer fields
- Gymnasium
- 2 basketball hoops

**Whitman College**

345 Boyer Avenue

Whitman ID required except where noted.

- 6 outdoor tennis courts (no ID required)
- Bratton Tennis Center – 4 courts
- Harvey Pool
- Sherwood Gym (can be reserved by outside groups)
  - Basketball courts
  - Volleyball courts
  - 3 dance studio/exercise rooms
  - 4 racquetball courts
  - 2 squash courts
- Climbing Center (entrance fee for public use)
- Athletic Fields Complex
  - Soccer fields
  - Softball fields
- Baker Ferguson Fitness Center
- 2 outdoor basketball courts (no use restrictions observed)
- Rugby field

**Private Facilities****Baker Boyer Park**

Southeast corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Main Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Benches
- Fountain
- Shade trees

**Abbott's Meadow HOA Park**

West ends of Yellowhawk Way and Studebaker Drive

Abbots Meadow Homeowners only.

- Basketball court
- Play structure
- Swing set
- Benches

**Edith & Carrie Park**

716 Carrie Street

No use restrictions observed during inventory.

- Swing set
- Slide
- Jungle gym

**Gateway Court**

320 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Gateway Court residents only.

- Basketball hoop
- Play structure
- Mini climbing wall

**Golden West Estates**

1425 Jasper Street

Golden West Estates residents only.

- 9 hole mini-golf
- Field

**Maple Lane**

450 West Maple Street

Maple Lane residents only.

- Play structure

**Provenance PUD Trails**

Provenance Loop

Provenance homeowners only.

- 0.9 miles of trails

**Rustic Place PUD**

1858 Rustic Place

Rustic Place homeowners and guests only.

- Small pool

**Shade Tree PUD**

End of Shade Tree Lane

Shade Tree homeowners only.

- Basketball hoop
- Play structure

**Stone Creek Park**

End of Stone Creek Place

Stone Creek homeowners only.

- Basketball court
- Swing set

- Slide
- Play structure

**Tausick Way Apartments**

260 South Tausick Way

Tausick Way Housing Authority residents only.

- 2 basketball hoops
- Play structure

**Trimble Road/Berney Drive Apartments**

342 Trimble Road

Trimble Road and Berney Drive Housing

Authority residents only.

- 2 basketball hoops
- Play structure
- Swing set

**Walla Walla Country Club**

1390 Country Club Road

Country Club members only.

- 18-hole golf course
- Driving range
- Putting green
- 4 tennis courts
- Pool

**Wheatland Village**

1500 Catherine Street

Wheatland Village members, family of members, and staff only.

- Small pool
- 18-hole mini golf course
- Fitness center

**YMCA**

340 South Park Street

YMCA members only.

- Weight room
- Pool
- 3 basketball courts
- 4 racquetball courts
- Non-standard track
- Climbing wall