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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Parks and Recreation Commissioners,

I am pleased to see that the Park and Recreation Master Plan that was adopted by Town Council in 2012 has been re-visited by the Commission and staff to evaluate efforts to fulfill the goals identified in the Master Plan. Over the past decade I have observed expanded Department program offerings and facility enhancements which have been impressive.

I would like to bring to the Commission's attention that the amount of park acreage, within the Town limits, has not increased since the Master Plan was conducted in 2008. As a former Parks & Recreation Commissioner and a retired Recreation professional, I know that parks, trails, open space and recreational programming are valuable components of a community and positively affect the quality of one's life. Hopefully the agreement to extend use of the Whitmore parcel for 50 years will be agreed upon, however, this land is more than 6 miles outside of town limits. The agreement will complement the Town's park inventory but will not fulfill the Master Plan's Goal #2 of providing additional parks within Town.

Until more park space can be obtained within Town limits, efforts to enhance existing facilities should continue and more can be done. Community Center Park on Forest Trail, for example, is an under-utilized and under-developed park. Fortunately the Center was renovated a few years ago at the urging of Councilmember Salcido, and tennis courts #5 & 6 recently received a new surface, but the rest of the park needs attention. Park amenities need to be updated, along with the play equipment. Under-utilized space could support outdoor exercise equipment for adults and seniors plus other activities. With enhancements, this park site could prove to be a more valuable asset to residents and adjacent condo/hotel visitors, but marketing is needed to make more people aware of this park (which is the only park in this part of Town).

Thank you for giving consideration to my suggestions and for your service to the community.

Best Regards,
Pat Agnitch
15 year resident

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