

RESOLUTION NO. PC-1040-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE: 2021-2041 (PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT UPDATE) (GENP-1942-2018, EID-0150-2021; CITYWIDE)

WHEREAS, the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) will be an essential guide for parks and recreation in San Luis Obispo, while also serving as the General Plan Parks and Recreation Element; Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5 of the Parks and Recreation Blueprint for the Future comprise the Parks and Recreation Plan, and Chapter 4 is the Parks and Recreation General Plan Element; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Committee of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing in webinar format on March 18, 2021 on the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) (Plan Update), and recommended consideration of the Committee's comments and adoption of the Plan Update (7:0); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing Study Session in webinar format on May 4, 2021 on the Plan Update and provided comments to staff; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a virtual public hearing in webinar format on May 12, 2021 on the Plan Update, and recommended adoption of the Plan Update with noted clarifications, recognized the Plan Update is aspirational; the Commission considered City Council Study Session comments and recommended retainment of the 10 acres per 1,000 resident parkland standard, retainment of the sub-area delineations, and clarification regarding the use of the Access Gap/Amenities map, and supported additional City Council Study Session comments (7:0); and

WHEREAS, notices of said public hearing were made at the time and in the manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has duly considered all evidence, including the testimony of the applicant, interested parties, and the evaluation and recommendations by staff, presented at said hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. Based upon all the evidence, the Planning Commission makes the following findings regarding the project.

1. The Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of persons living and working in the City by proving a blueprint for future parks, facilities, and programs, that will be inclusive, safe, and accessible to all people.
2. The Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) supports and advances many of the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the City's Active Transportation Plan, and Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery, because the development and enhancement of accessible parks and facilities in the City would reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and related greenhouse gas emissions. Redevelopment of parks and facilities would facilitate carbon-neutrality and provide an opportunity to educate and showcase evolving technology.
3. The Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update) is consistent with the City's General Plan, because implementation of the Plan Update would advance goals and policies of the Land Use Element, including neighborhood connectivity and enhancement (Policies 2.2.4 and 2.2.6); provision and enhancement of parks within neighborhoods (Policy 2.3.1); and increasing green space in the Downtown (Policy 4.11).

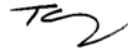
SECTION 2. Environmental Review. The Planning Commission finds that the project's programmatic Initial Study/Negative Declaration adequately evaluates potential environmental impacts of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SECTION 3. Action. The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and approve the Parks + Recreation Blueprint for the Future: 2021-2041 (Parks and Recreation Plan and General Plan Element Update).

On motion by Commissioner Dandekar, seconded by Commissioner Wulkan, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners Dandekar, Wulkan, Vice-Chair Quincey and Chair Jorgensen
NOES:	None
REFRAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioners Hopkins, Kahn, and Shoresman

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 26th day of May 2021.



Tyler Corey, Secretary
Planning Commission