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**Re: Parks Goals and Policies  
2035 Comprehensive Plan**

The Multnomah Neighborhood Association supports the position adopted by the SWNI Board that the Planning and Sustainability Commission include the attached amendments and additions to the policy language in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan regarding Parks.

Please add this to the record.

Thank you,

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## ***Proposed Amendments***

### **Policy 8.72 Acquisition, Development, and Maintenance**

Increase the supply of parks, natural areas, community gardens, and recreational facilities, giving priority to: **1)** areas where serious geographical and service level deficiencies exist, **2)** acquisition of lands appropriate for parks, natural areas, community gardens, and recreational facilities that have been declared surplus by other public agencies, or that have been foreclosed for tax delinquency, and **3)** acquisition of environmentally unique areas and watersheds.

### **Policy 8.73 Service Equity**

Invest in acquisition and development of parks, natural areas, community gardens, and recreational facilities making continuing progress toward equitable service level goals.

### **Policy 8.75 Capital Programming**

Maintain a long-range park capital improvement program that balances acquisition, development, and operations; and provides a process and criteria for capital improvement project selection.

### **Policy 8.76 Park Planning**

Improve parks, natural areas, community gardens, and recreational facilities in accordance with current master plans. Where there are no master plans, develop them with public input.

### **Policy 8.7 Park Trails**

Establish, improve, and maintain a citywide system of park pedestrian trails that are a component of a larger network of pedestrian pathways.

*The committee recommended moving Policy 8.78 to Transportation.*

### **Policy 8.79 Natural Areas**

Manage natural areas and resources to protect and improve their ecological health, in accordance with both the natural area acquisition and restoration strategies, and provide compatible public access.

### **Policy 8.80 Recreational Facilities**

Provide a wide variety of recreational facilities and services that contribute to the health and well-being of Portlanders of all ages and abilities, as called for in Vision 2020, page 29.

### **Policy 8.81 Specialized Recreational Facilities**

Establish and manage specialized recreational facilities with the park system to respond to identified public needs.

### **Policy 8.82 Enterprise Facilities**

Maintain existing special recreational facilities (such as golf and motorsports) as enterprises to meet public needs and ensure maximum use and financial self-sufficiency.

### **Policy 8.83 Public-private Cooperation**

Encourage cooperation with the private sector to provide recreational activities that meet identified public needs.

## ***Proposed new policies from the current Comprehensive Plan (1980, rev. 2011)***

### **11.38 Master Development Plans**

Maintain master development plans for city parks that address user group needs, development priorities, development and maintenance costs, program opportunities, financing strategies and citizen involvement.

### **11.39 Maintenance**

Provide programmed preventive maintenance to all city parks and recreational facilities in a manner that reduces unplanned reactive maintenance and emphasizes the use of scheduled service delivery.

### **11.41 Improvements**

Base the priorities for improvement and development of parks, natural areas, community gardens, and recreational facilities on documented needs and the following criteria: low long-term maintenance costs, location in deficient areas, broad community support, location adjacent to schools and other public facilities, support of neighborhood stabilization and community development projects and policies according to with park master development plans.

### **11.46 Recreation Programs**

Provide recreation programs and services including cultural, educational, historical, health and physical fitness, and sports (competitive and non-competitive) as required to meet a balanced program that includes the needs of the especially handicapped and the elderly within existing resources.

## ***Proposed new policies from Parks 2020 Vision***

### **Parkland population ratio**

Maintain the current ratio of parkland to population—20 acres per thousand people.

### **Cultural arts facilities**

Provide a full range of cultural arts facilities.

### **Recreation fees**

Reduce the reliance on recreation fees through general fund revenues.

### **Protect existing resources**

Acquire sufficient lands to protect existing resources (e.g., land along the Willamette and Columbia rivers) to complete natural resource areas (e.g., Forest Park, Kelly Butte), and to protect locally significant natural areas (e.g., Rosemont Bluff).

### **Civic involvement**

Apply and refine the public involvement processes outlined in Planning for Southwest Parks and in Planning & Development Division Policies and Procedures when planning, developing and programming city parks, natural resources, and recreation programs.

### **Community gardens**

Provide community gardens and expand the number of community gardens to meet the demand. There should be a community garden site within walking distance of every resident who needs one. Make sure there are a variety of garden types for people to learn from (e.g., culinary and medicinal herbs, fruit, and habitat or ethnic gardens).