



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director

SUBJECT:

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report 2020.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Safe Community, Good Governance; Natural Environment Stewardship; Strong and Diverse Economy; Safe, Reliable, and Efficient Infrastructure, Welcoming and Livable Community.

ISSUE:

Submit to Council the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's 2020 annual report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

SUMMARY:

This information report presents the 2020 Annual Report from the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB). The report highlights accomplishments, endorsements, and support of programs and activities during 2020, and presents recommendations for consideration by Council.

Established in June 1952, the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been an active advisory board to Salem City Council for the past 68 years.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 13 governs the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and lists its functions under SRC 13.080(a):

- Recommend and advise the Council, Planning Commission, and other bodies, groups, or officials on all matters referred to it.
- To act in the role of community catalyst in the formation and achievement of a comprehensive community-wide parks and recreation system and program to serve the recreational, horticultural, environmental, historical, cultural, and leisure needs of all city residents.
- To make and issue reports respecting its studies, research, examination, and other activities to the Council as may be required by the Council.
- In 2015, SPRAB received the additional responsibility of overseeing City tree decisions and appeals by which its duties are defined in SRC Chapter 86.

SPRAB's annual report aligns its focus with the Salem Strategic Plan's six priority policy areas. The 2020 Annual Report addresses the Board's endorsements, support, and recommendations under the policy headings of Safe Community; Welcoming and Livable Community; Strong and Diverse Economy; Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Natural Environment Stewardship; and Good Governance.

BACKGROUND:

The SPRAB Annual Report reflects the importance of parks and natural resources through the City's Strategic Plan mission, vision, values, and goals.

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Attachment:

1. Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report for 2020