

## **Recreation Element CPC Summary Sheet**

The Recreation Element of the General Plan seeks to acquire, develop, operate/maintain, increase and enhance public recreation opportunities and facilities throughout the City. The element contains guidelines for park and recreation facilities and present alternative strategies to meet those guidelines. This element has been revised and edited since the July 2005 Draft in response to Planning Commission and public comment.

The Recreation Element calls for the creation of a comprehensive, citywide Parks Master Plan to guide park and open space acquisition, design and development, recreational programming and needed maintenance over the next 20-30 years. The element maintains the existing guidelines for a minimum of 2.8 useable acres of population-based park land to be provided for every 1,000 residents, but allows for the use of “equivalencies” to meet no more than 50% of the total acres.

The Recreation Element was presented to both CPC and the Park and Recreation Board. The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the May 2006 Recreation Element work draft on May 18, 2006. The Park and Recreation Board suggested to maintain the current park standard, stressed the importance of creating a Parks Master Plan and a financing strategy to secure parkland, desired stronger language regarding joint use, and needed more information regarding the park equivalencies and enhancements. The CPC General Plan Subcommittee reviewed the July 2005 Draft General Plan Recreation Element on January 9, 2006. The full CPC made recommendations on the Recreation Element on January, 24 2006. The attached table reflects those recommendations, indicates staff’s responses, and, if applicable, identifies where new/revised policies are located in the October 2006 Draft General Plan.

## Recreation Element – CPC Summary Sheet Attachment

CPC Recommendations on the Recreation Element made at CPC Meeting of January 24, 2006	Staff Responses to CPC Recommendations
References refer to July 2005 Draft General Plan Recreation Element (RE)	References refer to October 2006 Draft General Plan
By a vote of 17-5-0, the recommendations listed below were approved.	No response necessary.
<p>Subsection D, “Joint Use and Cooperative Partnerships,” Policy RE-D.6 reads: “Establish a policy to address underutilized or unnecessary right-of-ways.”</p> <p>a. Direct that an inventory of those right-of-ways be maintained.</p> <p>b. Develop criteria to determine potential value for bike, pedestrian, and equestrian linkages; and for trail access to open space canyons.”</p> <p>Add a subpart (c) which states: “<i>Unused city land, including paper street right-of-ways, should be considered for use for park and open space purposes.</i>”</p>	<p>Policy RE-D.6 has been revised as follows:</p> <p>“Use of underutilized or unnecessary City rights-of-way to help recreational needs, where appropriate.</p> <p>a. Develop and maintain an inventory of underutilized or unnecessary rights-of-way, including underlying ownership.</p> <p>b. Develop criteria to determine potential value of underutilized or unnecessary rights-of-way for recreational use, including bike, pedestrian, and equestrian linkages for trail access to parks and open space (and canyons), and as overlooks into open space or beaches.”</p>
<p>Subsection D, Policy RE-D.10 reads: “Develop joint use agreements with school districts to help implement population based park needs (see Table RE-3).</p> <p>a. Provide an acre for each acre, up to five acres, that a school provides for a neighborhood park.</p> <p>b. Provide an acre credit for each acre, up to seven acres, that a school provides for a community park.”</p> <p>The policy should be stated in general and non-specific terms, and not list specific acreage. Some communities may need a higher ratio of acres to gain equivalency for the benefits conferred.</p>	<p>Policy RE-D.10 was revised and acquisition and financing of joint use recreational facilities was elaborated. Policy RE-D.10 includes policies (a)-(d).</p> <p>Equivalencies are discussed in policy RE-F.10.</p>
<p>Subsection E, Policy RE-E.2 (e) reads: “Preserve designated, public open space corridors, such as views to Pacific Ocean, other bodies of water and significant</p>	<p>Staff did not make this change. “Designated” in this case as explained at the meeting would include any community plan or park plan view corridor, but also captures federal and state</p>

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topographic features.” The word “designated” should be deleted and the language expanded to encompass any view corridors identified in a community or park plan.	designations as well.
Subsection E, Policy RE-E.3 reads: “Acquire remaining private beaches in the La Jolla Community for public uses.” The text should be revised to read: “ <i>Where, feasible, acquire remaining private beaches for public uses.</i> ” The General Plan should not reference a policy goal to a single community	This change has been made to policy RE-E.3, and now reads:  “RE-E.3. Acquire remaining private beaches within the City for public use.”
Subsection F, “Park and Recreation Guidelines,” Policy RE-F.16 reads: “Pursue joint-use agreements and facilities as a means of meeting Park and Recreation Guidelines.” A clause should be added to the end of this policy, limiting its application to situations “ <i>where such Guidelines cannot be met through outright purchase or use of public land.</i> ”	The first priority in every case is to acquire the land... LAND FIRST! Where land cannot be acquired, only then will these other mechanisms be used. Policy RE-F.19, previously RE-F.16, now reads: “Pursue joint use agreements for recreational facilities on other public agency-owned land to help implement the population-based park acreage requirements if they meet the criteria for equivalencies (see Table RE-3).”
The current proposed standard of 2.4 of usable acres per 1,000 residents should be changed to 2.8 usable acres per 1,000 residents.	The park standard was changed back to the current standard and will remain 2.8 usable acres per 1,000 residents. See policy RE-F.9.