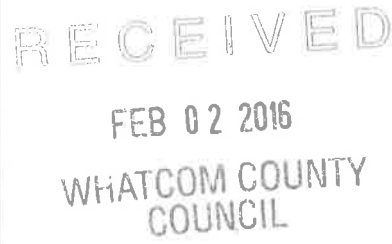


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. _____ 2016-062A

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	MGM	1/28/16		2/09/16	Public Hearing
Division Head:				2/23/16	Council
Dept. Head:	MGM	1/28/16			
Prosecutor:	Lg	1/29/16			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: TKS		2/1/16			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
Resolution Adopting the 2016 Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution

SEPA review required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEPA review completed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Requested Date: 2/9/16

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

Request County Council adopts the 2016 Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

2/9/2016: Public Testimony Received
 2/23/2016: Approved 5-1, Brenner opposed, Res. 2016-005
 Sidhu absent

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Res. 2016-005

Please Note: Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.

PROPOSED BY: Parks & Recreation Dept.
INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-005

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS,
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department has requested the adoption of the updated 2016 Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the public, agencies and others participated in numerous meetings, surveys, and discussions pertaining to the development of the plan; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board requires Whatcom County to have a qualifying Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan pursuant to Manual 2; Planning Policies and Guidelines dated February 14th, 2014 to maintain eligibility for certain grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's timelines and update of the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan do not coincide with the timelines of the County's Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act does not require that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's planning requirements be integrated into the County's Comprehensive Plan or Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, a Determination of Non-Significance was issued by the SEPA Official on January 29th, 2016 (no. SEP2016-00005);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that:

1. The Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is hereby adopted as a departmental planning document for the Parks & Recreation Department.
2. This plan will be used to provide guidance and direction to the Parks & Recreation Department in capital development and planning efforts.
3. The plan will be used to assist in informing the parks, trails and open space elements of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

4. The plan will assist the Parks & Recreation Department in providing a basis for calculating levels of service, programming and fees.
5. Adoption of the plan will maintain eligibility for grant funding through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.
6. This plan will provide direction to the County for recreation and open space planning through the year 2021.

APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2016



Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barry Buchanan".

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. G. [unclear]".

Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney