

**CITY OF ALBANY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: December 8, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Albany Hill Master Plan Update – Access and Circulation

**REPORTED BY:** Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only.

**BACKGROUND**

The Parks and Recreation Commission has been working towards updating the Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan adopted by the City in 1991. To date, the discussion has primarily centered on vegetation management. This evening the discussion will be centered on access and trail management, benches and views, as well as signage.

A more detailed presentation of the recommendations for access/circulation, trail maintenance, benches, and signage will be given at the meeting. The 1991 Plan was thorough in its recommendations and staff is currently recommending very few changes.

**DISCUSSION**

In the 1991 there were 12 recommendations to improved existing circulation. Generally, staff is proposing that these recommendations are still valid today and should be included in the updated plan with the exception of decomposed granite. Due to ongoing maintenance costs staff is not recommending decomposed granite be installed on the trails on Albany Hill. Attached is a brief summary of the 1991 recommendations for improving circulation with staff's current recommendations.

Also attached are pages from the draft Albany Active Transportation Plan (AATP). The proposed paths and bridges on the north and north west sides of Albany Hill overlap with the recommendations in the 1991 Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan as well as the updated Plan.

The updated Plan continues to recommend protection of the viewing corridor located at the crest of Albany Hill as well as the installation of 1-2 more benches. The updated Plan recommends that the trails and steps be maintained on a regular basis with annual inspections. Vegetation management of the existing trails is critical to users' ability to enjoy the trails. Cutting back vegetation on the "main trail" needs to be completed approximately every two years.

Attached is a draft map that shows the main trail along with the recommendation of the installation of steps connecting Taft with the south east section of the trail on the crest of Albany Hill.

Attachments

1991 Recommendations with staff's currently recommendations

Albany Hill Trails Map

Albany Active Transportation Plan, pages 5-78 through 5-81