

CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Agenda date: May 10, 2012

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Penelope Leach, Assistant City Manager/Recreation and Community Services
Director

SUBJECT: Friends of Albany Parks Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Park and Recreation Commission review and comment on the draft Friends of Albany Parks Program

BACKGROUND

The City of Albany has traditionally scheduled volunteer days at parks for clean-up and beautification a few times per year. Staff is recommending a policy be in place to have a dedicated group of volunteers that may be called upon on a more regular basis to supplement park maintenance and beautification projects. Additionally, developing a Friends of Albany Parks program is part of the Commission's 2012 work plan

DISCUSSION

Attached is the draft of a Friends of Albany Parks Program that staff developed from looking at what is needed in Albany as well as how other cities address volunteer programs for park maintenance and beautification.

In addition to assisting with park maintenance and beautification, the Friends of Albany Parks program is meant to raise local involvement, civic pride, and a sense of stewardship in assisting the city in caring for its parks.

Once finalized, the Friends of Albany Parks program will be highlighted in the August Recreation Activity Guide with hopes of beginning the program in early fall 2012.