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Re: Staff Comments for the document "A park and Open Space Plan For The City Of Racine: 2035"

Below is a listing of City Development staff comments I've mentioned over the past few meetings. These comments will be reflected in the final version of the document "A park and Open Space Plan For The City Of Racine: 2035" for which the Commission is scheduled to take action at the Plan Commission meeting of June 13, 2018. The comments largely address clarifications and corrections to descriptions of current and future facilities but do not represent any changes in the policy or direction currently advocated by the plan.

Page I-2, paragraph 2, Order of plans should be as follows:

- City Comprehensive Plan 2009
- Root Works plan 2012
- Root Works Area Wide Plan 2017

Page I-2, paragraph 3, At the end of the first sentence add "... and incorporated into the City Comprehensive Plan 2009."

Page II2b, Table II-2, Make adjustments to the table as follows:

- add "West Bluff Overlook, location= T3N, R23E, Sec 9, City of Racine=owner, 3.26 acres.
- #123 Azarian Marina now publicly owned. Actual open space planned is 5.575 acres as part of promenade lands.
- #72 Pierce Woods Park ... subtract .73 acres (land sold to neighboring industrial operation for facilities expansion).

Page II-3, paragraph 4, Add mention of "...public facilities under development and/or redevelopment such as Pritchard Park's SC Johnson aquatic center and football and baseball complex."

Page II-3, paragraph 5, Add mention of "Racine Baseball Club at 1501 Rapids Drive."

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Page II-4, Festival Park, At end of fourth sentence add "... and in 2017 the Paul P. Harris performance stage is planned for this location."

Page 11-7, Paragraph, first paragraph under "Racine County Parks" section, After the fifth sentence add, " In addition to a community pool, the County plans to develop a multi-purpose turf field before 2020 and develop two league ball diamonds and a fourth youth-sized ball diamonds in the next 5 – 10 years."

Page III-7, paragraph 8, Make mention of "proposed pass-through park at 1516 Washington Ave." in Uptown area.

Page III-9, paragraph 1 title, Add to title "... (also known as Harborside)"

Map III-1, Add West Bluff overlook lands as "future protected-acquisition underway".

Page V-7a, Table V-3, North Beach Master Plan. Proposed improvements not shown?

Page V-7d, Table V-4, Add North Beach Park improvements?

Page V-15, "Other Considerations", Add comments from Wind Point Village Administrator:

- Shoop Park - Clear overgrown area along the lakefront and maintain lake views from the park and parking lot.
- Coordinate with the Village to develop safe pathways along Shoop Park, such as along the lakefront connecting to the Wind Point Lighthouse grounds and along the north end connecting to Village Green park.
- Shoop Park - Improve the clubhouse to be a multi-use facility, with possible coordination with the Wind Point Lighthouse on facility rentals and events.
- Shoop Park - Restore wetland swale within golf course. A restored wetland would help filter pollutants, provide wildlife habitat, green infrastructure, and be a good demonstration project for the public to see.
- Shoop Park - Retrofit rough areas of golf course by removing turf grass and replacing with native vegetation.