

RESOLUTION 2085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE CONCEPTUAL PARK PLANS FOR WILLIAM H. TAYLOR PARK AND RIVERFRONT PARK

WHEREAS, the North Bend City Council approved a decision card for the 2021-2022 biennial budget to fund the preparation of conceptual design plans for William H. Taylor Park and Riverfront Park (collectively “Parks”), in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, with the intent of improving the connection between William H. Taylor Park and downtown North Bend and improving amenities within William H. Taylor Park, and improving the public access and amenities at Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the City Council, the City of North Bend entered into a contract with Site Workshop on September 22, 2022, to prepare conceptual park plans for the parks, inclusive of conducting site investigations and surveys, and engaging in a public process to solicit input; and

WHEREAS, Site Workshop coordinated significant public outreach and input opportunities regarding the preparation of the conceptual plans for the Parks, including holding multiple public workshops and meetings with Kiwanis, Rotary, the Snoqualmie Tribe, neighboring residents, and the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks; and

WHEREAS, based on the site investigations, surveys, and public input process, Site Workshop prepared and refined a final conceptual park plan for each park; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 requires the City to review and, if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”) and development regulations on a periodic basis to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the Growth Management Act and that they remain up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared proposed amendments to the Parks and Open Space Element of the Plan (“Parks Element Amendments”); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the City’s proposed Parks Element Amendments was held before a joint meeting of the Parks Commission and Planning Commission on February 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission recommended approval of the conceptual plans for the Parks at their August 23, 2023, meeting as attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, and provided the following additional comments:

1. Consider changing the name of Riverfront Park to Riverfront Natural Area to reflect the passive use of the area;
2. Consider investment in renovation of the Train Depot building as the central focus point of William H. Taylor Park;
3. Consider lighting needs on pedestrian pathways along McClellan Street;
4. Consider alternative surfacing options along McClellan Street and Ballarat Avenue to enhance the visitor experience; and
5. Consider interpretive signage that shares the history of William H. Taylor and the Tribal connection to Mount Si and surrounding lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Conceptual Park Plan for William H. Taylor Park, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the Conceptual Park Plan for Riverfront Park, attached hereto as Exhibit B, are hereby approved by the North Bend City Council to guide the future planning and implementation of capital improvements at these parks and solicitation of grant funding for the same.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Kendra Rosenberg, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Effective: October 3, 2023

Posted: October 4, 2023

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk