

# Open Space: Task 2

September 22, 2022



# Agenda

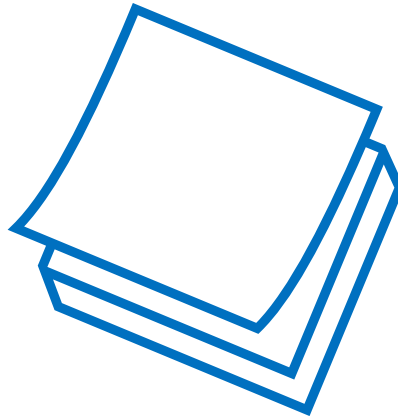
1. Call to Order: Denise Tennant, Chair
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes
3. Committee Task Updates:
  - a. Approval of July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Schedule and Next Steps, Ana Vicinanza, Urban Planner III
1. Discussion Items and Actions
  - a. Example Design Assessment: Ana Vicinanza, Urban Planner III
  - b. Draft Task 2 and amendments to Task 1: Ana Vicinanza, Urban Planner III
2. Next meeting: week of October 24, 2022 – Location TBD
3. Adjourn



# Public Comment

- Limit to three minutes

# Approval of July Meeting Minutes



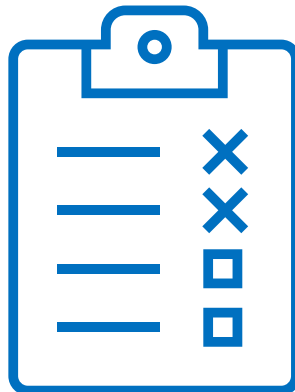
# Schedule and Next Steps

- September 22: Adoption of Task 2 and example Design Criteria (as a recommendation of the plan)
- Tentative: Week of October 24: Introduction of Task 3 research (contributions)
- Tentative: Week of December 5: Task 3 research discussion
- Tentative: Week of January 23: Task 3 draft
- Tentative: Week of February 20: Adoption of Task 3

# Example Design Criteria

- Received feedback from July Steering Committee meeting
- Updated the draft using the feedback received
- Recognized there may be a perceived conflict of interest in City creating its own assessments, as well as a lot of subjectivity with evaluating design
- Created an example design assessment and made a recommendation of the Open Space Plan to hire a consultant to create the assessments for publicly accessible open space

# Example Design Criteria Discussion



# Task 2

Task 2: Evaluate methods of pursuing new publicly accessible open space.

- Develop criteria for considering opportunities for open space acquisition through the Open Space Fund (such as connectivity, walkability to neighborhood needs, access to water, etc.).
- Develop minimum open space criteria for small area plans based on current and future demographic needs and neighborhood characteristics.
- Evaluate the Open Space Ratio and/or other targets based on national standards and benchmarks for localities with similar densities.



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- Accomplished by defining the primary ways of acquiring publicly accessible open space, and updating the acquisition criteria.

- Develop minimum open space criteria for small area plans based on current and future demographic needs and neighborhood characteristics.
- Accomplished by creating maps that identify gaps in the City's open space system. This allows us to put additional focus and resources on addressing these "hot spot" areas within the City.

- Evaluate the Open Space Ratio and/or other targets based on national standards and benchmarks for localities with similar densities.
- Accomplished by using the four objectives identified in Task 1 for publicly accessible open space (1) accessibility, 2) useability, 3) design, and 4) equity) to create assessments that measure the quality of the City's open space.

# Task 2 Document Discussion

# Next Steps

Task 3: Building on the work of the “Open Space in New Development” discussion, provide guidance for new development’s contribution to publicly accessible open space where it is not already guided by the small area plan, particularly to clarify:

- When new development is contributing to off-site publicly accessible open space;
- What they are contributing toward and;
- How a reasonable contribution from new development will be determined.



# Next Meeting

- Week of October 23, 2022

# Information & Questions

- Information
  - [Open Space Planning](#)
- Questions
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