

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

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Subcommittee Name	Parks and Recreation
Subcommittee Chairperson(s)	Ken Wolfe
Title of recommendation	MBRO/PPP
Describe the recommendation	MBRO to mirror PPP process for parks
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Immediate/ mid term
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	Money raised would be better utilized within parks system, form committee, or use this subcommittee, to review current legislation and make recommendations, remove consultant language from legislation
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Political/internal challenges, current legislation/agreement,
Who needs to be involved?	Legal, City Council, Finance, PPP groups, DPW, Citiparks Form committee, or use this subcommittee, to review current legislation and make recommendations, remove consultant language from legislation,
What city resources need to be invested?	Staff Time
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Dedicated and Increased funding for Park system, all around asset improvement, increased maintenance, less impact on budget, enhanced quality of life
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Background materials include contracts, leases, memos of understanding, license agreements, and other items from existing Public-Private Partnerships such as the Central Parks Conservancy, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, PPG Zoo & Aquarium, The Phipps Conservatory, the Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation and others
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes, including: New York (Central Park Conservancy), Boston, Philadelphia (Fairmont Park Conservancy), San Francisco (Golden Gate National Park Conservancy)
Are there any other considerations?	<u>Mellon Square Park agreement is a good example of implementation</u>

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Title of recommendation	Park Rangers
Describe the recommendation	<u>Extensive amount of money has been invested over the past 15 years in these parks with no one really there to watch over the investment - Employ persons to patrol RADad parks (as a test pilot project) to educate, enforce and be eyes on the assets management for of parks</u>
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Mid Term
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	<u>Protection of investments into Parks system, K key to providing safety, enforcement, usage rates and education about park assets</u>
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Cost, identifying scope of position, individuals to fill positions, changes to code for citation power, <u>Unions</u>
Who needs to be involved?	Legal Dept, Citiparks, DPW, MWDCD, <u>Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy</u> and other park stakeholders
What city resources need to be invested?	Time and money <u>(although the program can partially pay for itself with fines and reduced need to repair vandalized park spaces.)</u>
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Improved safety of assets and attendants, public confidence and better utilization, less vandalism, increased education <u>ef about Parks system and assets.</u>
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Background for this recommendation includes the example of Schenley Plaza, where dedicated and un-armed security details, along with closed circuit cameras, have virtually eliminated criminal behavior in that corner of Schenley Park. From the turn of the century to the 1950's, Pittsburgh had its own Parks Police Force that was dedicated solely to parks. These security officers roamed throughout the park, including he trails, fields and forests to provide a knowledgeable and credible security presence.
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes, including New York, Los Angeles, Austin and Sedona.

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Are there any other considerations?	Patrol hours of operation, <u>What department would Park Rangers education originate?</u>
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Title of recommendation	Parks Asset Management Plan
Describe the recommendation	Comprehensive inventory of parks assets including workforce, physical assets, usage and maintenance schedules
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Immediate/ mid term
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	Allow for regular schedule of maintenance of parks as well as possible better utilization of assets, <u>having this information will not only help to develop an operating plan but it should also develop future capital needs</u>
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Implementation of plan. Union, Neighborhood groups, Possible elimination of some of the assets and repurposes them other than Park land. Need to expand this. Saying implementation is obstacle to implementation doesn't provide enough information.
Who needs to be involved?	<u>Pittsburgh</u> Parks Conservancy, MWCDC, DPW, Citiparks, Planning and Zoning, Finance, other stakeholders
What city resources need to be invested?	Staff time
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	More efficient upkeep and deployment of resources, baseline for future
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Background includes the work done by the Open Space PGH plan to document the full inventory of parks and recreational facilities across the city, including school and university assets that can accommodate users. With over 170 parks throughout the city, a complete inventory and inspection system to address the maintenance needs is crucial to improving user satisfaction and optimizing usage, safety and improved public health. Another source of data was the Anzalone-Liszt – Parks Research Study of 400 City of Pittsburgh registered voters - 2009
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes, San Antonio; National Park Services (Roads, Bridges & Fleet); State of Oregon; New York City
Are there any other considerations?	Economies of scale, better service to neighborhood parks, <u>Fundraising role, how are these projects prioritized and</u>

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Title of recommendation	Permitting
Describe the recommendation	One Stop shop for Permitting
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Immediate
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	More efficient and streamlined process
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Where to house new shop, DPW or Citiparks or Zoning/Planning
Who needs to be involved?	DPW, Citiparks, Zoning/ Planning, Special Events
What city resources need to be invested?	Time and money
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Easier process for residents to navigate
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Improving park permitting was quickly identified as an area that could be improved from the users' perspectives. The current process requires physical trips to multiple government facilities -and the used of cash or checks to obtain permits. An online and accessible system that provided awareness of existing and available facilities is key. Many cities have adopted these measures and have seen increases in usage and satisfaction.
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes, including Allegheny County (credit cards accepted) New Orleans, http://www.nola.gov/safety-and-permits ; Ft. Lauderdale; New York
Are there any other considerations?	<u>Also consider charging for permits for those that have not paid in the past, we want to discourage groups from over booking time on fields that could be used by others</u>

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Title of recommendation	Park Signage
Describe the recommendation	Adopt Uniform sign standards across all parks, both Rad AD and non-rad AD <u>RAD</u>
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Immediate
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	Better visibility could lead to an increase in usage of some underutilized park amenities. <u>Also, users of smaller neighborhood parks would become accustomed to the signage, leading to a greater comfort level when they venture into the larger parks.</u>
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Cost <u>and time</u>
Who needs to be involved?	Community stakeholders, DPW sign shop, Citiparks
What city resources need to be invested?	Time and money
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Informational and educational opportunities in all parks. <u>In addition, improved safety as park users become accustomed to standardized procedures and regulations across all parks. Consistent signage sends a message that the authorities are paying attention.</u>
Describe any background materials that you consulted	The subcommittee relied heavily on the PGH Openspace Plan developed by the Planning Department and released in 2013. In the document, they adopt the standards developed in the City's master plan and implemented within the city's RAD parks by DPW and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy <u>and the MWCDC</u> . We also consulted the City's Master Plan, as amended in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes, including: New York, NY; Bozeman, MT; Rock Hill, SC;
Are there any other	Easily scalable for small to larger parks in the system, <u>but</u>

considerations?

may require additional design work to accommodate all amenities within system.

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