**Advisory Group Members in Attendance:**

Michael Huelsman

Tim Kosednar

David Wigglesworth

Geoff Wright

Darren Huycke

Mark McCaffery

Terry Schoenthal

Kim Graham

**Review of Advisory Group Purpose and Objectives**

The 2nd meeting began by revisiting the advisory group’s charge and end products. Park Planner, Mark McCaffery, stated that the product Parks & Recreation would like to generate with the advisory group is a baseline document that includes criteria necessary for site selection and recommendations on how disc golf facilities can be managed over time. Potential sites in Municipal parks can then be selected for further consideration.

The baseline document will be shared with Community Councils and the Parks & Recreation Commission for approval. Parks & Recreation will use the document to select a potential site(s) for course development. Actual facility design/development will require research of existing site/master plans and be subject to approval by the local Community Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Planning & Zoning Commission, providing several opportunities for public input.

**Maps of Existing Course Locations/Potential Sites**

The group reviewed a map identifying parks with existing disc golf courses in the Municipality. The map showed the existing courses’ proximity to trails, school properties, and single/multi-family residences. Group members noted the lack of courses in the central and midtown area of the Anchorage Bowl.

A map of Municipal park properties with greater than 15 acres was also reviewed. The 15 acres guideline was taken from the Boulder Disc Golf Study and from PDGA recommendations for space needed for a 9+ hole disc golf course. Group members noted that there were limited park properties greater than 15 acres within the midtown and central area of the Bowl.

**Number of Targets / Course Caliber**

Throughout the meeting, group members discussed what amount of acreage would be needed for an 18 hole course, versus a 9 hole course, versus a 1 to 3 hole target area in a neighborhood park. Questions were also brought up regarding the caliber of course the advisory group is developing criteria for, and it was agreed that the goal was to define criteria that would inform the selection of a site with the recreational disc golfer in mind.

**Site Selection Criteria**

The primary topic of discussion was the identification of key site selection criteria for disc golf facilities in Municipal parks. Some of the criteria were drawn from the Boulder Disc Golf Study and from ideas generated at the previous advisory group meeting. Below is a list of criteria considered by the advisory group:

**Size**

* Opportunities for variation (# of holes to change course and limit environmental impact)
* At least 1 acre of area per hole

**Location and Access**

* Ideal site would be centrally located and be accessible by multiple modes of transportation (car, bike, bus, walk) and accessible by surrounding neighborhoods.
* Destination appeal (like Kincaid Park)
* Park-like setting with other uses/activities available nearby course

**Conflicts**

* Course area should not conflict with existing park uses. Implement a 50 to 100 foot buffer within proximity to existing uses, private property, ROWs, roads, shared-use trails, other facilities, wetlands, sensitive habitat.

**Parking**

The group suggested that 9 to 18 hole courses may require up to 3 to 5 parking spaces per hole. Facilities with 3 holes and short distances may require no additional parking to existing park.

**Restrooms**

The group indicated that restrooms will need to be available for a course that has 9 or more holes.

**Other Considerations**

* Repurpose existing but underused/abandoned park facilities for disc golf. With existing footprints, these areas may be good candidates to accommodate foot traffic and mitigate impacts to the environment. They may also require less construction to develop a disc golf facility.
* Maintenance and infrastructure requirements for disc golf activity will differ depending on park type and location. If not part of the site selection criteria, these requirements will need to be considered in the management strategy.

**Notes**

Various vacant lands, private lands, HLB lands, and University lands may be suitable for disc golf courses. A potential recommendation from the baseline report could suggest further research into partnerships with private properties that may meet site selection criteria.

**Next Steps**

* USKH/Parks & Recreation will develop a criteria document based on input from the 2nd meeting and send it out to the advisory group for review
* USKH/Parks & Recreation will prepare discussion regarding management expectations for the 3rd advisory group meeting

CHANGE OF DATE: 3rd ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM TUESDAY, SEP 18TH TO **WEDNESDAY, SEP 19TH 5:30PM AT USKH.**