



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN



Joint PRAB and Planning Commission Meeting #2 Summary -

April 26, 2021

A second joint meeting between the Monroe Parks and Recreation Board (PRAB) and Monroe Planning Commission was held on April 26, 2021 via Zoom as part of the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan update. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss needs assessment findings and introduce the vision framework for the Plan, gathering input to guide the development of a new vision, goals, and strategic recommendations for Monroe's parks and recreation system.

At the start of the meeting, MIG's Director of Parks + Recreation, Cindy Mendoza, gave a PowerPoint presentation on highlights from the recently completed needs assessment, including key results of the online questionnaire. The presentation included an overview of the Monroe market as well as identified needs and opportunities for parks, trails, and programs.

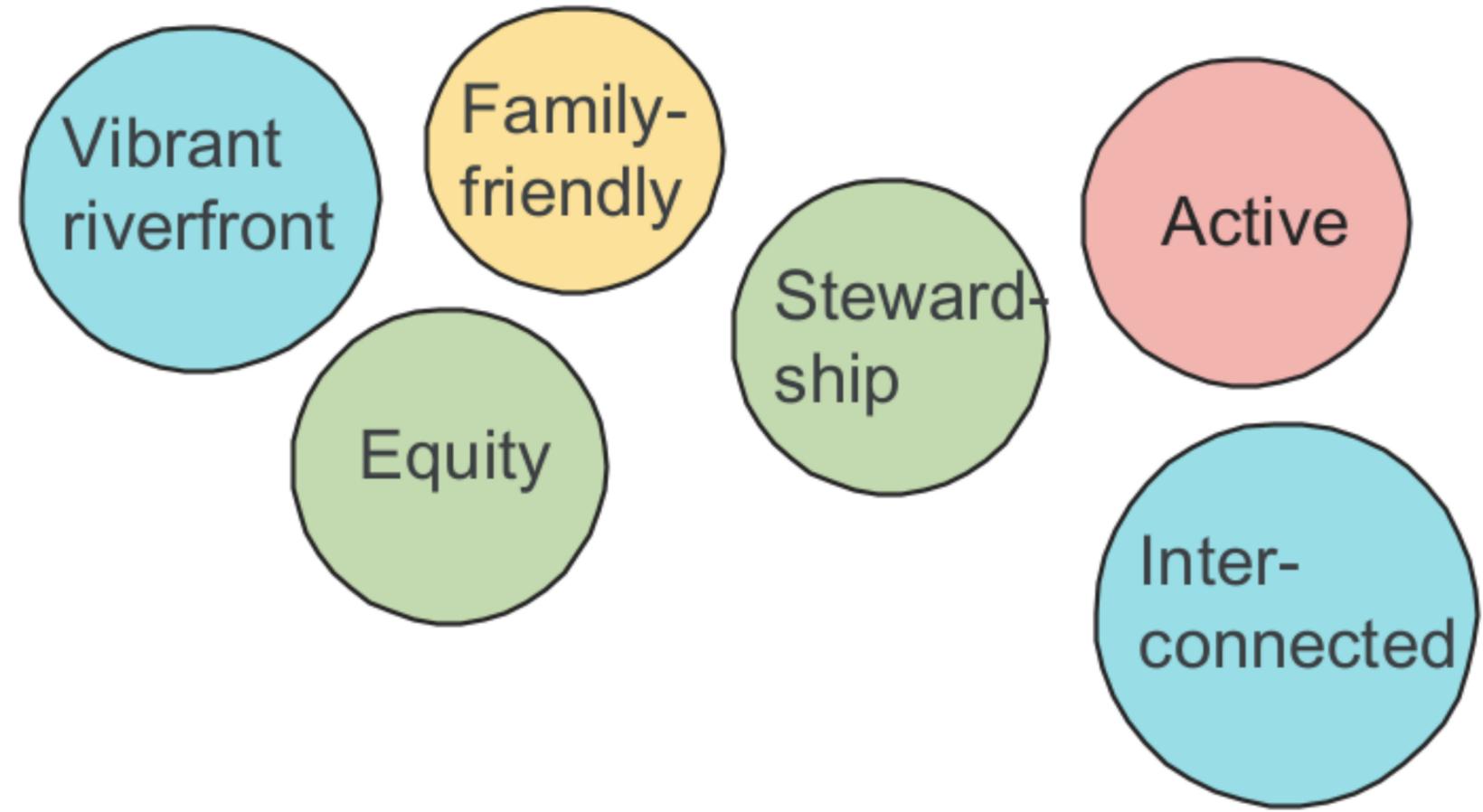
Following the presentation, MIG facilitated a discussion of what Board and Commission members felt were the highest needs and opportunities for Monroe. This was followed by a discussion of the vision elements and values that guide the park system, including health and fitness, safety, connectivity, natural experiences and the natural environment, accessibility, equity, and inclusiveness. To further Monroe's vision and values for parks and recreation, participants discussed several goals and objectives, such as diversifying the park experience, providing different types of amenities and facilities, drawing visitors to Monroe, and collaborating with the School District.

The discussion was recorded using Jamboard, a digital interactive whiteboard, and participants were able to see their ideas and comments added to whiteboard pages during the meeting. The Jamboard pages are attached to this summary.

Needs & Opportunities



Values and Vision



Goals & Objectives

Draw visitors to Monroe with festivals or other events

Routing Snoqualmie Valley Trail via Lewis Street (economic benefit to Main Street) vs Al Borlin Park

Until area around North Kelsey Site is revitalized, development of the site should be a lower priority

Focus on most visible priority that aligns with residents' wants. Start flywheel for other improvements.

Goal: Further collaborate with School District

Open up school district facilities to residents for recreation

Limited park opportunities in downtown core addressed with Memorial Field or Central School

Goal: Diversify park features and play areas as part of maintenance/replace ment

Add wooden play structure

Challenge elements or adventure courses

Natural features and play areas

Outdoor fitness equipment

Benches and seating areas

Add recreation opportunities for ages 12-18

Sand Volleyball

Community garden

Values and Vision

Value #1: Safety

Value #2: Gateway to broader natural experiences

Value #3: Dog-friendly

Value #4: Hub of Connectivity

Value #5: Connection to the outdoors and natural environment

Value #6: Environmental education and stewardship

Value #7: Unique

Value #8: Volunteerism

Value #9: Accessibility, Equity, and Inclusiveness

Value #10: Health & Fitness

Value #11: Quality of Opportunities