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Steve Langdon, Planning Manager
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Dear Mr. Langdon,

The City of Longview Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met this past Monday, August 15. One of the topics of discussion was the expansion of Longview Municipal Code Ordinance Number 3324, Chapter 19.42 to include parks and recreation facilities.

The Advisory Board discussed the merits of including parks and recreation facilities into the existing code. There were concerns with what was perceived as a lack of data to necessitate expanding the current scope of the code. The Advisory Board acknowledged that neighborhood parks, such as Archie Anderson, could benefit those citizens living in the surrounding area while recognizing there are schools and religious establishments in close proximity to the parks.

The Advisory Board questioned staff as to what types of permits or requirements would be needed for outside groups or organizations to facilitate a farmers market. Additionally, there was talk about the department hosting a roaming farmers market to help showcase different parks. There was also concern about the cost to the department directly related to staff time and efforts to organize outside groups set up, and clean-up the park facilities.

At this time, the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee made a motion to monitor the usage and demand for one year and make an official recommendation after review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Wills".

Jennifer Wills
Director - Parks and Recreation

cc: David Campbell, City Manager
John Brickey, Director- Community Development