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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana McDaniel, City Manager
Date: October 6, 2021
Initiated By: Matt Earman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Re: Parks and Recreation Re-Accreditation

Staff is proud to report that the City of Dublin continues to join the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning its re-accreditation status through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment was approved at the Commission's September 10, 2021 annual meeting.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of best practices used to achieve overall quality of service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that the City has met rigorous standards related to the management, planning and administration of public lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.

Agencies achieving accredited status are required to be re-accredited every five years. The City received its first accreditation in 2010, having met 100% of the recognized standards. Achieving this re-accredited status, Dublin is now one of only 192 Parks & Recreation Departments in the nation to achieve CAPRA Accreditation, and one of only 10 accredited agencies in the State of Ohio.

The process for accreditation involves a formal application, self-assessments, collection of documentation, a virtual visit by a team of professional peers to assess and provide a written report of its findings and ultimately a confirmation hearing with the Commission to formally award accredited status. The City was required to document all of its practices, policies and procedures and was distinguished by the Commission for again having met 100% of the 154 recognized standards.

CAPRA is comprised of representatives from NRPA, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, the International City/County Management Association, the Academy for Leisure Sciences, the Armed Forces Recreation Network and the Council of State Executive Directors.

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 50,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space.

Recommendation

For information only.