



## January Board Cycle

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Date: December 29, 2017

To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee

From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Interim Parks Director

Subject: **Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory Planning (The Domes) Update (INFORMATIONAL)**

### Issue

The Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes) is the subject of a long-range planning effort, currently lead and facilitated by the Domes Task Force.

### Background

Since the last update to the Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee (PEEC) in September of 2017, the Domes Task Force has convened three times to work through the Phase 1 elements of the Future Path and Feasibility Study. Work by the consultant team, led by HGA, has included:

- Review of previous studies
- Facility tours
- Staff and stakeholder interviews
- Market research – local research and national benchmarking
- Trends in conservatories and botanical gardens
- Synopsis and presentation of 6 scenarios, or project path approaches:
  - 1) Enhanced Operations
  - 2) Targeted Investments
  - 3) Destination Conservatory
  - 4) Partner Organizations
  - 5) Non-Conservatory Alternative Uses
  - 6) Site Reuse



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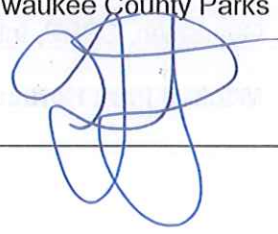
To properly review, evaluate, and prioritize the data and options presented, the Domes Task Force has planned to use the scheduled meeting date of January 16, 2018 to conduct a work session and deliberate the merits of the proposed options. Per the project scope, it is the Task Force's intention that Phase 1 will conclude with a final report, and preferred project path options that will then lead directly into Phase 2 of the study, which has a focus on public outreach and feedback.

**Recommendation**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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**Attachments:**

- December 12, 2017 Domes Task Force Agenda

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