



## Memorandum

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Ryan Gubler, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**Date:** March 4, 2022  
**Re:** **Park Policy Revision**

Currently, George A Barker River Park policy restricts the uses of the space. Section F of the Park Use and Event Policy states the following:

*The River Park is intended to stay open and accessible to the community at large during all regular park hours established by ordinance. The River Park may not be rented or reserved at any time. The Park is open to non-commercial, private events on a first-come, first-served basis. However, no single event may expressly or constructively exclude any other users or groups from enjoying and using the park facilities. No temporary structures may be erected in conjunction with any use of the River Park. No group or event may utilize park facilities beyond the extent necessary to accommodate the members of the group or event that are physically present to participate in the event.*

My recommendation is that we revise the policy so that events that meet the following criteria are exempt from the policy:

- The event is Town organized (planned and executed by Town staff)
- The event is open and available to the public
- The event provides a community benefit