

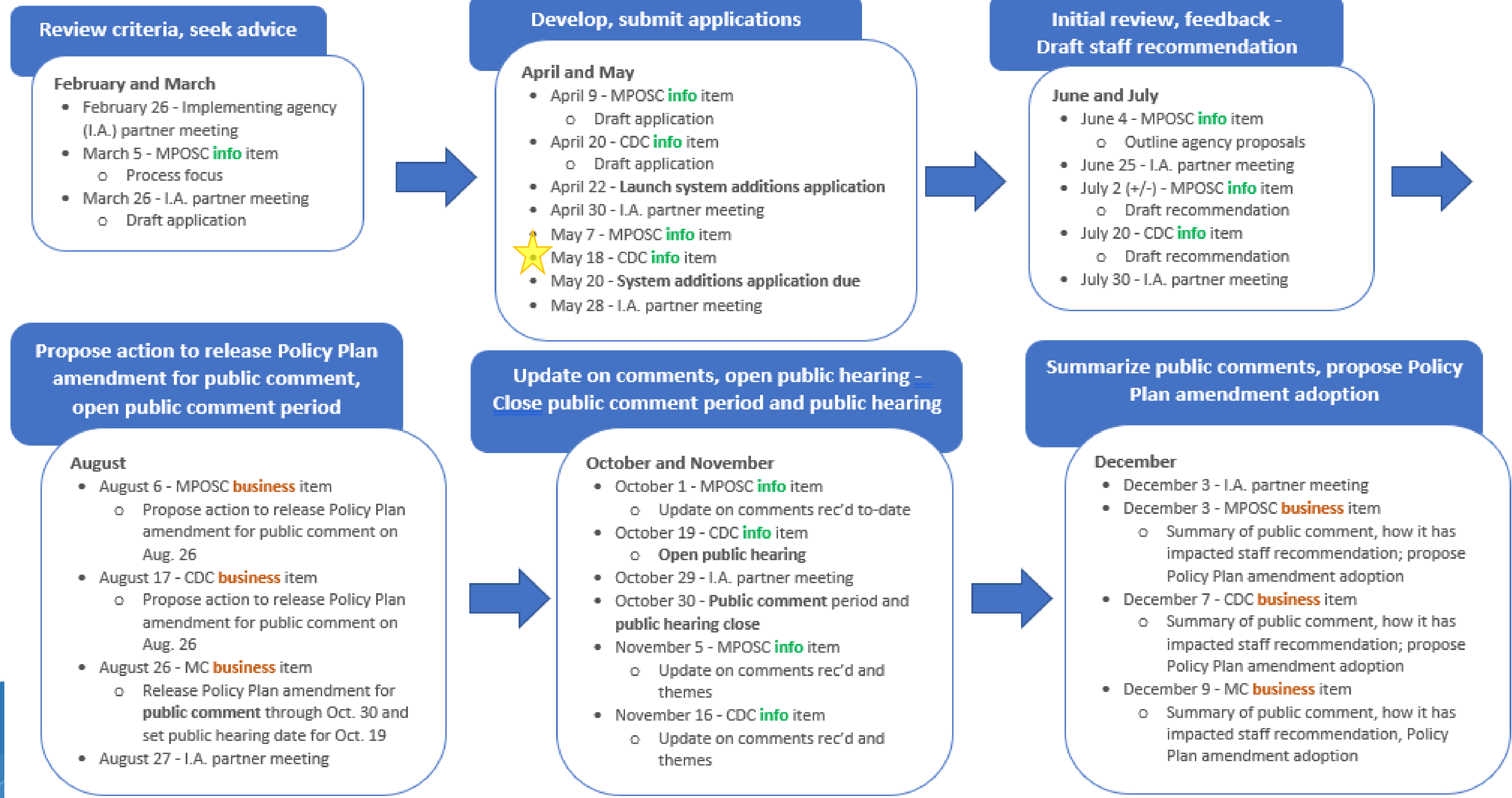
Regional Parks System Additions Project: Boundary Adjustments

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Community Development Committee



2020 Timeline for Regional Park System Additions



Boundary Adjustments

- Most boundary adjustments are considered through the system additions process
- Minor boundary adjustments can be accomplished through a master plan amendment or acquisition master plan amendment to provide a more timely and simplified process
 - Minor adjustments are sometimes needed for land exchanges, utility crossings, boundary corrections, and/or new acquisition opportunities
- There is a need to establish clear guidance on what constitutes “minor”

Boundary Adjustments *continued*

- Minor boundary adjustments will meet the following criteria:
 1. Be a maximum of 20 acres
 2. Be contiguous to a Council-approved master plan boundary
 3. Be consistent with the *Siting and Acquisition Policy* general criteria listed in tables 4-1 and 4-2 of the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan

Boundary Adjustments *continued*

Takeaways from April 30,2020 Agency partner meeting

- Whether 20 acres is too much or too little may depend on the size of the park.
- Would using a percentage be better? For example, allow boundary adjustments up to 10% of the total approved master plan acreage.
- For existing units, should boundary adjustments be handled through the master plan amendment process and not the systems addition process? This would allow for boundary adjustments to occur as they are needed, rather than just every four years.
- What about trails? What would be a “minor” trail boundary adjustment?

Boundary Adjustments *continued*

Takeaways from May 7, 2020 MPOSC meeting

- Should boundary adjustments be handled through the master plan amendment process and not the systems addition process? This would allow for boundary adjustments to occur as they are needed, rather than just every four years.
- Conversely, should boundary adjustments only be allowed for necessary land exchanges, conversions, or utility changes?

Discussion

- Given the MPOSC questions, what direction for boundary adjustments does the Committee have?
 - Is 20 acres as a size threshold too much or too little?
 - Would using a percentage of the park area be better? What implications does that have for managing cost of the system?
 - Should boundary adjustments only be allowed only for necessary land exchanges, conversions, or utility changes?
 - Conversely, should boundary adjustments be handled through the master plan amendment process and not the systems addition process?
 - Question about balancing doing boundary adjustments on an as-needed basis versus every 4-year update process



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Thank you!