

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Action Minutes  
November 7, 2019

**Advisory Board Members Present:**

Amanda Aird  
Jim Barnes  
Steve Benson  
Dahe Chen

**Staff Present:**

Mike McCarty, Parks and Recreation Director  
Brian Stevenson, Program Manager  
Ahsamon Ante-Marandi, Program Coordinator  
Cindy Luxhoj, Associate Planner  
Delora Kerber, Public Works Director

**Members of the Public Present:**

None

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<b>CALLED TO ORDER</b>	4:33 p.m.
<u>Minutes</u>	A. Minutes were approved 4-0. Steve Benson made the motion to approve and Dahe Chen seconded the motion.
<u>Public Comment</u>	A. None
<u>Agenda</u> A. Willamette Water Supply Program Update	<p>A. Cindy Luxhoj presented an update on the Willamette Water Supply System Raw Water Facilities project at the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Park. The project area is made up of two sites: a Lower Site (includes the Treatment Plant and the Treatment Plant Park) and an Upper Site (includes a new electrical building). Proposed project improvements include an improved pump station, seismically reinforced riverbank, increased water intake capacity, a new electrical building, a new 66" raw water pipeline, and enhanced park and recreation opportunities. The Lower Site (between the Treatment Plant and the river) includes improvements to the existing overlook (enlargement and landscaping), as well as two new overlooks and associated trails to reach the overlooks. The existing trail that goes along the western side of the Upper Site will be preserved. Cindy Luxhoj shared renderings of the proposed overlooks with the board members. She also added that there will be landscaping added on the west, south, and east sides of the electrical building to help screen it. The project timeline includes a Development Review Board (DRB) Hearing on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, with the final design expected to be completed in December 2019. Construction will take place in two phases. Phase 1, where most of the park improvements will be constructed, will take place mid-2020 through 2022. Phase 2, which will mostly be the Upper Site, including the electrical building, is expected to be completed in 2024.</p> <p>Board Member Dahe Chen asked if any trees will be removed as part of this project. Cindy Luxhoj responded that around 70 trees will be removed. Some are located in the Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ) and along the riverbank, while others are on the west side of the Treatment Plant, outside of the SROZ. A few trees in the Upper Site will also be removed. Cindy Luxhoj added that the number of trees removed has been minimized as much as possible. Some trees removed will not be able to be replaced due to seismic improvements. However, there will be a mitigation area in the Upper Site where several trees and shrubs will be planted. The updated project removes less trees than when the project was presented to the Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board in January 2019.</p>

Board Member Steve Benson inquired about the mitigation area and asked WWSP who they worked with regarding the habitat changes. WWSP replied that they have been working closely with Kerry Rappold, Program Manager, with the City's Natural Resources Department, for suitable species to plant in the area. Steve Benson asked if WWSP had gone through the State of Oregon regarding regulations for mitigation. WWSP staff responded that the Willamette River Greenway regulations are implemented locally and the SROZ regulations interplay to some extent with the Willamette River Greenway. Within the SROZ, there is City discretion to determine appropriate mitigation, so there is not a formula for replacement within the SROZ like there is outside of the SROZ.

Board Member Steve Benson inquired about lighting. WWSP Staff replied that lighting will be added along the bike trail as well as additional lighting at the Upper Site for maintenance. All lighting will be dark sky compliant.

Board Member Steve Benson noticed that the existing trail is no longer a loop. He asked if it would be possible to adjust the trail to get it to loop. Delora Kerber, Public Works Director, replied that the grades along that trail are too steep to make it a loop.

Board Member Amanda Aird inquired about trees being removed from the stream area on the west side of the park. WWSP staff replied that there would not be any trees removed from the stream. Amanda Aird also asked if there was a nature plan to plant certain trees, shrubs, etc., to encourage certain species in the stream. WWSP staff replied that they have worked with Kerry Rappold to put together a list of proposed species to plant. Board Member Steve Benson added that he hoped the City was using a tree planting list for this area. Delora Kerber replied that the City does have a standard tree planting list that was based off of Portland's planting list.

Board Member Jim Barnes asked if there would be any river access added as part of the project. Delora Kerber responded that there would not be any river access added as part of this project.

Board Member Steve Benson moved that the WWSP project for improvements to the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Park be recommended to the DRB. Board Member Amanda Aird seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Staff Reports

A. Staff Updates

A. Mike McCarty shared that the number of applicants for the Parks Supervisor position has been narrowed down to 3 people. Also, a project to replace some windows in the Parks and Recreation Admin Building is almost complete. Mike McCarty also added that the annual Toy Drive started on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and new things are in store for the upcoming Community Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Stevenson informed the Board of the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. It is hosted by the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). Brian Stevenson also added that the new dog park is on schedule to open in the Spring of 2020. The fencing should be installed in the next couple of weeks, and the restrooms will be installed after the new year. Board Member Steve Benson asked about adding a bridge

<p><u>Board Comments</u></p>	<p>over Boeckman Creek to allow access from the new dog park to behind the Stein-Boozier Barn. Brian Stevenson agreed that staff would like to add that trail connection at some point in the future. Brian Stevenson also shared that the Community Center kitchen staff and volunteers have passed the bi-annual county inspection. The Center scored a 100 on the inspection. Mike McCarty also thanked the board members who volunteered at the Fall Harvest Festival back in October. Mike McCarty added the possibility of a doughnut cart at the upcoming Tree Lighting Ceremony. He also mentioned that an email was sent out to individuals who were recommended to be on the Parks Bond Task Force. Board Member Dahe Chen inquired about the time commitment for the task force members. Mike McCarty replied that there will be about 6 total meetings, taking place December through March.</p> <p>A. Board Member Dahe Chen asked what will be done differently for this bond compared to the bond that went out a few years ago that did not pass. Mike McCarty replied that this is a very different bond. The previous bond was specifically for a Recreation &amp; Aquatic Center. The proposed bond will be for a variety of park improvements, ranging from ball fields to river access to improved trails and more. Brian Stevenson added that the previous bond was for one specific project, which the community was divided on. The proposed bond will include a wide variety of projects. Board Member Jim Barnes added the importance of surveying the community to determine community support. Board Member Amanda Aird added that she has seen desire for some of these similar amenities with local sport organizations adding new fields. Board Member Steve Benson suggested looking up how Wilsonville citizens voted on the recent Metro park bond, which passed by a large margin. Board Member Jim Barnes added that the Metro park bond only had around 19% participation and how the people voting were likely those interested in the bond. Jim added that a presidential election brings in more people voting overall, which could possibly bring in more 'no' votes. Mike McCarty added the importance of ensuring the public recognizes how this bond is an investment in the community.</p> <p>B. Board Member Steve Benson stressed the importance of board members attending meetings and expressed frustration over board members missing meetings. Steve Benson also shared how much he would like to see the Parks and Recreation Department grow along with the city. As more people move into the city, the budget should increase to support that growth. A larger budget would allow the department to provide more programs and offerings to the growing community. Steve Benson also shared a list of his proposals and ideas for the future of parks and recreation in Wilsonville. This list includes: a kayak launch at Memorial Park, trails with km/mile markers in Memorial Park, bird/wildlife signage, a community skate park, a performance by Oregon Ballet Theatre 2 (OBT2), summer playground recreation programs for kids, boat-like play equipment for Boones Ferry Park, a pump track for scooters, bikes and skateboards at Boones Ferry Park, outdoor balance and fitness equipment for adults, removal of English Ivy and other invasive species, and a recognition program for significant citizens of Wilsonville.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNED</b></p>	<p>5:35 p.m.</p>