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ON-LINE MEETING AGENDA

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CITY OF SALEM
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DIGITAL AGENDA
July 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS, CITY STAFF &
UPCOMING MEETINGS**

BOARD MEMBERS

Dylan McDowell, Chair
Micki Varney, Vice Chair
Alan Alexander
Tony Caito
Woody Dukes
Dave Fridenmaker
Rick Hartwig
Keith Norris
Paul Rice

CITY STAFF

Robert Chandler, Assistant Public Works Director
Mark Becktel, Operations Division Manager
Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
Becky George, Recreation Supervisor
Milan Davis, City Urban Forester
Toni Whitler, Parks Planner & Board Liaison

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- City Council – July 12 & 26, 6:00 p.m.
 - July 26 CC – Bush’s Pasture & Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan
 - July 26 CC - Geer Park Master Plan
- July 14 – Bush’s Pasture & Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan at [South Central Assoc. of Neighbors \(SCAN\)](#), 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (5:30 p.m.)
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **MINUTES** (5:40 p.m.)
 - a. June 10, 2021
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Public Comment for agenda and non-agenda items.*) (5:45 – 6:00 p.m.)
5. **CHIEF WOMACK INTRODUCTION**
“Meet the Chief” *Chief Trevor Womack* (6:00 – 6:15 p.m.)
6. **BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS** (6:15 – 6:45)
 - a. Revised Geer Park Master Plan – *Rob Romanek* - **ACTION REQUIRED**
 - b. Bush’s Pasture Park & Deepwood Estate Gardens Draft Cultural Landscape Management Plan Presentation – *Paul Agrimis, Greenworks, Inc.* **ACTION REQUIRED**
7. **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES** (6:45 – 7:00 p.m.)
 - a. Library Strategic Plan Steering Committee Update – Member Norris
 - b. Park Usage and Permitting Committee Status Update – Chair McDowell
8. **INFORMATION REPORTS – WRITTEN** (7:00 – 7:15 p.m.)
 - a. Mission Street Park Conservancy Quarterly Report & Minutes
 - b. Urban Forestry Update
 - c. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update
 - d. Parks Operations Update
 - e. Recreation Services Update
 - f. Park Damage Report
9. **NEW BUSINESS** (7:15 – 7:30 p.m.)
10. **NEXT MEETING**
 - a. August 12, 2021
11. **ADJOURN**



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DIGITAL MEETING
June 10, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Alexander
Woody Dukes
Dylan McDowell
Micki Varney
David Fridenmaker
Paul Rice
Rick Hartwig

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Caito
Keith Norris

STAFF PRESENT

Jennifer Kellar
Becky George
Toni Whitler
Robert Chandler
Marc Weinstein
Rob Romanek
Billy Powers
Melinda Moon

1. ROLL

Members Tony Caito and Keith Norris marked absent. Chair McDowell noted that the Geer Park presentation would be moved to earlier in the meeting to accommodate Rob Romanek speaking to the Geer Park Master Plan and the Planning information report.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Alexander moved to accept minutes from previous meeting. Rick Hartwig seconded. Minutes approved with no changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was submitted, and no persons signed up to speak.

4. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

AGENDA CHANGE – Item 6.c Moved to Item 4.

6.c Parks & Resources Planning Update - Geer Park Master Plan Modification – *Rob Romanek*

(This item was moved up on the agenda to accommodate Mr. Romanek so he could leave to attend another meeting.) Mr. Romanek referenced that the current draft Geer Park Master Plan was being reviewed due to a request by City Council to modify and reduce the parking. An updated draft will be brought back to SPRAB in July for endorsement.

Chair McDowell asked what steps are being taken to address the dog park. Mr. Romanek said a proposed picnic shelter may be removed from the plan in order to accommodate a larger dog park area.

Member Varney remarked that she has seen comments both in favor of and opposed to additional parking. She asked how planned parking compares to the parking in the recreational areas of Wallace Marine Park. Mr. Romanek did not have a direct comparison to Wallace. She asked if spaces were removed from the plan to follow Council's

requirements, could spaces be added back in the future? He replied that it was a possibility.

Member Alexander voiced concern that Geer Park does not abut many neighborhoods, and most visitors will be in a vehicle. Mr. Romanek said that overflow parking will be considered, but there could be development code issues. Additional parking options will be proposed in July.

Member Fridenmaker voiced assent with Alan Alexander's concerns, citing the park not being within easy walking distance, and mentioned that the park could suffer from underusage without sufficient parking. Suggested providing parking for electric vehicles. Mr. Romanek replied that infrastructure for the charging of electric vehicles will be included in cost estimate.

Member Varney inquired about large events and potential parking along Park Avenue and asked if the City would be liable for pedestrian safety issues on Park Avenue. Mr. Romanek said that if parking on Park Avenue were brought into the design, traffic engineers would be consulted, and liability issues would be considered.

Chair McDowell asked if bike access might be increased in lieu of additional vehicle parking. Mr. Romanek replied that discussions are being held with the state regarding trail planning.

Member Varney asked if there is a bus stop nearby, or what other public transportation options might be available. Mr. Romanek responded there is a bus stop near State Street and Hawthorne, approximately one-half mile away.

Chair McDowell confirmed that Parks Planning intends to bring more information to SPRAB in July.

Member Hartwig offered to bring information regarding Geer Park to the Cherriots volunteer board.

The Board continued to address other items in the Parks Planning and Natural Resources information report. Chair McDowell inquired if a draft of the tree survey was going to be brought to SPRAB. Rob Romanek said there was not a definite timeline in place.

Member Varney inquired as to how well "park closure" signs are working in Wallace Marine Park after unsheltered cleanups. Chair McDowell stated this could be answered by Jennifer Kellar later in the meeting.

No further comments or questions.

4. BOARD ITEMS / PRESENTATIONS (continued as scheduled)

a. Summer Recreation & Softball Update – Melinda Moon & Billy Powers

Ms. Moon mentioned 30+ people are signed up for the first STRIDE event, but there are usually a lot of last-minute signups. Many camps are already fully enrolled and creating wait lists.

Chair McDowell inquired if COVID restrictions being lifted due to vaccination would affect event participation. Ms. Moon replied that it may affect participation, though many programs would not be affected because they are only for children too young to be vaccinated.

Billy Powers discussed league games. 140 league teams have registered thus far.

Chair McDowell inquired about security presence at Wallace. Mr. Powers replied that a security company has been hired on a temporary basis and an RFP is being drafted for security service for the remainder of the year.

Member Rice observed that participation levels are “feast or famine”.

Member Fridenmaker asked how many Salem residents are served by softball programs each year. Mr. Powers replied that approximately 3,500-4,000 people participate in leagues each year.

Member Alexander commended Billy for reaching out to out-of-town teams and bringing in that additional revenue. Mr. Powers mentioned it would be ideal to have a nice softball complex within the next few years, as participation increases.

Chair McDowell inquired as to what location he would have in mind for a large complex. Mr. Powers replied Hazelgreen area.

Member Hartwig commented that the State Fairgrounds has nice softball fields and asked if those fields might be available for City use. Mr. Powers replied that those fields have been removed to make way for the pavilion. He added that a daytime senior league, that formerly played in Portland, has been playing in Salem this year. Their four teams will likely be made a part of the Salem league next year.

No further comments or questions.

b. Parks Usage & Permitting Subcommittee

Chair McDowell updated a tentative timeline for the subcommittee: individual review of regulations in May and June; June and July working as a group to be meeting with the Human Rights Commission and LGBTQIA+ Intersectional Rights Task Force regarding diversity, equity and inclusion; July holding public meetings to invite public comment; August presenting to SPRAB; September providing a report to Council. Robert Chandler, Assistant Public Works Director, commended the committee on their hard work.

Member Fridenmaker asked if any documents being shared with the subcommittee could be provided to members of the Board. Robert Chandler replied in the affirmative. Member Varney asked if because there needs to be a new motion regarding the report timeline being changed to August. Chair McDowell replied that the wording likely indicated a progress report, not a complete report, would be presented in July. Marc Weinstein confirmed that an update should be sufficient, as the wording indicated that timelines were flexible. Alan Alexander added that the minutes from the previous meeting specifically state that the timeline be flexible based upon the update at the July meeting.

No further comments or questions.

5. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Mission Street Park Conservancy Minutes

Chair McDowell commented that the first page, third bullet down regarding letter of support for brickwork. Ms. Whitley said she will clarify with Ms. Chute as to whether MSPC will be requesting a letter of support from the Board.

(Ms. Whitley contacted Christine Chute, President of MSPC, who said she believes she has raised the amount needed for the project, but if additional grant support is needed, she will request a letter of support from the Board.)

b. Urban Forestry Report

Member Rice commented that the report was very clear and comprehensive, and the pictures were helpful. Chair McDowell and Member Varney agreed and offered their own commendations of Milan's work.

Member Fridenmaker inquired about tree replanting, and whether tree variety was being considered. Jennifer Kellar replied that a request for proposals is being created for tree services in the wake of the ice storm including tree planting, stump grinding, etc. and tree variety considerations are factored into that RFP.

As noted in the report, Chair McDowell inquired about the nature of the changes to SRC 86 Trees on City Owned Property. Robert Chandler replied that changes are being made to Salem Revised Code Chapter 86, Trees on City Owned Property and its associated Administrative Rule that supports SRC 86. Primary changes include, (1) clarifying when the Director of Public Works refers a matter to SPRAB and clarifying that process in the Administrative Rule; and (2) updating text on enforcement of violations by including assessment of the value of trees, and a civil penalty along with the repayment of the value of the tree removed. In addition, a change in process by having the violator pay the City for restoration and City staff conducts the restoration, not the violator. Chair McDowell asked how those changes get enacted; do they have to go to Council, are they brought to SPRAB, etc.? Robert replied A change in code requires public notice and goes to Council with public hearing, first and second reading. Administrative Rules are noticed and receive public comment and goes through Council administratively where they can call it up for public hearing or allow it to move forward administratively.

Chair McDowell asked that SPRAB be notified in advance when public notices go out for these changes. Member Varney asked if updates are being made to the tree list to reflect climate change issues. Robert replied that allowed and disallowed species are being evaluated to prevent species die-out; he then asked Toni to forward the question to Milan Davis for further feedback.

(The answer received to this question is yes, the expanded tree list provides more drought tolerant species from a wider range.)

Member Dukes commented that native trees in Salem are at risk and future purchases should be bought from drier, warmer climates to ensure survivability.

No further comments or questions.

d. Parks Operations Update – Jennifer Kellar

Ms. Kellar referenced Micki's question about "park closed" signage at Wallace; the signs have been fairly effective. Signs are also being placed at Cascade Gateway Park.

Member Rice asked if the signage is providing enough leverage to prevent people from coming back in. Jennifer said she will update on these results in the future, as the effects are observed across multiple parks. Chair McDowell commended Parks on their efforts in these cleanup projects.

No further comments or questions.

e. Recreation Services Update – Becky George

Becky announced that splash pads will be reopening for the first time since 2019. Chair McDowell asked if any plans have been made for Fourth of July. Becky replied that the decision was made in April to not offer fireworks at Riverfront Park this year, due to uncertainty over COVID restrictions. This decision was reaffirmed at City Council in June. Member Fridenmaker mentioned that he found it unintuitive to submit a park reservation online and suggested that the interface could be simplified. Becky offered to speak to IT and administrative staff regarding this issue.

Chair McDowell inquired if conversations were still underway for a holiday STRIDE run. Becky replied in the affirmative; she and Melinda are hoping to move forward with that event, possibly in conjunction with the holiday tree lighting.

No further comments or questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Member Alexander inquired if the Board can do anything to support Parks in the City budget vote. Ms. Kellar replied that the Board has previously written letters of support and attended budget committee meetings in support. Toni Whitler confirmed this and

mentioned that a letter of support could be helpful, but that the timeline would need to be quick, as the budget is being considered next week on June 14. Robert Chandler confirmed the timeline.

Chair McDowell asked the Board members for their thoughts and asked if Member Alexander would be interested in helping draft a letter of support. He replied that this be given serious consideration for future years, as the Board has a responsibility to support Parks and help them obtain their optimum budget. Ms. Whitler offered that a letter could be drafted, and a presentation could be made at the Council meeting.

Motion

Member Rice moved that SPRAB draft a letter of support. Member Alexander seconded.

Rick Hartwig commented that Eugene's budget for parks is three times Salem's despite having a similar amount of green space. Ms. Whitler said she will make a note in next year's calendar to give the board plenty of time to review line items. Marc Weinstein, Assistant City Attorney, suggested that because there is not time for a letter to come back to the Board for review before it is presented to Council, the motion specify who is signing the letter and that specific items be iterated within the motion to clarify the board's expectations.

Amended Motion

Chair McDowell moved to amend Member Rice's motion to the following: Member Alexander draft the letter asking Council to fully support the budget request proposed by the Parks department, and that the letter be signed by Chair McDowell. Member Alexander suggested that Chair McDowell attend the Council meeting if possible, or that Vice Chair Micki Varney appear in his place.

Micki seconded the amended motion.

Amended motion approved unanimously.

No further comments or questions.

7. NEXT MEETING

July 8, 2021

8. ADJOURN

7:06 PM

Minutes: Kimberly Spivey/Toni Whitler

FOR BOARD MEETING OF: July 8, 2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6.a

TO: SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

THROUGH: ROBERT D. CHANDLER, PhD, PE 
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: ROB ROMANEK, PARKS PLANNER

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF REVISED GEER PARK 2021 MASTER PLAN

SUMMARY:

The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) and City Council reviewed a proposed update to the park master plan earlier in 2021, and Council returned the issue to staff with instructions to reduce the quantity of proposed parking and increase the size of the proposed off-leash dog park. The revised Park Master Plan reflects City Council direction. Endorsement of a revised Geer Park Master Plan update will demonstrate support for a vision that will guide park management and park development for the next 20 years.

ISSUE:

Should SPRAB endorse the revised Geer Park 2021 Master Plan Update and forward to City Council a recommendation for master plan approval?

RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse the revised Geer Park 2021 Master Plan Update and forward to City Council a recommendation for master plan approval.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The revised 2021 Geer Park Master Plan reflects the modifications requested by City Council while still providing parking for users of future park facilities. The quantity of parking has been reduced, recognizing the desire to reduce dependency on the automobile, while still providing safe and accessible access for families and people living with disabilities who may not be able to use public transportation.

Based on review of the proposed facilities and typical parking demand, parking has been reduced from a 94-stall to a 70-stall parking lot, with 66 standard stalls and 4 accessible stalls meeting ADA design standards. The reduction in parking considers future high-use facilities such as the inclusive-playground, ballfields, and splash pad as well as the bike park and skate park. Recommended parking quantities are based on landscape architecture and recreation recommended standards. Reductions were made from these standards for certain facilities, such as the bike park and skate park, while

keeping the prior parking recommendations to support facilities frequented by children. These considerations resulted in reducing the overall parking by 24 stalls.

It should be noted that new parking will not be added in the next phase of development but will be implemented in sections as those high-use facilities are built and demand for parking increases. As follows in Table 1 is an analysis of parking quantities to support proposed park uses and facilities.

<u>Park Facility</u>	<u>Revised Parking Recommendation</u>	<u>Prior Parking Recommendation</u>	<u>Consultant Recommendation</u>
Additional ball field	35	40	Minimum of 40 (assuming 10 per team, doubled for arriving teams during tournaments)
Bike park	8	15	20
Playground and splash pad	15	15	15
Skate Park	8	15	20
Off-leash dog park	Served by existing parking	Served by existing parking	20
Picnic shelters	4	9	10
Passive uses	Served by existing parking	Served by existing parking	15

Table 1. Revised and Prior Parking Quantities by Park Facility

In addition to modifications to the parking, the off-leash dog park was expanded at the request of City Council. The dog park was expanded from one acre to one-and-one-quarter-acre, with separate areas for large and small dogs. This expansion resulted in the removal of a paved park path. Parking for the dog park will be provided by the current parking lot.

The Geer Park Master Plan was prepared to update the current park master plan. The master planning process focused on development in the undeveloped areas of the park. The updated plan was developed with significant public outreach and input, including three virtual open houses and two online surveys. Despite unique limitations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, residents and stakeholders contributed to a plan for a park that will meet the wants and needs of a variety of park users. The master plan (Attachment 1) includes the following facilities and features for the undeveloped areas of the park:

- Additional baseball/softball field with a soccer field in the outfield
- Open field providing flexible space for a variety of activities

- Enhancements to the existing bike park and a new single-track bike trail located near the existing bike park
- Soft and paved paths
- 70-stall parking lot, with 4 accessible stalls meeting ADA design standards
- 10,000-square-foot playground and 1,800-square-foot splash pad, proposed to be inclusive for children of all ages and abilities
- 20,000-square-foot skate park
- One-and-one-quarter-acre dog park, with separate areas for large and small dogs
- Two additional restrooms
- Four picnic shelters
- Potential public art and interpretive signage locations

The master planning process involved significant public engagement, included three virtual open houses, two online surveys, four neighborhood association and community group presentations, and interviews with 17 stakeholders. Web analytics shows over 800 visits to each open house. Over 300 people responded to each online survey. Presentations were given to the North East Salem Community Association (NESCA) and ENLACE Cross-cultural Friday and Community Connection Nights.

As part of a public outreach process for the project, the City website was updated throughout the process and people were provided the opportunity to sign up for email updates and notification. The public was notified about open houses and input opportunities through a variety of means including the aforementioned email list for Geer Park Master Plan Update, radio, the City's website and social media accounts, signs posted in Geer Park, and the "Salem Connection" email newsletter.

During the public process, most participants indicated a strong preference for incorporating flexible open space, more trails, and enhancing the bike park. There was a lack of excitement for additional dedicated sports fields (i.e., exclusively used by a single sport). Many respondents expressed a desire for a skate park, a playground, a dog park, flexible sports fields, restrooms, walking trails, and picnic shelters.

SPRAB assigned two board members as liaisons to the master planning effort and SPRAB was updated throughout the planning process. SPRAB unanimously endorsed the park master plan at its March 11, 2021, meeting and recommended City Council approve the plan (Attachment 2).

Council was provided the park master plan for approval on May 24, 2021. Prior to the Council meeting, public comments were received requesting a reduction in parking (Attachment 3). The requests for a decrease in parking facilities were related to desires to lessen dependency on the automobile and meet the City's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal. Council returned the issue to staff with direction to reduce the quantity of proposed parking and increase the size of the proposed off-leash dog park.

Implementation of the master plan will occur in phases and is dependent on available funding and logical sequencing of construction. Endorsement of the revised Geer Park Master Plan will demonstrate support for a vision that will guide park management and park development for the next 20 years.

BACKGROUND:

Geer Park, which was originally named State Lands Community Park, is located on multiple parcels of land. The State of Oregon owns much of the park property, which is under a long-term lease to the City for use as a park. The rest of Geer Park is located on property owned by the City.

A master plan for Geer Park was developed in 2003. Development of the park was divided into two phases as shown in Attachment 4. Phase One was completed in 2005 and included two soccer and two baseball fields, three two-unit restrooms, and two parking lots (approximately 220 parking stalls). Phase Two *would* have added a driveway, more parking, a picnic shelter, a playground, two softball fields, a soccer field, and a roller hockey facility. However, because of funding limitations, Phase Two was never implemented.

In July 2016, the Geer Park Master Plan was amended by City Council to incorporate bicycle pump tracks and associated bike park features within the undeveloped Phase Two area. The location of the bike park is generally where the playground and picnic shelter would have been located had Phase Two been completed (Attachment 5). Beginning in 2016, the Salem Area Trail Alliance worked with the City of Salem to develop three pump tracks, each designed for different ages and abilities. The bike park also includes a bicycle trail. Since the original park master plan in 2003, recreational interests have shifted. In order to understand public desires and preferences for use and development of the undeveloped areas of the park, the City began the process of updating the Geer Park Master Plan in 2019. This was the first step toward further park development.

Public Engagement Process – Virtual Open Houses and Online Surveys

Three “micro” websites were used as virtual open houses to share project information with community members and to solicit their feedback and questions. Each open house was held open for approximately two weeks. Dates and usage information are provided as follows.

- Open House One: June 8 to June 21, 2020, with 3,987 visits
- Open House Two: September 19 to October 3, 2020, with 4,641 visits
- Open House Three: December 11 to December 24, 2020, with 2,876 visits

Archives of the materials presented at the open houses are available at the following web links.

- Open House One: <https://geer-voh1-salem.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Open House Two: <https://geer-voh2-salem.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Open House Three: <https://geer-salem.hub.arcgis.com>

All three open houses included a digital comment and question form and an online survey component. The digital comment and question forms received a combined 180 responses from the three open houses. Surveys were made available as part of Open House One and Open House Two. Survey One, included with Open House One, received 369 responses. Survey Two, included with Open House Two, received 318 responses. Open House Three included a single-question survey that asked about priorities for park development and it received 249 responses.

Public Engagement Process – Neighborhood Associations

Geer Park is located in the North East Salem Community Association (NESCA) neighborhood association. Staff met four times with NESCA throughout the planning process. On December 15, 2020, staff presented the preferred design option to NESCA and requested a written recommendation or comments to forward to SPRAB and City Council. On March 18, 2021, staff presented a draft Geer Park Master Plan update, as modified from the preferred design to add a berm to further separate the proposed playground and skate park, and to reaffirm the opportunity for NESCA to provide written comments to City Council. No recommendations or comments have been received by staff as of the writing of this report.

Master Planning Process

Public engagement is a critical component in all park master planning. Coinciding with the first step of the planning process, Open House One provided an overview of the existing conditions of the park and presented three initial park layouts. Participants were asked to respond to Survey One to share their recreational desires and feedback on the layout concepts. The information received during Open House One was analyzed, which resulted in three park design options.

The three park designs presented a range of approaches on how the park space could be used. The options included a plan focused on added sports fields, a plan focused on flexible open space, and a blended version of the two that included one additional multi-use sports field area with flexible open space. All three options included opportunities for organized recreation, places for children to play, a skate park, enhancements to the bike park, an off-leash dog park, expanded trail systems, as well as parking, picnic shelters, and restrooms. Some elements, such as a splash pad, fitness and bike challenge stations, and a community garden, were not included in all three options. The three design options were presented at Open House Two along with Survey Two to garner feedback. Participants were asked to indicate their preferred option and provide input on what was desirable about each plan.

Based on the feedback from Survey Two, most participants preferred some level of flexible open space while improving bike amenities and enhancing the bike park. There was also a clear preference for trails, a splash pad, a skate park, and a dog park. Open

House Three presented a preferred design option based on the combination of desired park features and programmed uses as indicated by public participants.

Public comments from Open House Three led to minor adjustments to the design of the preferred option. Specifically, there were concerns about the proximity of the playground and skatepark. The design was modified by adjusting the playground footprint and adding an adequate separation between the uses.

A planning-level cost estimate was done as part of the master plan. Costs are in 2021 dollars, include a 30 percent contingency, and do not include maintenance costs. The cost for implementing the revised 2021 Geer Park Master Plan is estimated at \$14,450,617. Implementation of the master plan will occur over time and is dependent on available funding.

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Attachments:

1. Revised Geer Park Master Plan 2021 Site Plan
2. Salem Park and Recreation Advisory Board Action Sheet, March 2021
3. Public Comments to City Council, May 2021
4. Geer Park Phase Plan, October 2003
5. Geer Park Master Plan, July 2016



LEGEND

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Baseball/Softball Field (300') ② Soccer Field (250' x 180') ③ Skate Park (~20,000 SF) ④ Playground (~10,000 SF) ⑤ Splash Pad (~1,800 SF) ⑥ Single Track Bike Trails ⑦ Flexible Open Space (300' x 180') ⑧ Soft-Surface Pedestrian Trail (~1/2mi) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑨ Large Dog Park (~1 acre) ⑩ Small Dog Park (~1/4 acre) ⑪ Picnic Shelter (20' x 30') ⑫ Restroom (4 stalls) ⑬ Parking Lot (66 standard stalls, 4 ADA stalls) ⑭ Viewing Area A Possible Location for Art
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Interpretive Signage |
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**SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACTION SHEET**

March 11, 2021

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Alan Alexander, Woody Dukes, Dave Fridenmaker, Dylan McDowell, Keith Norris, Paul Rice, Micki Varney,
Absent: Tony Caito

ISSUE

Should the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) endorse the Geer Park Master Plan Update and forward to City Council a recommendation to adopt?

DATE OF DECISION

March 11, 2021

ACTION TAKEN

Motion: Member Norris moved, and Member Rice seconded to endorse the Geer Park Master Plan and forward to City Council a recommendation to adopt.

Vote: All members voted in favor of the motion.

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March 8, 2021

Dear members of the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,

The Geer Park Master Plan before you today is a good effort to make park improvements, but fails in several ways. I urge you to reserve your support for the plan until some changes are made. The plan as proposed includes too much automobile parking and no consideration for helping people safely and comfortably access the park by walking and bicycling.

According to the City of Salem's 2013 *Comprehensive Park System Master Plan Update*, Geer Park is a community park. Community parks are defined as both serving surrounding neighborhoods and a slightly geographic wider area. They "generally attract a large number of people from a wide geographic area, [so] support facilities are required, such as off-street parking and restrooms . . . Community parks typically serve the neighborhood park needs for residents within walking and biking distance of the park." The plan goes on to say that "community parks should be easily accessed by all transportation modes, including walking . . ." (p. 23). With 221 existing automobile parking spaces at Geer Park, the City has already generously taken care of car access to the park, however, support for other modes, such as walking and biking, is deficient.

The proposal to add 94 automobile parking spaces to the already existing 221 spaces is detrimental to Geer Park and the wider city in a number of ways. Impervious surfaces increase stormwater runoff, including contaminated runoff, which pollutes our waterways and strains city budgets. Dark, hard surfaces increase the urban heat island effect, threatening human, animal, and plant health through higher temperatures and air pollution (e.g., ground-level ozone¹).

Perhaps more crucially, adding more automobile parking spaces to Geer Park's already plentiful supply is in direct opposition to the City Council's policy for Salem to lower its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 50% of 2016 levels by 2035. The deadline for this reduction is less than 15 years away. If we are going to achieve this directive, every single development decision matters. Transportation is the sector that contributes the greatest share of GHGs, so it is crucial that the City works to decrease the amount of driving if Salem is to reach its goal. Since parking availability causes driving,² building more parking will move us away from our GHG reduction goal. Instead, the City should work to remedy the deficiencies in walking and biking access to the park.

I have proposed the following changes to the Geer Park Master Plan:

1. Remove the new 94-stall parking lot.

¹ <https://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/ground-level-ozone-basics>

² <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-01-12/study-the-strongest-evidence-yet-that-abundant-parking-causes-more-driving>

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2. Add a small covered bicycle parking area at the north end of where the proposed new parking lot is. (The plan currently shows no new bicycle parking!)
3. Add a sidewalk or bark path along the entire west edge of the park (along Park Ave.), just inside the park boundary. The path or sidewalk should be on the park side of the street trees that are planted along Park Ave., to allow the trees to buffer people from the speeding automobile traffic on Park Ave.. This will give safe, comfortable access to people who access the park from the residential neighborhoods to the north.
4. If more parking must be added, there is an alternative to paving over more natural space. The City should work with the State of Oregon to establish on-street parking along the Geer Park side of Park Ave. Park Ave. is wide enough to accommodate parking on one side³ and having on-street parking can provide the ancillary benefit of slowing the passing traffic, which frequently speeds on that wide, empty street. In suggesting this idea more than once during the planning process, I have not been told that the City has ever made any attempt to develop an agreement with the State.

I hope that you will understand the importance of the cumulative effect of development decisions. I am a land use and transportation planner who works with communities all over the state. I often hear the argument that we must continue to build and develop for automobiles because that's how everyone gets around. Everyone gets around in automobiles because we have built our cities almost exclusively for them. Our transportation system will never change and we will never meet our GHG emission reduction goals if we don't transform the way we develop our land.

The Geer Park planning page has an FAQ, perhaps created in response to comments like mine, that says "Salem is committed to providing a park system that can be accessed by a variety of transportation modes. As part of this commitment, the Geer Park master plan update will recommend a trail study as a follow-up action." In response, I would like to say, please don't put automobiles first yet again with this car-centric plan. I have suggested some concrete ways to start to give non-polluting transportation modes the attention they need and deserve.

Sincerely,

Laura Buhl

³ https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/Publications/NeighborhoodStreetDesign_2000.pdf (See p. 18)

Attachment 3

From: [Jill Fairall](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Geer Park Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 5:25:09 PM

I am impressed by the proposed changes to *Geer Park*, and pleased at the opportunity to provide input. I appreciate the careful planning and foresight that has taken place to draft a plan. I am quite disappointed, however, in the timeline. For one, twenty years is another generation away; families will have completely changed and many who voted will have moved away. Also, the trends and facilities will predictably change drastically over the next two decades. We have certainly seen major shifts in playground equipment standards, and what is currently in the master plan could easily be archaic or considered unsafe by the time it is installed. I understand that there may be financial and other considerations involved, but is there some time of plan to review the plan every two or three years to assess its contemporary applicability?

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Jill Fairall

C: 971-304-8961

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From: [Kim Sukau](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Greer Park Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:25:06 AM

The plan would be a great addition but like every other park in Salem, how will the City manage the monitoring of it being taken over by the homeless camps? Its already started at Greer park!!

Sent from my iPhone

Attachment 3

From: [Shahrom](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: [Robert Romanek](#)
Subject: Adoption of 2021 Geer Park Master Plan on May 24
Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 4:10:43 PM

Greetings City Recorder,

This message is in regards to the Geer Park Master Plan. I'm in full support of adding a skatepark. My only concern is that the skatepark would be built with a company called Evergreen Skateparks. They are known for creating unusual skate parks that are described as "moonscapes". I'm confident that many skateboarders and scooter riders will be disappointed with this type of design. Please consider working with Dreamland Skateparks, which is a reputable company out of Lincoln City, Oregon.

In any case, Thank you for considering a skatepark at Geer Park.

Kind regards,
Shahrom Taghizadegan

Attachment 3

From: [Roberta A](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Sent earlier to Mayor Bennett and City Councilors:
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 7:47:34 AM



May 21, 2021

Re: Testimony of 350 Salem OR on the Agenda Item 3.3b, the Geer Park Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Councilors:

350 Salem OR, the local chapter of the international organization fighting for a stable climate, asks that the Salem City Council amend the recommendation of the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and City staff and remove the additional 94 parking spaces from the Geer Park Master Plan.

We applaud the goal you have set for our city to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and to get halfway to this goal by 2035.

But we will not reach these goals, or even come close, with “Business As Usual” planning. That’s exactly what we see with the proposal to add 94 parking spaces to Geer Park.

As you know, Salem’s greenhouse gas inventory shows that 53% of our greenhouse gas emissions come out of tailpipes, the largest source of emissions by far. That being the case we must do everything possible to discourage driving and encourage other forms of mobility. This includes not building expensive facilities to store cars in our parks. That needs to end in all our parks.

Instead of building car storage, we can do other things to accommodate users of Geer Park. We can work with Cherriots to improve transit service to the park. The closest bus stop is now a half-mile away — we can fix this. We can improve facilities for walking and biking to the park, such as more bicycle parking and a pedestrian route along Park Avenue. There are other things we can do as well to encourage active transportation to Geer Park.

We ask that you amend the plan to take out the 94 parking spaces and ask that staff instead develop a Transportation Demand Management plan to be included in the Master Plan with the goal of promoting active transportation to the park and reducing the need for more parking spaces.

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Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Attachment 3

From: [Jesse Decker](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Council meeting to approve Geer park update
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:29:04 AM

I tried to sign up to comment during the meeting but was having issues with it showing closed.

- I appreciate the consideration of the changes to the master plan to include a new skatepark. I hope moving forward this can be a portion of the plan considered for early implementation if things are done in phases. Salem is lacking in safe and modern facilities as far as skateparks go. The downtown park at Marion Square is nearing the end of its life expectancy and is in disrepair. Pieces are missing and/or broken, the design, although acceptable at the time of construction is outdated and not built to modern standards. There is also unsafe parking, for anyone driving to this park, especially with little kids you have a choice of parking across the street and crossing busy streets, or parking parallel on commercial which is one of the busiest streets in Salem. I can say from experience doing this with four kids under 8, while carrying gear is neither safe nor fun. The following should also be taken into consideration:

- Even with the above mentioned issues the downtown park still sees hundreds of individual users each week. It is more used than several facilities in the city that have been updated or added to lately.

- Skateparks are multi use facilities, typically a lot of people will refer to a skatepark as a skateboard park, and that may be the primary user at times, but take a visit to the newly redone park in Keizer and you will often see people on rollerskates, people on scooters, bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, and even in the morning when it's not busy it is not uncommon to see toddlers on various wheeled devices as well

- A skatepark can be used by many generations of users. For example last weekend I was again at the Keizer skatepark as it is safer than the Marion square park, and better. There was a mom teaching a 3 year old to skate, my kids and several others in the 7-12 year old age group, a group of teenagers, some young adults, as well as myself and some other dads and moms with kids old enough to be self sufficient also using the park. The likely age spread was 3 to 55 years old, of carrying skill levels all able to use the same facilities without issue.

- Please take these into consideration with approval, as well as the fact it seems no real funds have been allocated to skatepark facilities in roughly 25 years or more.

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Jesse Decker
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Attachment 3

From: [Laura Buhl](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 3.3b: Geer Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 1:52:39 PM

Public Comment on Agenda Item 3.3b: Geer Park Master Plan (May 24, 2021)

Dear members of the Salem City Council,

On October 12, 2020, the Salem City Council enacted a City policy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 50% of 2016 levels by 2035. This is not an aspirational goal, this is a directive, that reads: “By 2035, Salem’s greenhouse gas emissions **shall be** reduced to 50% of the citywide greenhouse gas emissions for the baseline year of 2016” (emphasis added).

Since October 2020, and until that key year of 2035 (just 14 years from now), the City Council will be faced with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of decisions both large and small that will either bring us closer to meeting that goal or take us further away. Tonight, you are faced with such a decision: the Geer Park Master Plan.

The Geer Park Master Plan contains many great elements, but fails on one account: transportation. The Plan is automobile-centric, adding 94 automobile parking spaces to the already-existing 221 spaces. Staff has confirmed that no parking studies were done and no Transportation Demand Management Plan considered to promote modes other than the private automobile. This is significant because Salem’s 2019 GHG inventory found that more than half of Salem’s GHG emissions come from the transportation sector. If we are going to meet our GHG emission goals, we must reduce transportation emissions. Continuing to promote driving by subsidizing free parking for private automobiles will prevent Salem from meeting its GHG emission goals. We simply cannot keep developing our city to prioritize driving. Instead, the City Council should direct staff to remedy the deficiencies in walking and biking access to the park.

The following changes to the Geer Park Master Plan will help the City meet its GHG emission goals:

1. Remove the new 94-stall parking lot and replace it with a small drop-off area and limited ADA (3-5 spaces) parking.
2. Add a small covered bicycle parking area at the north end of where the proposed new parking lot is. (The plan currently shows no new bicycle parking!)
3. The Plan indicates that Park Avenue is a pedestrian route to the Geer Park. However, Park Avenue has no shoulder or sidewalks, so pedestrians must walk in the street. Add a sidewalk or bark path along the entire west edge of the park (along Park Avenue), just inside the park boundary. The path or sidewalk should be on the park side of the street trees that are planted along Park Avenue, to allow the trees to buffer people from the speeding automobile traffic on Park Avenue. This will give safe, comfortable access to people who access the park from the residential neighborhoods to the north.

Some people may be concerned that there will be more demand for parking spaces than the current supply can handle. This potential demand (which has not yet been measured), should be addressed through Transportation Demand Management (i.e., strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled and private automobile mode share), not new parking spaces.

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Salem's GHG emission goals will not be achieved by one silver bullet at the eleventh hour. Rather, they will be met by the cumulative impact of a thousand small decisions over the course of many years. If we are to have any hope of meeting our goals, we must start now. Please direct City staff to make the changes necessary for the Geer Park Master Plan to move us in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Laura Buhl

695 16th Street NE

Attachment 3

From: [Sarah Deumling](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: 3.3b Geer Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 1:39:44 PM

Mayor Bennett and City Council Members,

Please think twice about including 94 additional parking spaces in the Geer Park Master Plan. We all love and cherish the Oregon that we know and (many of us) were fortunate to grow up in. Climate change is already taking its toll in so many ways and if it continues apace with business as usual it will become less and less lovely and livable. GHG (Green House Gas) emissions from our vehicles are the largest single contributor to this problem.

More parking spaces mean more driving means more emissions means less a livable Oregon. Surely a bus or bike ride to a green and lovely park is a better future scenario and a car trip to a diminished, dried-up, once-upon-a-time park.

I strongly urge you to remove these proposed parking spaces and use those resources to improve various means of active transportation or bus access to the park. Future generations will thank you.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling

Attachment 3

From: [Mark wigg](#)
To: [citycouncil: Robert Romanek](#)
Subject: Geer Park Master Plan comments
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 4:28:24 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

The Draft Geer Park Master Plan does not reflect the priorities of Salem residents as shown in the table from Our Salem (2019).

More baseball diamonds do not make the list and neither do more parking lots. The public does want more natural areas and trails.

Have the existing parking lots ever been filled? How often? Are we spending millions to construct a parking lot that is needed once or twice a year?

Many paved parking lots in smaller parks like this could become multiuse facilities by closing portions to automobiles and having them painted for hard surface activities such as basketball, four-square, etc. The lots could be opened on request for special events. The soapbox derby track is an example of a multi-use paved surface where you will see bicyclists, skaters, scooters and others playing on the track. People like a wide paved surface for playing.

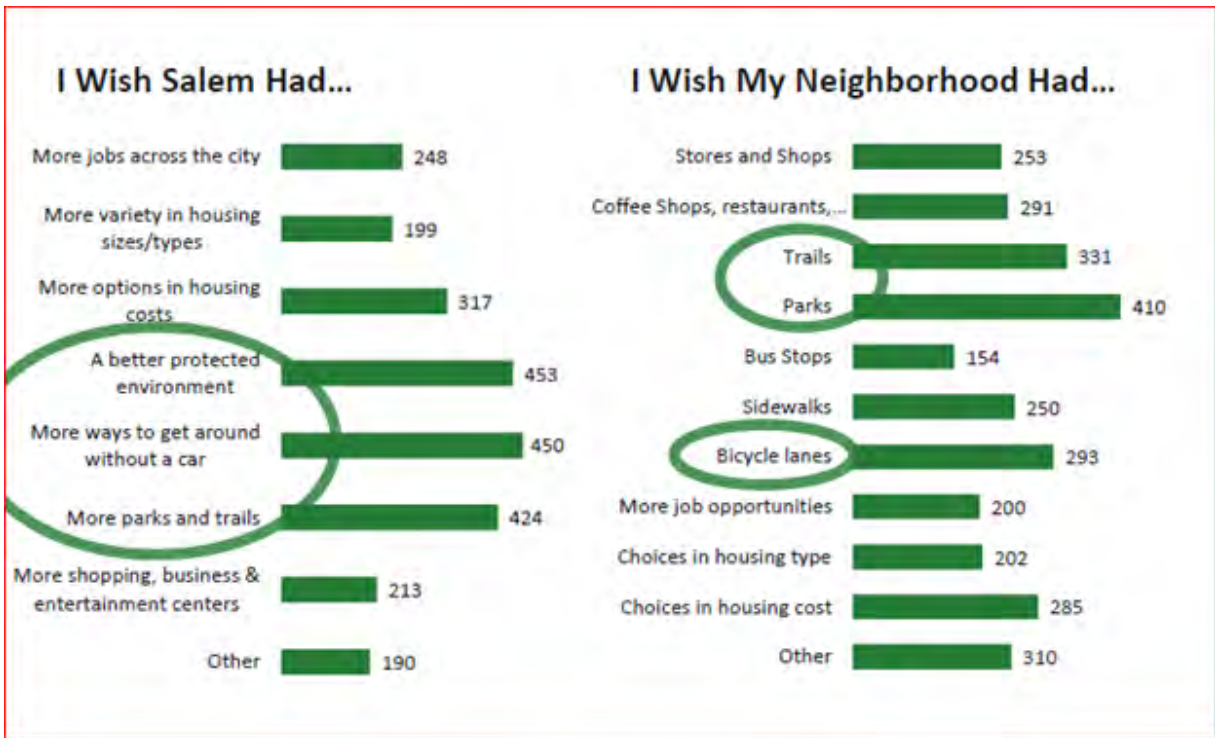
The city is not meeting its goal for canopy cover, yet here is a park plan that is proposing cutting trees to make way for another ball diamond and parking lots.

This park and other park plans do not appear to give much thought to connectivity with the neighborhoods. A Park Avenue multiuse path should be included to connect to the multiuse path to the State Street multi-use path.

The small number of public comments attached with the plan do not include many comments made previously.

Respectfully,
Mark Wigg

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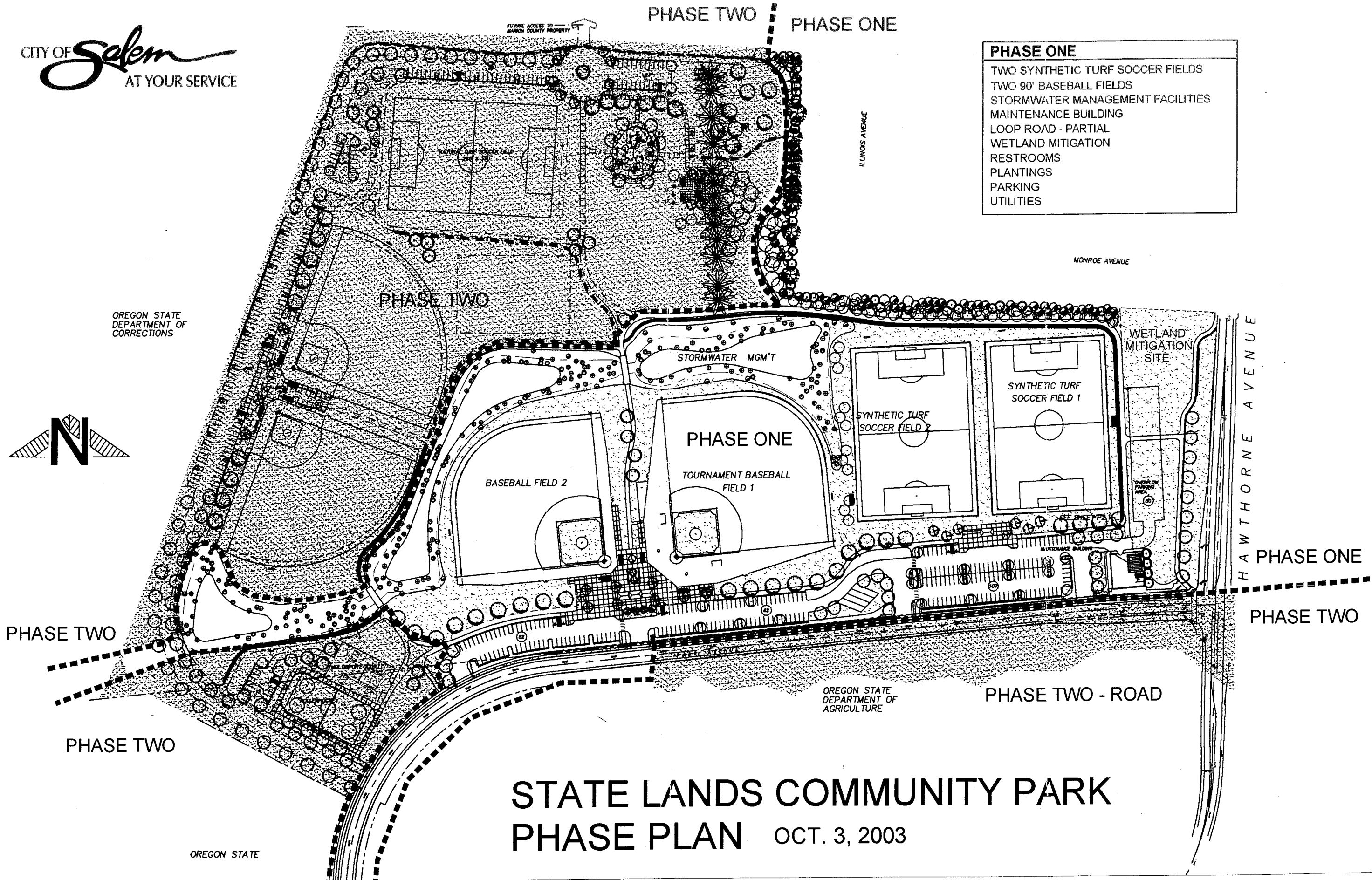


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- TWO SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELDS
 - TWO 90' BASEBALL FIELDS
 - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES
 - MAINTENANCE BUILDING
 - LOOP ROAD - PARTIAL
 - WETLAND MITIGATION
 - RESTROOMS
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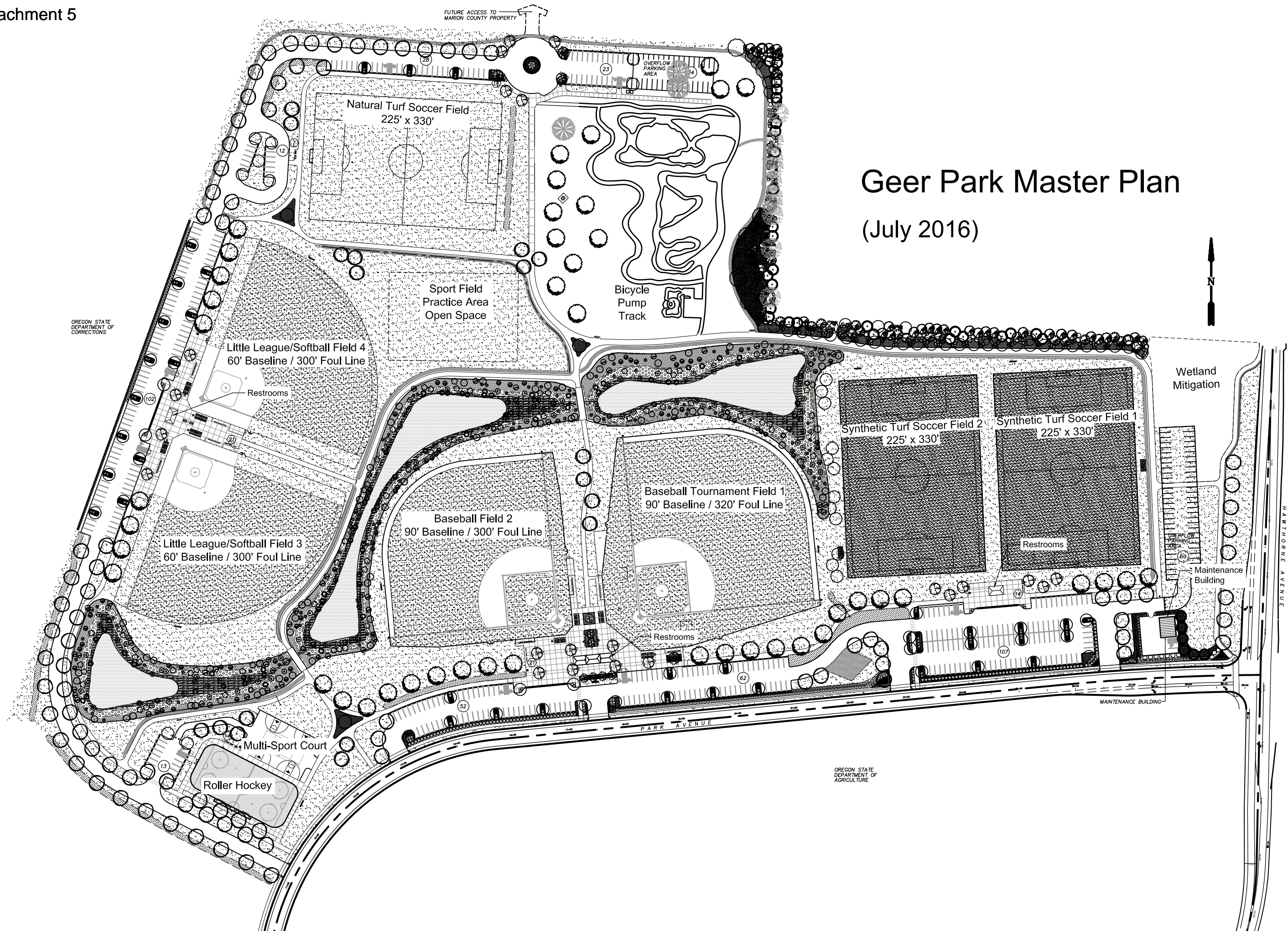


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Geer Park Master Plan

(July 2016)

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FOR BOARD MEETING OF: July 8, 2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6.b

TO: SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

THROUGH: ROBERT D. CHANDLER, PhD, PE 
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: PATRICIA FARRELL, ASLA
PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING MANAGER

SUBJECT: Cultural Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture and Deepwood Estate Gardens

SUBJECT:

Request for endorsement of Draft *Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan* and recommendation to City Council to adopt the plan.

SUMMARY:

Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens are considered gems of Salem's park system. Together, they encompass 96 acres of culturally and historically significant land in the center of Salem. The significance of the two park properties is recognized for the role they played in the lives of indigenous peoples of this region, the designed landscapes and gardens of Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver, and their National Historic District designation.

The Cultural Landscape Management Plan (CLMP) is intended to establish a vision for the future and guide management and protection of the cultural, historic, and natural resources while supporting physical activity, recreational enjoyment, and educational opportunities at these sites. (A link to the CLMP is provided as Attachment 1.)

ISSUE:

Shall the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endorse the *Cultural Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens* and forward a recommendation to City Council for adoption?

RECOMMENDATION:

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board endorse the *Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan* and forward a recommendation to City Council for adoption.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- A “Cultural Landscape” is defined as a landscape that has been influenced or shaped by human involvement and includes all cultural, natural, and historic resources associated with a particular historic event, activity, and/or long-term pattern of cultural or aesthetic values.
- The *Bush’s Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan* (CLMP) documents the significant features of the park properties, including the Oregon white oaks, camas fields, and native and ornamental gardens. The CLMP provides recommendations for ways to protect and enhance these **features with four management goals derived from an overarching vision for Bush’s Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens.**
 - Goal 1: Deliver an enriching park experience for Salem residents and visitors, centered on the cultural landscape.
 - Goal 2: Build awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the significance of this landscape to the Indigenous People of this area.
 - **Goal 3: Support and protect the legibility of the historic character of the Bush’s Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens and their context.**
 - Goal 4: Enhance the ecological health of the Oregon white oaks, camas and wildflower areas, and Pringle Creek.
- The CLMP provides a comprehensive history of the two parks and detailed guidance for management and protection. It provides a complete list and description of all contributing and non-contributing features listed in the National Register of Historic Places to ensure recognition and proper management of these features into the future.
- The historic resources for each site are officially documented in the 1986 National **Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Gaiety Hill/Bush’s Pasture Park Historic District** between a Period of Significance from 1878-1938. These historic resources include the Bush House, associated buildings and structures, walkways, orchard trees, **upper and lower oak woodlands, camas fields, Deepwood Estate Gardens, Bush’s Pasture,** and the stone walls along Mission Street SE.
- Features of local importance not included in the Period of Significance (1878-1938) include the Rose Garden, play areas, ballfields, and soap box derby track, all of which will also benefit from guidance from the CLMP for their ongoing stewardship, protection, and/or future rehabilitation.

- Fourteen management areas have been defined based on their unique characteristics and features. Each area is profiled and specific recommendations, considerations, and management objectives are provided for each management area.
- The CLMP also includes potential future capital projects for park maintenance and enhancement, better connectivity, and increased interpretive features, as well as long term management ideas to address climate change impacts.
- **An important component of the CLMP is the development of a “Decision Tree”** (Attachment 2) that allows City staff the ability to assess projects proposed for **Bush’s Pasture and / or Deepwood Estate Gardens to ensure park management** recommendations and historic and cultural policies and procedures are met prior to any project being approved for implementation.

BACKGROUND:

The development of the CLMP is the culmination of research and Tribal, public, and stakeholder input. The work began in spring of 2020 with expected completion on July 26, 2021 when the draft plan is scheduled to go before City Council.

The City, through its public contracting process, selected Greenworks, Inc., who provided for this project a multi-disciplinary consultant team with expertise in cultural, historic, and natural resources.

Tribal Outreach

Regular updates on the development of the CLMP were provided to representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. Project briefings were conducted **at Salem’s Historic and Cultural Resource Compliance** Coordination Meetings on June 8, 2020, November 9, 2020, February 8, 2021, and May 10, 2021, with representatives from **the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in attendance. Additionally, a site visit to Bush’s** Pasture Park was conducted with representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde on July 22, 2020. Representatives from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, while not in attendance for the briefings or the site visit, were provided recordings as well as minutes summarizing the discussions. This was not the initiation of formal consultation with each respective Tribe, but simply information reports to ensure Tribal representatives were aware of the project and had an opportunity to provide input on the CLMP as it was developed. Members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde provided written and verbal comments on the draft plan.

Public Outreach

A stakeholder advisory group was established early in the process. Stakeholders are identified as those who have a primary interest in the two properties or facilities at the parks such as Salem Art Association, Mission Street Parks Conservancy, Deepwood Gardeners, South Central Association of Neighbors, Willamette University, Pioneer Trust, entities such as South Salem High School that **hold track meets at Bush's Pasture**, and other recreation interests, to name a few. A complete list of stakeholders is found in Attachment 3.

Public input was received through three virtual open houses and surveys. Advertisement of the open houses included eight signs in both English and Spanish posted at locations in **Bush's Pasture and Deepwood Estate Gardens**, a web page that included a YouTube video on the project, email notification signup, and pertinent project documents and summary reports. Facebook and Salem Connection e-newsletter were also utilized to announce project updates. A web page for this project has been kept current throughout the planning effort and includes open house and survey summaries, notices of upcoming public meetings, opportunities to sign up for email notices, and contact information. Below is a brief summary of the open houses.

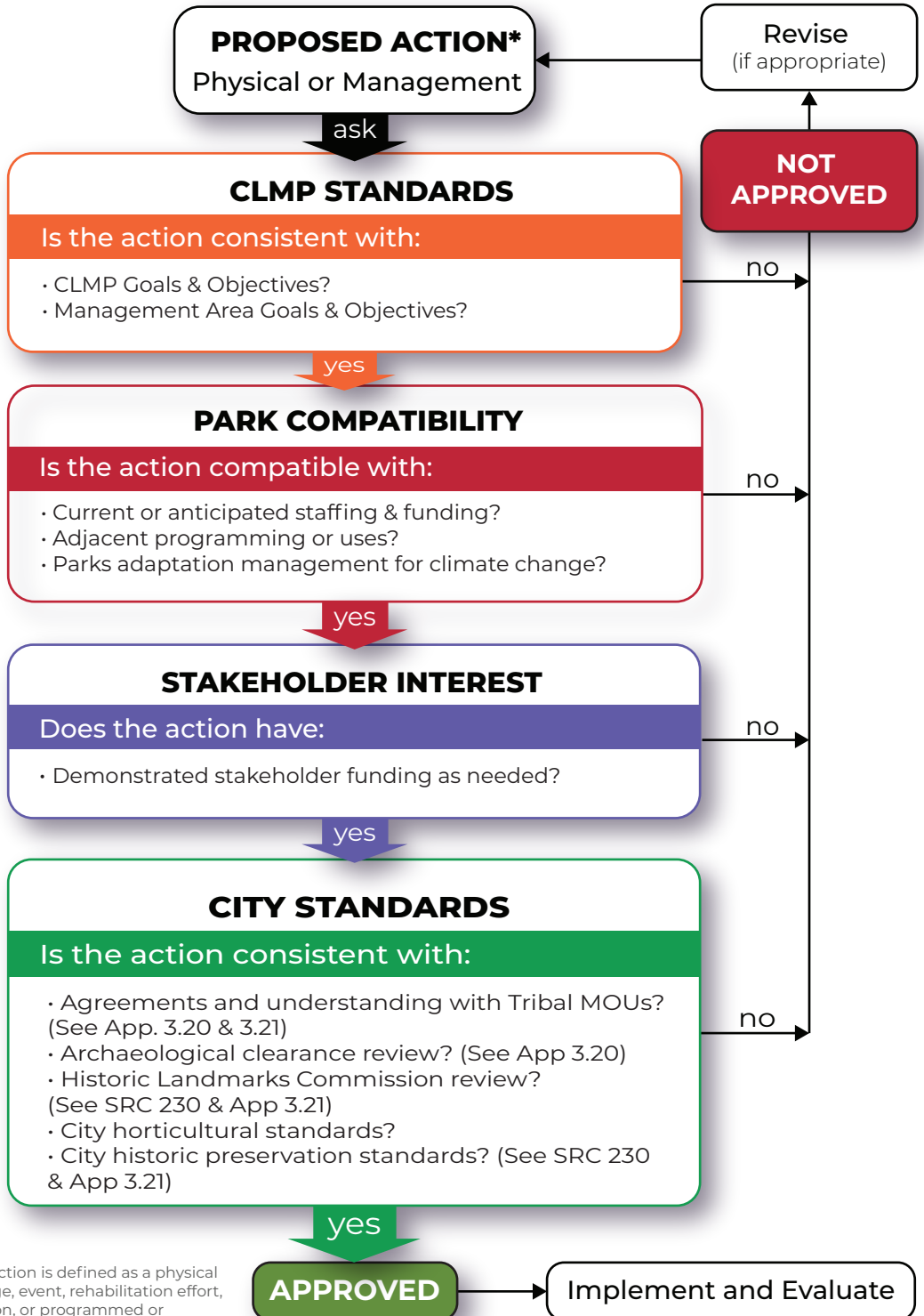
- Open House and Survey One were focused on background information about the park properties, the goals of the CLMP, how the two locations are used, favorite features and activities, and the opportunities and challenges to managing the two sites. A total of 351 people responded to the survey. One person responded in Spanish.
- Open House and Survey Two were focused on describing the 14 management areas of the two locations and proposed recommendations for each. The survey asked respondents their level of agreement with the recommendations along with an opportunity to add comments. A total of 259 people responded to the survey with two persons utilizing the Spanish version.
- Survey Three was done in concert with the presentation of the Draft Cultural Landscape Management Plan. The survey asks respondents to review the draft and provide their level of agreement on the management plan recommendations and the process to move forward in the management of the park properties. At the time of this writing, 27 people have responded to the survey. Twenty-one respondents or 81 percent indicated they agreed with the management plan recommendations and 15 respondents or 57 percent were in agreement with the process moving forward.

Presentations were given to Northeast Neighbors and Sunnyslope neighborhood associations; South-Central Association of Neighbors will receive its presentation July 14. Presentations were also provided to the Historic Landmarks Commission and the Mission Street Parks Conservancy. Letters of Support are provided (Attachment 4).

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Attachments:

1. [Draft Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan, May 2021.](#)
2. Draft Decision Tree
3. List of Stakeholders
4. Letters of Support



* An action is defined as a physical change, event, rehabilitation effort, revision, or programmed or management activity.

Bush's Pasture Park Deepwood Estate Gardens
Cultural Landscape Management Plan
Stakeholders

Stakeholder	Organization
Brian Armstrong	S.Salem High School
Lynda Boyer	Heritage Seedlings
Sandra Burnett	Salem Art Association
Jennifer Butler	Willamette University
Gretchen Carnaby	Mission Street Parks Conservancy
John Case	S. Salem Saxon Baseball Foundation
Dean Chambers	Willamette Valley Road Runners
Jon Christenson	SCAN
Christine Chute	Mission Street Parks Conservancy
Mike Compton	Pioneer Trust Bank
Eileen Cotter Howell	Salem Public Art Commission
Carroll Cottingham	Historic Landmarks Commission
David Craig	Willamette University
Woody Dukes	SPRAB
Rich Johnson	Salem Soapbox Derby Association
Susan Kephart	Willamette University
Briana Lindh	Willamette University
Mary Myatt	Deepwood Gardener
Angie Onyewuchi	Travel Salem
Rob Passage	Willamette University
Yvonne Putze	Deepwood Museum & Gardens
Wally Reed	Rhododendron Garden Society
Nancy Sanchez	Bush Park Patrol
John Savage	Willamette University
Elizabeth Saxe	Willamette Valley Road Runners
Jeff Schumacher	SCAN
Leilani Slama	Salem Health
Carol Snyder	Salem Parks Foundation
Ross Sutherland	Bush House Museum
Cindy Wagner	Salem Health
Lorrie Walker	SCAN
Pam Wasson	Lord & Schryver Conservancy



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June 28, 2021

Mayor Chuck Bennett and Salem City Council
555 Liberty Street SE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Salem HLC Comments on the Proposed Cultural Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture Park

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Council:

At the June 17, 2021 Salem Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) meeting, the HLC reviewed the proposed Cultural Landscape Management Plan (Plan) for Bush's Pasture Park and voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the Plan.

The HLC greatly appreciates how well this Plan aligns with the recently adopted City of Salem Historic Preservation Plan (2020-2030), in particular the goals relating to the preservation of cultural landscapes and archaeological resources.

The HLC appreciates the opportunity to offer support for this well written Plan and looks forward to working with members of the community, Indian Tribes, and city staff to implement key actions and strategies which will help preserve this historic resource and ensuring our community will be able to enjoy the Park's many significant features for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Schwartz".

Tracy Schwartz, Chair
Historic Landmarks Commission

Prepared By:

Kimberli Fitzgerald, AICP, RPA
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Salem



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

June 25, 2021

Patricia Farrell
Salem Parks Natural Resources Planning Manager
Public Works Department
555 Liberty ST SE, RM 325
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Patricia:

Thank you for arranging to present the June 15, 2021, draft Cultural Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens to our Board of Directors. We found the presentation very interesting. Our Board supports this draft plan and we congratulate you all on a job well done. We look forward to working with the City on implementing it.

Sincerely,

Christine Chute
Board President

cc: Salem City Council Members

Information Reports Packet
For SPRAB Meeting July 8, 2021

1. Mission Street Parks Conservancy Minutes / Quarterly Report
2. Urban Forestry Report – Milan Davis, Urban Forester
3. Parks and Natural Resources Planning Report - Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
4. Parks Operations Report – Jennifer Kellar, Parks Operations and Recreation Services Manager
5. Recreation Services Report– Becky George, Recreation Services Supervisor



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

TO: SPRAB

FROM: Mission Street Parks Conservancy

DATE: July 2, 2021

RE: MSPC Report on Activities for the Period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

The Mission Street Parks Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving, maintaining, enhancing, and interpreting Bush’s Pasture Park and other iconic landscapes on and near Mission Street.

Preserve

We reported last month that we were in initial stages of planning to reconstruct the brickwork in the Mae Tarter Old Rose Collection. That project is moving ahead. We have permission to do the work from the Historic Landmarks Commission; we have raised most of the funding required, including a grant from the Salem Parks Foundation (with help from SCAN); and the contractor is scheduled to begin work in September. We have formal support from the Bush House Museum, Lord & Schryver Conservancy, and SCAN and would appreciate a letter of support from SPRAB to assist with the last bit of our fundraising.

Maintain and Enhance

The Tuesday Gardeners have been busy in the NW corner of Bush’s Pasture Park. We spent three weeks working in the Municipal Rose Garden, mainly pruning, feeding, and mulching the roses. We have been working on the landscape beds, weeding and mulching and trying to keep new shrubs alive during the hottest days on record.

Our longtime volunteer supervisor Gretchen Carnaby has retired. Mike Slater of Slater & Son Fine Gardening has assumed Gretchen’s supervisory duties. Thankfully, Gretchen will remain connected to MSPC in other ways. You may have seen the article about her in the [Salem Reporter](#).



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Interpret

MSPC has been working with an Old Rose expert from Eugene to identify more of the Old Roses in the collection. Once this work is finished, we will relabel the roses and rewrite our brochure describing the rose garden.

Cultural Landscape Management Plan

MSPC participated as a stakeholder in the development of the draft CLMP. Our board voted to support the draft plan. We look forward to the final plan and to working with the City to implement it.

Plant sale

MSPC will hold an in-person plant sale on July 16 and 17 at Bush's Pasture Park. The sale will feature locally sourced plants from expert growers and, on Saturday, activities for children and talks about cooking and gardening with herbs. We are excited about this event – our first since 2019!



Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021

In Attendance

Gretchen Carnaby
Christine Chute
Bonnie Heitsch
Gary McKuen
Kathy Savicki
Michael Slater

1. **Agenda** Christine called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda, which was approved.
2. **Minutes** Michael moved and Kathy seconded adoption of the minutes of the March meeting as written. The minutes were approved.
3. **Financial** Gary reviewed the end of April financial report. Michael will email our spring fund raising appeal to previous donors this week. Gretchen will send hard copies to those without email addresses. Following our newsletter article about storm damage to trees, we received donations to purchase 5 trees.
4. **Old Business**
 - We have received a bid for the garden manager contract. There was review and discussion of the proposed list of deliverables. To clarify our expectations about plant sale support, Gretchen will detail the tasks involved and negotiate their role with the applicant.
 - After extensive discussion of the risk of low attendance, the decision was made to skip the plant sale this summer and plan some educational offerings instead. We need to reconstitute the Events Committee to handle the planning, but won't need to hire a Volunteer Coordinator right now.
 - Christine's grant writing for the rose garden brickwork project is going well, and the work is scheduled to be done in September. Gretchen toured the old roses with a group of rose enthusiasts from Eugene, which included an expert who is helping us further identify unknown roses in the collection.
5. **New Business**
 - Mike suggested that we invest in a partnership with Willamette University to build a webpage listing birds who frequent Bush Park. Kathy moved that we authorize Mike to pursue this; Christine seconded the motion, which was approved.

- Christine moved and Gretchen seconded that we authorize Mike to rent a GPS unit and recruit volunteers to help him document locations of, and add numeric identification tags to trees.
- We decided not to attempt a rose garden tour next month. Instead we will ask Deb to post rose pictures on Facebook and invite people to visit during peak bloom.
- During our June Board meeting we will have a presentation from Patricia Farrell on the Cultural Landscape Plan for Bush Park.
- We have received an inquiry about whether our meetings are open to the public. As a private non-profit, we are not subject to open meeting regulations and as a small, informal Board are not able to meet these expectations. However, people are welcome to ask to meet with us at any time. With Patricia's approval, we are open to the request from a neighborhood leader to observe her presentation to us in June.

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ADDENDUM

Gretchen requested a special Board meeting after talking with growers who strongly disagreed with our decision to cancel the plant sale and who were willing to participate despite the risk of low attendance. The Board convened on May 29, and decided to experiment to see what the community responds to in mid-summer when we aren't part of the Art Fair. We will combine the traditional plant sale with a fair, which will include brief talks on uses of herbs, opportunities to pot up succulents and activities for families, with food and beverages for sale. We will stay with the traditional Art Fair dates, July 16-17, 10-3 each day.

Next Meeting:

June 24, 4 to 6 pm

July 2021 SPRAB URBAN FORESTRY REPORT

Milan Davis, Urban Forester
Urban Forestry Division, Parks Operations
City of Salem Public Works Department

Reporting the month of June 2021

The Urban Forestry Division has continued to focus on ice storm damage through the month of June, using two city tree crews and two contract crews from Mountain View Tree Service. The UFD had over 170 service requests for the month of June, and currently have less than 20 service requests from the February ice storm that have not been inspected. In total the UFD has completed over 4626 hazardous tree assessments since March 1st.

The UFD has a team out watering newly planted trees 5 days a week on 10hr shifts trying to keep up with the hot weather. Currently we are using over 1500 gallons per day that are being used at 10-gallon increments per tree.

We also have two staff out updating our city tree inventory map and currently have over 20814 trees on our GIS map. Our inventory team has been working with Willamette University professor David Craig and five of his students one day a week to share how we inventory and allow them to assist us in collecting data. We are also planning to learn how they are tracking the slender-billed white breasted nuthatches. See info below from David Craig:

Milan

Thank you and your administrative network for setting me up to meet with Don Gunther today. Don and his intern Madeleine Hooker were excellent teachers introducing us to the City of Salem tree inventory protocol. I've cc'd everyone who has been part of our earlier threads as I wanted Don to get credit far and wide for a great job today.

I look forward to growing our collaboration so that my team of 5 can spend at least one afternoon a week volunteering to do City of Salem street tree and park tree inventories. Although my current interest is on the Oregon oaks, the slender-billed white-breasted nuthatches I am researching appear to use many other species of tree as well. In general, this [sensitive](#) species seems to be doing really well in Salem which I think is a credit to long-term investments and maintenance of city trees.

I can train Don, Madeliene, and anyone else who is interested in how to detect this special bird as well as our protocol for evaluating the [architectural details of large old legacy oaks](#). Our primary focus this summer is in some of the more rural oaks but our plan in Fall is to focus on city oaks. I've attached a couple of documents that elaborate on my ideas. I have also included a few photos from the fun we had today!

Don and I discussed a plan in which we would join him and Madeleine in the field on Tuesday afternoons through July to continue our training and building our speed at collecting data for the City. He and Madeleine could join us on Wednesdays to survey birds and evaluate mature oak and other large trees in our bird-oriented protocol.

If that is amenable we'll follow your direction on how many hours are appropriate to cross-train. I am hoping to use our preliminary collaboration to write external grants to fund additional tree inventory work that will hopefully benefit the City of Salem.

Who in your administration is needed for us to join the City of Salem team as volunteers or collaborators? I'd like to do whatever official actions could be useful as part of building a long-term collaboration with the City. I've also cc'd my team of Brandon Culcasi, Janet Flores, and Kayden Cantrell so they can see how our work experience today translates as professional correspondence.

Best wishes and hope our trails cross again soon.

David P. Craig (he/him)
Professor of Biology, Willamette University

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We look forward to continue working with Professor Craig and others at Willamette University.

Parks and Natural Resources Planning Update – July 2021

Geer Park Master Plan Update - Draft master plan went to City Council May 24th. It was sent back to staff due to desire expressed in public comment and by majority of Councilors for reducing the amount of new parking from 94 spaces to a lesser number. This desire reflects the goal to reduce GHG emissions from internal combustion engines and promote walking or public transportation to the park. The dog park will also be expanded. A revised plan will go back to SPRAB and Council in July.

Bush Pasture Park and Deepwood - Cultural Landscape Management Plan - Draft report will be posted mid-June and open for public comment until July 5. Historic Landmarks Commission and MSPC received presentations and will provide letters of support. SPRAB and SCAN will have presentations in July, then Council July 26.

Climate Action Plan - Draft strategies have been reviewed and edited by focus group/subject matter experts. The fifth Task Force workshop was June 23 with focus on implementation of the plan, including priority. Staff has begun their outreach for the summer/fall to ensure minority and under-represented residents of Salem are aware of the plan and process.

Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan – this project will begin late summer or early fall. This is a neighborhood park in Ilahee area of Salem. RFP is going out this month to Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architects. Toni will be the project manager. Micki and Paul are the SPRAB liaisons.

D Street Park – Construction of the D Street Park Frontage Improvements Project is expected to begin in late June. This work will add sidewalks and other improvements on the edges of the new park property. The City Urban Forester is closely monitoring trees along the edge of the project. (on going)

Bill Riegel Park – Construction for final phase of development will commence in spring/summer 2022. The project is currently in the design phase. Public outreach will be conducted with the neighborhood late summer / early fall 2021 to select play equipment for the park.

Tree City USA 45th Year – Staff has been planning quarterly events to celebrate our 45th year as TCUSA. First event was a poster contest beginning in April (Arbor Month). Next event will include “poetree” writing this summer and tree trivia contest in the fall. We are also looking at opportunities for posting TCUSA signs at major entrances (ODOT jurisdiction) to the City.

Public Tree Survey: EnviroIssues has been hired to develop the stratified random sample distribution including large lots with plantable space, and properties in low tree canopy areas. A postcard will be mailed to sample recipients with survey link to online survey. Survey is intended to go out this summer. Draft survey will be provided to SPRAB for comment before mailing out.

Willamette Slough Ludwigia Treatment –Year 2 of the grant with Willamette Riverkeeper. Treatment will occur after Iron Man competition in late July and before Labor Day.

Bald Eagle Nest at Minto Brown –USFWS has determined there are no eaglets in the nest. Big disappointment! With the Eagle population so high right now, the adults will frequent the nest to protect it from other eagles and that they may continue to do housekeeping well into the fall/winter. Trails will re-open in vicinity of nest.

Parks Operations Update – July 2021

Unsheltered Population Clean-Up Update

A clean-up was held on 6/10/21 at Cascade Gateway Park. The focus of the clean-up was the clearing and cleaning of the Beaver Grove Pavilion and southeast meadow area. “Closed for Maintenance” signs were posted on Monday, June 7th and SPD and partner agencies worked to relocate campers from this area that had been occupied for several months. A total of 11 campsites and the pavilion had their occupants relocated, most heading elsewhere in the park. Using a large crew from Service Master/Gliss Services, they were able to clean the pavilion and meadow area. Once cleaning had been completed in the designated areas, they began working in the woody triangle area to the south and got it about 1/3 cleared of garbage and debris. Cleaning will need to be completed in the south triangle at next scheduled cleaning on June 17th prior to moving to the Blue Gill Reservation Area to the north.

Statistics:

- 2 Garbage Truck Loads totaling an estimated 110 cubic yards of garbage (we will get the weight amounts tomorrow)
- 3 Trucks of metal for recycling totaling an estimated 30 cubic yards, estimated weight 4,000 pounds (2 tons)
- 2 Trailer Loads of lumber/wood products totaling an estimated 16 cubic yards (weight amounts tomorrow)

Total: 156 cubic yards of garbage and debris





2) A clean-up was held on 6/17/21 at Cascade Gateway Park. The focus of the clean-up was the clearing and cleaning of the remaining southern triangle area of the Beaver Grove Reservation Area that was not finished the week prior. Blue Gill Reservation and North Meadow areas were cleaned following the southern triangle cleaning concluded. All the open areas of the park east of Mill Creek have been cleared and cleaned as a result of the 6/10 and 6/17 cleanings.

Statistics

- Garbage truck was about $\frac{3}{4}$ full or about 45 cubic yards of garbage (uncompacted)

- 2 Trucks filled with metals for recycling or about 20 cubic yards of metals or an estimated 2,000 pounds
- 2 Trucks filled with lumber/wood produces or about 15 cubic yards of wood debris

Total of about 80 cubic yards of garbage and debris

- 3) No clean-ups were held on the week of June 21st due to a planned training cycle for SPD.
- 4) The next clean-up is scheduled for Thursday, July 1st at Wallace Marine Park in the south woods area. The cleaning area is within the Pedestrian trestle bridge to the north in the woods between the river and the berm. Many of the campers in this location have been occupying this area for 6-12 months.



Eagles Nest and Minto River Trail Status Update

- 1) US Fish and Wildlife has confirmed that we do not have eaglets this year. Originally it was thought there may be checks in the nest as there were sightings of fish being carried to the nest. Through visual monitoring, USFW confirmed that the carrying of fish has not occurred for the past couple of weeks and the adults have not been as present at the nest if eaglets were in the nest. USFW biologist indicated that the eagle population is high right now and that adults will frequent the nest to protect it from other eagles and that they may continue to do housekeeping well into the fall/winter months;

- 2) Due to the absence of eaglets, Parks will begin working to clear the ice storm debris and re-open the river trail. We are anticipating we will have the trail cleared and open within the next couple of weeks.

Pioneer Cemetery Headstone Repair and Resetting

Due to the upcoming expiration of the current contract, a recent Request for Proposal (RFP) was initiated for headstone repair and Resetting at Pioneer Cemetery. Responses to the Headstone Repair and Resetting RFP were received and there was only one responder to the RFP; Jeff Hilts Marker Setting.

An RFP Review Committee was appointed that consisted of the following members:

Jennifer Kellar, Parks Operations and Recreation Services Manager; Elisabeth Potter, Friends of Pioneer Cemetery; Dale Palmquist, Friends of Pioneer Cemetery.

Each member of the RFP Review Committee independently reviewed the proposals. The RFP Review Committee carefully evaluated the proposal that was received, comparing it to the evaluation criteria listed in the RFP.

Jeff Hilts Marker Setting is the current contractor for this specialized work with the City.

Project Updates

- 1) Basketball and multi-purpose court areas were resurfaced at Englewood and Nelson Parks.
- 2) Parking lot restriping has occurred at Riverfront Park, Pringle Park, Pringle Hall, Bush Pasture Park, and front parking lot of Wallace Marine Park.

Salem Parks Foundation (SPF) Grant Awards

Brown Road Park (North Lancaster NA)	\$2,000	Soft trail walking path
Bush Park (SCAN)	\$1,100	Sundial Restoration Project by MSPC
Englewood Park (NEN)	\$1,995	Restoration of landscape plants
Fairview Park (Morningside NA)	\$2,500	Bench w/concrete pad
Geer Park (NESCA)	\$5,000	Benches (2)
Lee Park (SESNA)	\$1,800	Picnic table
Nelson Park (SWAN)	\$9,000	Water fountain replacement
Northgate Park (Northgate)	\$2,500	Bench w/concrete pad
Orchard Heights Park (WSNA)	\$2,500	Bench w/concrete pad

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Recreation Update – July 2021

1. Events/Facility Use

- City Hall offices will reopen on Monday, July 19 after being closed for more than a year!!
- All park rental facilities, except Cascade Gateway Park and Pringle Hall, are now available for facility reservations. Since Pringle Hall is an indoor facility it was scheduled to open for reservations on October 1, but staff are moving this date up to July 19.
- Salem Rotary is planning a private, invitation only, celebration in the new Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater on Friday, July 23. Contractors have indicated they are running a bit behind due to material supply issues but hope to have the project completed by the first of August. Community interest in using this wonderful new facility remains high, especially with Oregon reopening on June 30.
- Travel Salem and Ironman Triathlons continue to work collaboratively with City staff to offer a 70.3 mile Ironman event centered at Riverfront Park on Sunday, July 25. Up to 2,300 athletes from all over the nation are expected to participate.

2. Youth Recreation Programs

- For the first time ever, the first day of City of Salem summer youth recreation programs was cancelled due to excessive heat (117 degrees). Credits or refunds were issued as requested.
- COVID-19 protocols were updated again with new guidelines taking effect on Monday, June 28. Oregon reopened on June 30th, however youth programs will be required to have participants wear masks if physical distancing cannot be maintained, even while playing outside. Providers are being encouraged to have as much programming outside as possible – which we are doing. All youth recreation programs last summer and this summer are taking place outdoors in City of Salem parks.
- Several camps are at maximum capacity, including the survival camps, the Jr. Ranger Camps, the Summer Parks Program at Sumpter Park, and Orange Ball Tennis. It's been a joy to hear kids having fun in our parks again!
- For the first time in recent memory, we have enough registrations to hold two basketball camps, for ages 5-10, at McKay Park! This is an exciting moment as we have tried many times to host a camp at this park and have not had enough interest.
- The next STRIDE event is scheduled on July 3 at Riverfront and Wallace Marine Park. The remaining season will be as follows:
 - ✓ August 7 at Riverfront, Wallace Marine and Minto-Brown Island Parks
 - ✓ September 4 at Bush's Pasture Park
 - ✓ October 2 at Minto-Brown Island Park

3. Softball and Kickball Leagues/Tournaments

- We successfully completed, in record time (without rain outs), the Spring League for softball and the first six weeks of kickball. Summer league has begun, and some nights (Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays) are full for the first time since 2019!
- Fall league registration is open with a deadline to sign-up by the third week of July or when that league night is full.

- In 2020 we had a total of 85 adult league teams registered. In 2021 we already have over 140 teams registered in the spring and summer leagues, with more to register for fall leagues later this summer. In comparison, in 2019 we had a total of 134 teams in all adult leagues.
- Youth fast pitch tournaments run by the City of Salem were held at Wallace and Orchard Heights Park on Mother's Day and Father's Day. The tournaments were sold out serving over 72 teams. Another 40 teams are entered for our 4th of July tournament. These tournaments were so popular we had a waiting list of teams asking to enter them.

Attached is the Parks and Open Space damage report. If you would like to be removed from this list or know if someone who should be added to the list, please let us know.



MEMO

TO: Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
Public Works Department

FROM: Marlene Cisneros-Villalovos, Staff Assistant
Public Works Department

DATE: June 4, 2021

SUBJECT: **Damage to City of Salem Parks and Open Space**

Damage to the City of Salem's parks and landscape maintenance areas caused by malicious mischief, theft, and reckless action is reported by the appropriate law enforcement agency, citizens and maintenance personnel. The following is a total of these incidents during May 2021. The dollar amount shown represents the estimated repair/replacement cost for the damage sustained.

A total of \$1,515.11 occurred from 5 incidents. In comparison, the total from May 2020 was \$891.48 from 2 incidents.

CC: Steve Powers, City Manager
Trevor Womack, Chief of Police
Chuck Bennett, City Mayor
Lt. Ben Bales, Commander, SPD
Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Reed Godfrey, SFD, Battalion Chief
Tye Godfrey, Facilities Services Division Manager
Jennifer Hingston, SPD, Graffiti Abatement / Volunteer Unit
Marcus Pitts, Risk Manager
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Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director
Robert D. Chandler, PhD, PE, Assistant Public Works Director
Mark Bechtel, AICP, Operations Division Manager
Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
Becky George, Recreation Supervisor
Toni Whitler, Planner
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DAMAGE TO CITY OF SALEM PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
May-21


Date Occurred	Cost	Location / Neighborhood Association	Description
05/01/21	\$347.09	River Road Park	Picnic table bench broken
05/15/21	\$212.25	Geer Park	Bathroom vent heater cover broken.
05/22/21	\$356.03	Geer Park	Picnic table board damaged.
05/22/21	\$306.03	Riverfront Park	Volunteer drop box damaged.
05/30/21	\$293.71	Riverfront Park	New bathrooms doors vandalized. Broken door handle.
5	\$1,515.11		
Total Number of Incidents	Total Dollar Damage		

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MEMO

TO: Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager 
Public Works Department

FROM: Marlene Cisneros-Villalovos, Staff Assistant 
Public Works Department

DATE: July 7, 2021

SUBJECT: **Damage to City of Salem Parks and Open Space**

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A total of \$814.79 occurred from 5 incidents. In comparison, the total from June 2020 was \$891.48 from 2 incidents.

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DAMAGE TO CITY OF SALEM PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
June-21

Date Occurred	Cost	Location / Neighborhood Association	Description
06/07/21	\$201.56	Lansing Park	Graffiti reported and removed
06/29/21	\$179.84	Geer Park	Restroom vent screen damaged
06/29/21	\$231.83	Hoover Park	Graffiti reported and removed
06/30/21	\$100.78	Highland Park	Graffiti reported and removed
06/30/21	\$100.78	Weathers Park	Graffiti reported and removed
<u>5</u>	<u>\$814.79</u>		
Total Number of Incidents	Total Dollar Damage		