

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 18, 2024

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 3:03 PM

Members Present:

Dave Hall
Lisa Bruce - zoom
Matt Withers
Judy Williams
Gordy Holmes
Peter Kamb

Members Absent:

Meagen Watne

Others Present:

Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager
Kevin Pellham, Parks Lead

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024 minutes were approved as written.

3a. Committee Members agree to add the RCO Grant discussion to the agenda.

2024 is the application year for the RCO grant, the city can apply for up to \$500,000.00 (project total \$1 million). 2025 will be the funding year. Carly Ruacho, Parks Manager is suggesting doing soccer/lacrosse field upgrades and a new parking lot due to the city not dedicating any upgrades or additions to the soccer/lacrosse user groups yet. She is suggesting adding 1 new field (field # 3 on the Heritage Park Master Plan) and upgrading two existing fields (fields #2 and #4). No improvements are planned to soccer field #1. Carly indicated that parking may need to go on the southern portion of the new Heritage property due to possible constraints with crossing the ditch on Lover's Lane for access. PTAC members expressed concern with parking off 100th Ave being underutilized and difficult to find. Most PTAC members would prefer the new parking to be located off Lover's Lane. Carly is going to have the engineer look at the best possible configuration for the parking lot and new field. The committee voted in favor of submitting for grant funding for a new parking lot and soccer/lacrosse field(s).

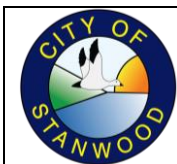
Matt Withers moved to support the Stanwood RCO grant application for new, additional parking lot and new soccer/lacrosse field(s). Second by Dave Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Park Prioritization List Update

The committee discussed and finalized their priority list of projects for Heritage Park. No action taken. The committee decided to table discussion of the Church Creek Park prioritization list to the next meeting. Once the lists are compiled the committee will vote to finalize at a future meeting.

5. New banner request for Ovenell Park to focus on the Puget Sound Public Farm

Carly let the committee know that city administration would like to take down the middle banner on the large barn at Ovenell Park. The sign references the property as a park and management feels the sign



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is misleading since improvements to the property are not currently planned. Carly proposes replacing with a banner that features artwork developed for the Ovenell lessee, Andrew Davis. The artwork depicts the public farm and will also display the Puget Sound Public Farm logo as well and the City logo. The city will bear the cost of printing and hanging the banner. Some members of the committee are not in favor of replacing the banner as the property was intended to be a park. The committee also commented that they feel the funds for the new banner should not come out of any parks budget.

6. Park Updates

Carly went over the recent updates on Parks projects.

- The Dog Park at Heritage Park opened on March 8. A ribbon cutting scheduled for 10am, Wednesday 3/27. All are invited.
- The covered dugouts for Heritage Park should be shipping this week. Construction is anticipated to begin by early April.
- Hearing Examiner public hearing for Port Susan Trail Shoreline Permit is tentatively scheduled for 4/4. The hearing will be conducted via zoom and any commission members or members of the public are free to attend.
- Hamilton Landing restrooms and remaining play equipment scheduled to arrive in April.

No action taken.

7. Committee Member Comments

Lisa Bruce- No comments

Judy Williams - She would like us to create a conversation about a volunteer program. Carly asked the committee to come to next month's meeting with a list of projects. These projects can be added to the website so interested volunteers can be directed to them.

Peter Kamb - He attended Leafline Trails quarterly meeting. He updated them on Stanwood, they hope to get it on their maps soon. He reached out to Rick Larsen to talk to him about Marine Drive and Florence Rd. He enjoyed the Everett city park called Forest Park with his kids that he attended over the weekend would like to see Stanwood parks incorporate some of what they have.

Adjourn: 5:07 PM