

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 21, 2024

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 3:13 PM

Members Present:

Gordy Holmes
Peter Kamb
Meagen Watne
Dave Hall

Members Absent:

Matt Withers
Lisa Bruce
Judy Williams

Others Present:

Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager
Alan Lytton, City Engineer/CP Manager
Dani Gaumond, City Council Member
Nathan Caferro Snohomish County Sports Commission

2. Citizen Comments

Dani Gaumond shared photos of the swings at Haller Park in Arlington, located near the water park. She suggested adding similar swings at Hamilton Park to provide a place for people to sit and enjoy views of the slough. She also proposed incorporating swings into other parks or along trails.

3. Approval of August 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

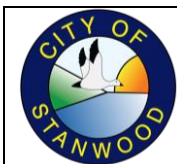
Minutes were approved as written.

4. Parks Proposed Capital Budget 2025-2026

The committee reviewed and had an in-depth conversation about the proposed Parks Capital Budget for 2025/2026, with staff providing a detailed summary of requested projects and funding allocations. The total proposed parks capital budget for 2025-2026 is \$4,150,000. No formal action was taken during the meeting. The proposed budget will proceed to City Council for review and consideration. Staff clarified that the first mile of the Johnson Farm trail will be public access with restrooms and parking planned.

5. Heritage Park Master Plan Refresh

The committee reviewed and discussed the Heritage Park Master Plan and offered recommendations for plan changes. No formal action was taken by the Committee. The plan will be sent to the architect



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for further development. Additional reviews and discussions will take place after receiving the architect's new rendering.

6. Park/Trail Updates

Heritage Park

Staff updated committee on current projects. RCO grant request for Heritage Park multi-use field and parking lot was not awarded. City submitted a small grant of \$50,000 was submitted to Snohomish County for fencing around the dugouts. No action was taken.

Stanwood Port Susan Trail

The committee was informed that the trail is nearing completion and notified of the ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for November 5th. One committee member expressed dissatisfaction with the chosen date, suggesting it should be scheduled for a time (weekend or later evening) when more people could attend. No formal action was taken by the Committee.

Church Creek Park

Staff informed the committee that the dugouts have been built and completed. They also shared plans to apply for a \$50,000 grant through T-Mobile to help with cost of benches at the park. No Committee action was taken.

Ovenell Park

The advisory committee was informed that a new banner has been installed and looks great. Staff shared an update from Andrew, reporting that things are going well at the farm. Andrew plans to attend an upcoming meeting to speak with the Advisory Committee. No action was taken.

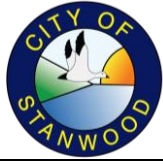
7. Committee Member Comments

Committee member shared that two meetings ago, the committee discussed AED devices, and the Pickleball Association secured funding for an AED, which is now stored in a lockbox at Heritage Park. At the last meeting, the topic of granting permission for others to use the AED was brought up. The Pickleball Association proposed providing access to the AED for any coaches on the committee.

They also recommended that the city consider purchasing additional AED devices to place closer to the fields for easier access. Concerns were raised about not providing the lockbox code to everyone, as there is a risk that the box might not be relocked properly, leading to potential loss of the equipment.

Committee member requested that city staff/sports user groups look into acquiring AED devices and lockboxes to be placed nearer to the fields.

A Committee member commented that they are impressed with all the work to facilities in recent years and expressed a desire for PTAC to begin to focus more on activities and recreational opportunities in the parks that cater to a broader audience. They suggested incorporating more non-sports activities that serve the needs of individuals who do not participate in sports (arts, chess, etc.).



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A Committee member commented that they were happy to see the nice, bold crosswalk paint on 98th from the Port Susan Trail to Hamilton Park. They requested shoulder paint be added to the bridge so pedestrians would have an identified path from the trail/park to the businesses and sidewalks on 98th and SR532.

Another Committee member commented reiterating and earlier sentiment that ribbon cutting ceremonies for parks should be after working hours so that more community members could join.

General Committee comments during discussion included the desire for a planting schedule for Heritage Park to plant some trees each year as budget allows. Also the desire to look into a "Parkitect" bicycle playground for little bike riders, potentially as a destination along the Port Susan Trail.

Staff reported that the estimate for baseball field lighting that Snohomish County received was \$476,000.00 for one field. This is only construction not design. Therefore an estimate for 4 fields could be as much as \$1.9M, but there may be some savings for unit discount.

Adjourn: 5:01 PM