



# CITY OF OREGON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Virtual Meeting  
Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.*

## INTRODUCTIONS

*Members: Karin Morey; Troy Bolinger; Steve Williams, Ken Worcester, Andy Crump*

*Staff: Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director; Melissa Sebastian, Aquatic and Recreation Manager; Jonathan Waverly, Parks and Cemetery Maintenance; Justin More, Administrative Assistant*

*Guests: Brian Martin; Lango Hansen, Kurt Lango; Lango Hansen, Tom Gaskill; Greater Oregon City Watershed Council*

*A moment of silence was held for the recent passing of PRAC Member Karin Morey.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. Approval of April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

*Andy Crump motioned to approve the minutes as distributed. Tim Wuest seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0-3.*

*All Approved: Troy Bolinger, Andy Crump, Steve Williams*

*All Opposed: None*

*All Abstain: Brent Haverkamp, Tim Wuest, Joey Knauf*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*This section on the agenda is for citizens to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on this agenda. This is a virtual only meeting, if you would like to participate, please contact Justin More at [jmore@orc.org](mailto:jmore@orc.org). The citizen has up to 3 minutes for comments. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. When the Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members do not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the Staff Member. Complaints shall first be addressed at the department level prior to addressing the Committee.*

## PRESENTATIONS

*There are no presentations on the agenda.*

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### 2. Clackamette Park Master Plan Update

*Kurt Lango began the Clackamette Park Master Plan Update with outlining how they will present the plan for 15 minutes and then open the topic for discussion. Lango Hansen received valuable feedback on the second survey regarding the three site options. Brian Martin refreshed the committee's memory of the three site plans that were available for review and public input. Mr. Martin also reviewed a handful of survey questions from the second public survey and the communities' responses. Kurt Lango identified some of the improved amenities in the park highlighting areas of most concern to the public. Some amenities include entry and parking, the RV Park, boat launch, pedestrian pathways, art and interpretation, green space, and mitigation. Mr. Lango did note that the Oregon State Marine Board will get an updated hydrological study. Troy Bolinger opened the topic for discussion.*

*Brent Haverkamp began the discussion by expressing his liking for the modifications to the skate park and loves the public gathering idea but would like to see mountain bike trails or a pump track. Kurt Lango responded by stating that Lango Hansen looked at something similar at TSW but would be difficult due to the size and space required. Andy Crump asked Lango Hansen about how they plan on dealing with the gravel shift at the existing boat ramp. Kurt Lango responded by stating there has been a lengthy effort by multiple agencies and would revisit the original study back in 2015 who are water experts. Tim Wuest expressed his concern about boat ramp and dock around high-water levels and the lack of trailer parking by the ramp. Mr. Wuest also asked about what age range is targeted with the upgraded playground. Mr. Lango answered Mr. Wuest by stating Lango Hansen would be getting a footprint for both ages and as the plan gets refined, those changes would be shown. Tim Wuest followed the response by stating the sport courts would need a fence to limit balls going into the grass and access to the Cove.*

*Joey Knauf stated that he liked the lawn areas more than the beach areas shown in option 3. Mr. Knauf asked where the best river access points in the park are going to be. Kurt Lango said that anywhere you see the tan on the final plan, they are noting that as beach access. With certain areas that are too steep, Mr. Lango sees those as ample areas to replant vegetation. Steve Williams asked how many total trailer sites are available in the final site option and Brian Martin says approximately 65 spaces with 4 loading and unloading prep areas with an additional 20 in the overflow lot. Troy Bolinger encouraged Lango Hansen to reach out for public input once it comes time to create the play structure through a focus group.*

3. Tyrone S. Woods Park Never Forget Garden Proposal

*This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the start of the meeting.*

3. Greater Oregon City Watershed Council Abernethy Creek Trail Update

*Tom Gaskill presented to PRAC about what work has been completed at Singer Creek and Abernethy Creek for habitat restoration. Tom Gaskill expressed his gratitude towards Kendall Reid for writing a letter displaying his support for the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council receiving the Metro Enhancement Grant. Tom Gaskill also noted the importance of their outreach to community members prior to the finalization of construction in order to address concerns before the completion of the trail. Mr. Gaskill highlighted the focus on the removal of invasive species and beginning native planting. The trail construction has been completed and the maintenance of the habitat and trail at Abernethy Creek Park is a point of emphasis for the 2022 proposal. Tom Gaskill and Troy Bolinger opened the topic up for discussion.*

*Brent Haverkamp began the discussion by asking Tom Gaskill why it is important to remove invasive species. Tom Gaskill noted that the impact of invasive species suppresses native species due to overgrowth, overpopulating, and taking away food sources. This process allows for the native species to thrive. Steve Williams asked if the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council and its volunteers will be responsible for the maintenance of the trails. Mr. Gaskill stated that they will be supporting the City with trail maintenance. Joey Knauf continued the discussion by asking how to maintain keeping the blackberries and other species back and if they use herbicidal treatments. Mr. Gaskill did confirm they do hire contractors who use approved herbicidal treatments for aquatic areas to not harm the habitat and to help aid in the restoration.*

## **STAFF REPORTS**

*Kendall Reid provided an update on the Clackamette Park Master Plan with a recap of the third public engagement meeting and the next steps being a joint PRAC and City Commission Meeting on July 12, 2022. Mr. Reid also updated the committee on the Parks Master Plan with a city-wide survey about the Oregon City Parks system and an additional public engagement following the survey results. Kendall Reid also asked the committee to be aware of the graffiti and vandalism taking place in our parks and to report any activity that the community may see.*

*Jonathan Waverly updated the committee on park maintenance. The grounds are wet resulting in mowers getting stuck and creating an inability to mow. In May, the Parks and Cemetery crews prepared the cemetery for their Memorial Day event. Mr. Waverly continued Kendall Reid's comments about the graffiti and vandalism taking place in the parks and the extent of damages done. Jonathan Waverly noted that the mausoleum roof repair is starting to get underway with materials being ordered and service dates being provided. The Parks crew is also beginning work at the river access and Cove trail due to damages from fires and ice storms in previous years. There was also late season flooding at Sports Craft Landing and Clackamette Park. Mr. Waverly commented on the new disc golf baskets being installed at Singer Creek Park and is*

*taking community input on how the course can be remodeled. Jonathan Waverly noted that the spray parks were recently vandalized and are awaiting parts in order to make the spray parks operational again in the coming weeks. The Parks Department is working with Oregon Patrol to do nightly routes to help deter the use of the parks after hours and reduce vandalism. As a final remark, Mr. Waverly wanted the committee to be aware of current staffing shortages and when the parks crew is spraying, they are all certified to spray and use only authorized spray applications.*

*Melissa Sebastian provided an update on current staff training for the upcoming summer season for lifeguards, swim instructors, and camp counselors. The Oregon City Pool received a training services award from the American Red Cross due to the training and emergency preparedness training. Mrs. Sebastian noted the pool is changing to a summer schedule with additional recreation swim times available as well as swim lessons getting underway. The new recreation coordinator, RJ, began this week and the pool is now fully staffed. Melissa Sebastian told the committee about upcoming City events with the First City Celebration, Concerts, and Movies in the Park beginning soon. The pool also recently received a grant for additional funds for more camps and staff to provide more services to the committee.*

## **MEMBER REPORTS**

*Brent Haverkamp started his member report by asking Kendall Reid if the PRAC meetings are going to be moved back to City Hall. Mr. Reid responded by stating a conversation would have to take place with the City Manager and a vote is needed by PRAC to move back to in-person meetings. Mr. Haverkamp is asking that the Parks Master Plan address the expansion of the Park Place neighborhood and provide another park to accommodate the expansion. Brent concluded his member report by stating the committee needs to fill Karin Morey's vacancy and with one of her passion's being the cemetery if there was an opportunity to memorize her someday at the cemetery. Jonathan Waverly addresses the memorial by stating the Parks department has been reached out to by the Oregon City Women's Club and they are working together to do a memorial for Karin Morey. Troy Bolinger addressed the current vacancies by commenting that he has spoken with Kendall Reid about filling the position during next month's meeting and having interviews to fill the other vacancies.*

*Tim Wuest provided a report about the grant that is being applied for at the Buena Vista House due to a lack of areas to host events in Oregon City. Mr. Wuest noted that the Parks Department is currently understaffed and asked Kendall Reid if it would be feasible for the Parks Department to take on the Buena Vista House if approved. Mr. Reid replied with there is a big need for deferred maintenance throughout the City and with the additions of new parks and in the future, a need for a remodel of the pool. Kendall Reid wants the committee to provide input on what they believe the needs are and areas they would like to see be the focus of the City.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Sportscraft Landing Negotiations

Community Garden at Pioneer Center

Park Development Goals/Park Designs

PRAC Parks Tour

Parks Foundation Presentation

Parks Master Plan

Parks and Recreation Funding

Clackamette Park Master Plan

WES Good Neighbor Funds

Joint Operations Center

Willamette Falls Legacy Project

Property Acquisition

The Cove

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING - July 28, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*