



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
Monday, January 8, 2024
6:30 P.M. – IN PERSON / VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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The Parks & Recreation Board will also have Business from The Audience at the end of the meeting. To speak during this time, please email pwoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on January 8, 2024 with your topic of discussion.

- Roll Call
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Approval of November 13, 2023 Minutes
- Business from Staff
 - Updates on new Meldrum Bar Playground and Robinhood Park Improvements
 - Metro Local Share – discussion, information needed from Board Playground Equipment Update

- Business from Board
 - Review 2023 Park Budget to determine available money for park improvements
 - Nature Park – selected to receive ADA table and new trash can; connectivity to pathway
 - Volunteer Group – How does it work with city on special projects
 - Meldrum Bar Park – RC Track discussion
- Business from Audience
- Next Meeting February 12, 2024
- Adjourn

GLADSTONE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 P.M. (In Person/Via Zoom Platform).

PRESENT:

Chair Bruce Hildreth, Nancy Turner, Ellen Faber, Kate Cornelius, David Michael, Justus Mills

ABSENT:

Kim Agrimson

STAFF:

Darren Caniparoli, Public Works Operations Manager; Kristin Bowen, Executive Assistant for Public Works Department; Veronica Reichle, Council Liaison; Marci Jory, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator

1. Self-Introductions/Roll Call:

2. Approval of October 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Ellen Faber made a motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Justus Mills. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Business from Staff – Darren Caniparoli:

- **Metro Parks and Nature Bond Local Share Projects:**

Ms. Jory introduced Metro Deputy Director MG Devereux. Mr. Devereux went over what Metro is and what they do. It formed in the 1970's and is one of the only regionally elected governments in the U.S., extends across 24 cities, and tries to bring one voice together for state and federal planning decisions (transportation, the zoo, convention center, garage/recycling, and a regional parks system). He went over some of their parks/recreation/nature areas. He went over the various grant programs they have. They have provided support for the Gladstone Nature Park, Meldrum Bar Park, Dahl Beach, and the Trolley Trail. They encourage community engagement in their projects. He went over the Metro 2019 Park and Nature Bond Local Share Project. It was created in 2006 with the passage of a Metro bond measure. In 2019 a new bond effort was put forward by Metro – instead of pre-identifying projects, the bond put the dollar amount for each jurisdiction and asked those jurisdictions to come back to Metro with an idea of what projects would fit into the overall bond criteria of connecting people with nature, having good thoughts of community engagement/racial equity, and how we might use those projects to prepare for a changing environment. Gladstone has approximately \$852,000 allocated out of the 2019 bond. The funds are for capital projects (land acquisition, rehab/development of existing facilities, etc.). The goal is to have the bond fully expended by 2030.

He went over the community engagement aspect. They would like to see that as a jurisdiction you've put into place the idea that the community around you has an instrumental role in shaping where these bond dollars go. He gave examples of how some jurisdictions have gone about this (surveys, etc.). Ms. Jory went over possible ways to engage the community. There was discussion regarding the program, projects, play structures, matching funds, restrooms, trails, picnic shelters, etc.

- **Playground Equipment Update:**

Mr. Caniparoli said the equipment for Meldrum Bar Park and the swing for Robin Hood Park will be delivered this week. He doesn't have a date for installation yet.

4. Business from the Board:

- Discussion of a park project to promote, that we can seek grant funding for in the \$150,000 range: Mr. Caniparoli is asking for a list of projects/options so they can look for grant funding to do the projects. There was discussion regarding matching funds, projects, dollar amounts, etc. It was agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss this and make a list.
- Choose a park to enhance with new garbage cans, picnic tables, benches, etc.: Chair Hildreth asked for suggestions. The first park will be Robin Hood – they will be putting in a new garbage can, a new bench, and adding a picnic table. Nick Shannon Park was the next one on the list. Chair Hildreth suggested replacing a garbage can and adding an ADA picnic table in the Nature Park. Any new picnic tables would involve installing a concrete pad. Mr. Caniparoli said if they want to replace garbage cans/picnic tables there they would do all three.

Ellen Faber made a motion to make Nick Shannon Park #2 and the Nature Park as #3 on the list for enhancements. Motion was seconded by Kate Cornelius. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Request for a volunteer project to place parking bumpers in the Nature Park parking lot: Chair Hildreth said they have had collaboration with volunteers before and he is hoping they could do it again. He suggested Public Works mark out where the bumpers go. David Michael suggested attaching a “fire lane/no parking” sign to the chain – Mr. Caniparoli can have that done.

5. Business from the Audience:

None.

6. Round Table:

Ellen Faber said she and Nancy Turner visited Meldrum Bar Park today and visited the RC car/track area – she said you can’t access the paved trail because the mud is too dangerous, there are rocks all over the trail, there are huge gullies full of water within the RC area, and you can see more erosion since last spring that is damaging trees/plants. She doesn’t understand why they are allowed to continue to be so destructive to the park. She feels they need to cease and desist now rather than later. Chair Hildreth said there could be funding they could use – he suggested discussing this during the meeting regarding projects. David Michael feels that if this group is damaging the park they need to be kicked out. There was further discussion (future park plans, inclusivity, location, closing it down, etc.). Councilor Reichle suggested reaching out to the RC group about working together on the situation. This topic will be discussed further before contacting the group.

Councilor Reichle said before the Council Work Session on November 28th they are having a presentation from ODFW regarding the Tree City USA program. She encouraged everyone to attend.

7. Meeting Adjourned:

David Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ellen Faber. (No vote was taken)

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

**Next meeting will be on January 8th, 2024.