



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
Monday, September 12, 2022
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 September 12, 2022 with your topic of discussion.

1. Self-Introductions/Roll Call. Current members of the Park and Recreation Board are: John Eichsteadt, Nancy Turner, Olivia Edwards, Ellen Faber, Bruce Hildreth, David Michael, Martha Perantoni, City Council liaison is Mayor Tammy Stempel.
2. Approval of August 8, 2022 Minutes

3. Business from Staff

- Update on Robin Hood Park improvements
- Update on vandalism and graffiti throughout the parks

4. Business from Board

- Discussion of work plan and goals for 2023-2025

5. Business from audience

6. Next Meeting October 10, 2022

7. Adjourn

GLADSTONE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. (In Person/and Via Zoom platform).

PRESENT:

Chair John Eichsteadt, Nancy Turner, Ellen Faber, Bruce Hildreth, David Michael, Olivia Edwards, Martha Perantoni

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Darren Caniparoli, Public Works Operations Manager; Kristin Bowen, Executive Assistant for Public Works Department; Mayor Tammy Stempel, City Council Liaison

1. Self-Introductions/Roll Call:

2. Q&A with Iris Benson, Oregon Parks & Recreation – “Beyond ADA”:

Ms. Benson has been working on accessibility standards. She gave an overview of the project they are working on. She is focused on House Bill 2171 – there was a section in the bill that asked State parks to establish state-wide recommended standards for the design of recreation projects (trails, docks, public recreation access points, and projects). They will apply these standards to all future projects. She went over background information/history on the project.

Ellen Faber asked where they can access the information – they are completing the guidebook now and are creating a webpage that will hopefully be available in October. Martha Perantoni asked what other communities’ concerns are regarding ADA issues – people are wanting resources, they have questions regarding local government grant programs, and there are questions about whether the standards will be required for all communities/agencies. Mayor Stempel asked what ABA is – it is “Architectural Barriers Act” and deals more with recreation facilities (campgrounds, etc.). Chair Eichsteadt asked if the recommendations will be categorized by the type of disability – they are primarily focused on mobility barriers. Olivia Edwards asked about existing projects – they have an ADA transition plan, and they are putting together a strategy to improve facilities over time.

3. Approval of July 11, 2022 Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes. Chair Eichsteadt did a roll call vote - the minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

4. Business from Staff – Darren Caniparoli:

- Update on Park Maintenance:

They continue to mow on a weekly basis – they are very short staffed this year, so it has been a struggle. Vandalism continues to be an issue in the parks (graffiti, kicked-in doors, etc.). They try to clean restrooms 2 – 3 times per week.

- Oregon State Grant Opportunity:

They are looking at a grant through Oregon State Parks that will pave the outer loop trail at the Nature Park. It will have to go before City Council for approval in September so

they can move forward with applying for the grant. The grant is a 50/50 match – the City’s half would come out of the project line item in the budget. They are asking for approval to move this forward to City Council. The path would have to be ADA compliant. David Michael has concerns about the slopes on the trails. Bruce Hildreth asked what the cost would be – Mr. Caniparoli said the cost was estimated at \$60,000 when the master plan was done, so it would be approximately 15 – 20 % more now. Martha Perantoni said that it wouldn’t necessarily have to be paved – it could be crushed gravel or another surface for a lower cost. Nancy Turner feels it would be possible to make the trail ADA accessible, but they need more input on how to do that and where the trail will be. Ellen Faber thinks if they can get grant money for the project they should apply for it. David Michael said they don’t know what they’re approving and at what cost. He thinks they need a paved parking lot and an accessible restroom as well.

Mayor Stempel said they hired a profession firm to do the site plan – part of what they did was walking the park and figuring out where things best fit. This trail was designed to be in the least sloped area of the park. They need to leave the details to someone else. They just need to decide on this one trail – the other projects are separate.

Ellen Faber made a motion to approve moving forward with the grant application. Motion was seconded by David Michael. Chair Eichsteadt took a roll call vote: Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

David Michael said this issue came up quickly and he’s not happy about that because they are supposed to be part of the planning process. Mayor Stempel said they have gone through the feasibility study, hiring the firm, public outreach, etc. so it’s all been vetted. Nothing has been done in secret. Since they have a newly hired grant writer they have someone who can help them find the funding. Mr. Caniparoli said these things needs to be included in their work plan for the next two years in order to move forward.

5. Business from the Board:

- Selection of Park Amenities (benches, picnic tables, trash containers):
Chair Eichsteadt went over the options.

Park Benches – Jameson

Picnic Tables – Parktastic/webbed design (Nancy Turner would also like to see some octagon tables, especially at Max Patterson Park)

Trash Containers – Parktastic/dome cover

- Robin Hood Park Update:
They are working on organizing a work party to remove invasive plants from the fence line and remove a stump. They will need to ask for access to the back side of the fence.
- Gladstone Community Festival – Discuss Volunteer Experiences:
Chair Eichsteadt helped with the set up.
- Organizing Volunteers/Work Groups for Parks:

Martha Perantoni would like to see the website improved – to add park maps and descriptive information so that people know what to expect when they get there. She would also like to set up community volunteer groups to help maintain the parks and help with projects. They could reach out to the community on a regular basis and share what/where the needs are. Everyone supported her ideas. Neighbors Helping Neighbors was suggested as a starting point of contact.

6. **Business from the Audience:**

Mayor Stempel recently met with some sports enthusiasts, and they are concerned about a place for the teams using Meldrum Bar Park to keep their equipment. They would like to start a discussion regarding building something there. Mr. Caniparoli said it is already included in the site plan – it can be included in the two-year goals and prioritized.

7. **Meeting Adjourned:**

David Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ellen Faber. Chair Eichsteadt took a roll call vote – motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

****Next meeting will be on September 12th, 2022**



City of Gladstone Strategic Plan Years 2019-2023

The City of Gladstone is a thriving organization. In effort to prioritize for a future with forecasted financial resources, the City Council and employees prepared a five year strategic plan beginning in 2016 to chart a direction for the City to better serve its citizens. The City and employees met in January of 2017 and 2018 to update the strategic plan, which continues to identify the City's vision, mission, core values, goals, and objectives. This document is utilized by the City in the developments of budgets and to provide guidance on Council policies.

Vision

- Gladstone - a vibrant place for people to live, work and play

Mission

- Continually Improving ~ Quality Customer Service

Core Values

- Safe Community
- Healthy Economy
- Quality Services
- Accountable Leadership
- Citizen Engagement

Goals

- Enhance the Livability in Gladstone
- Address Critical Civic Building Needs
- Ensure a Highly Qualified Workforce
- Maintain the Health and Long Term Vibrancy (Stability) of the City of Gladstone
- Ensure Financial Stewardship and Long Term Municipal Financial Stability

PARKS BOARD WORK PLAN OBJECTIVES – 2022

CONTINUE TO FACILITATE AND IMPLEMENT PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS		Priority 1 2 3 4 5...	
		2021	2022
	Install secondary loop walking trail at Nature Park (would prefer it to be paved and linked with the primary trail)	5	4
	Community-partner on events that maintain citizen involvement	8	5
	Explore park host possibilities and associated costs at Meldrum Bar Park (Include in Meldrum Bar Park Plan)	0	6
	Complete Highway 99E trail crossing from Dahl Beach to Charles Ames Park (This will be folded in with the Meldrum Bar project)	0	11
	Rezone the Nature Park as Open Space per Master Plan		10
	Robin Hood Park Improvements: refer to list		1
	Nick Shannon Park Improvements: refer to list		7
Final Score Average			

IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE REVENUE SOURCES AND PLAN A STRUCTURED IMPLEMENTATION TO BEGIN COLLECTING REVENUE		Priority 1 2 3 4 5...	
		2021	2022
	Research and implement park user fees A: Rental of covered park structures rental/reservations at Gladstone City Parks	1	3
	Understand fee structure for youth sports teams and cost recovery model (PUT ON HOLD/ WORKING ON W/USER GROUPS)	3	2
Final Score Average			

CREATE SYSTEMS THAT WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE RECREATION PROGRAMMING		Priority 1 2 3 4 5...	
		2021	2022
	Research recreation programming that could be linked to the transient lodging tax	6	8
	Ridgegate property Parcel A, educational signage and park bench on Parcel A.	7	9
Final Score Average			