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### **WELCOME**

The Wilsonville Parks Bond Task Force is pleased to present their recommendation to the City Council for park projects to be considered for funding in a future bond measure. The Task Force was appointed by the Council to review, evaluate, and prioritize which park-related improvements should be included for funding through a 2020 Parks Bond Measure. The Task Force members met six times between December 2019 and March 2020 to familiarize themselves with the City's park master plans and discuss project options for a bond measure that would serve the greater Wilsonville community.

The City hired a professional facilitator, Sara Singer Wilson, of SSW Consulting, to lead the Task Force in their discussions. City staff presented information about the City's park system and provided a detailed overview of the various park planning processes including the development of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Parks Master Plan, Boones Ferry Park Master Plan, Memorial Park Master Plan, Frog Pond Community Park, and the Community Scale Skate Park.

The Task Force used different methodologies to evaluate the park projects including voting exercises and online ranking surveys. The final Task Force recommendation was formed using a consensus-based approach, where the group reached an agreement for a recommendation that everyone could support. The process included thoughtful discussion of Wilsonville's park system, respectful debate, and an open forum to share concerns and ideas. The process resulted in a list of projects that provide something for everyone in the community.

### PARK BOND TASK FORCE SUMMARY REPORT

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### RECOMMENDATION

A detailed report of the Task Force process is included in the pages that follow, providing the reasoning that supports the recommendations below. The Task Force used the following criteria when evaluating the projects:

- » Public Involvement: Has the community indicated this project is a priority during previous public outreach processes?
- » Additions: Are we adding an amenity to the City's park system that doesn't currently exist?
- » Capacity Building: Are we adding needed capacity to an existing amenity?
- » Equity: Will the project serve a range of demographics? Can the project benefit residents across the community?

### TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION



### **01. PRIORITY PROJECTS**

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### **BACKGROUND + PROCESS OVERVIEW**

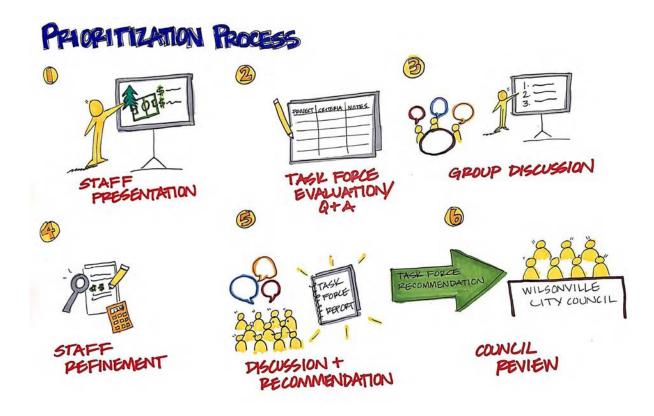
The City of Wilsonville has developed several planning documents related to future park development over the last five years. These plans include the Memorial Park Master Plan, Boones Ferry Park Master Plan, Frog Pond Community Park Concept Plan, and the City's Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Each plan includes recommendations for park improvement projects based on the input collected from the community. All of these plans are available to view on the City's website.

While significant public involvement efforts were conducted to determine the community's ideas for park improvements, the park projects have not been prioritized to determine which projects to implement first. The City Council directed staff to form a Task Force to review, evaluate, and prioritize the projects for consideration for a 2020 Parks Bond Measure. The Task Force members were selected to represent diverse segments of the Wilsonville community. The Task Force convened in December 2019 to begin their evaluation and prioritization process. City staff provided background information on the park projects to familiarize the Task Force members with Wilsonville's park system organized the projects into "project groupings" based on the consultant recommendations in the master plans and best practices to maximize construction efficiencies.

In addition to reviewing Wilsonville's park projects, the Task Force members learned about the general obligation bond process, reviewed information and practices from other communities' bond measures, and discussed Wilsonville's bond history and the financial impacts of different bond amounts on residential properties.

Once the Task Force completed a review of the background information, they began their prioritization process as outlined in the graphic on the next page.

A summary of each Task Force meeting is available in the next section of this report (see page 9). Meeting materials and presentations are available to view in the Appendix.



### **1. STAFF PRESENTATION**

Staff presented the project groupings to the Task Force based on the information from the City's master plans. The group was tasked with evaluating the projects based on the four criteria defined by staff (see page 5). Staff also provided information on the public involvement results.

### 2. TASK FORCE EVALUATION/Q+A

The group used a worksheet to make notes on the projects as staff presented. At the end of each project description, and online polling/discussion platform was used to capture the groups' questions and comments. The questions and responses are provided in Appendix A.

### **3. GROUP DISCUSSION**

The Task Force was divided into three small groups to have in-depth discussion about the projects. Each group presented their recommendations to the larger group. We evaluated the themes that emerged from these discussions. At the end of the presentations, the Task Force members conducted a dot polling exercise.

### 4. STAFF REFINEMENT

Staff met with the consultant (SSW) to review the themes and polling results. An online prioritization survey was prepared to provide another mechanism for prioritizing all of the projects using a weighted average. The results are shown on page 13 of this report.

### 5. DISCUSSION + RECOMMENDATION

The Task Force members used the data from the polling exercise, group discussions, and online survey to further their discussion regarding how the projects should be prioritized. The group worked towards achieving consensus by making proposals and amendments until the members reached consensus on a recommendation that everyone could support and live with.

### 6. COUNCIL REVIEW

The Task Force is submitting their recommendation to be reviewed by the City Council in spring 2020. The Council will make a decision to propose projects for a future bond measure based on the data gathered through this process in addition to other information presented by staff and the community.

### TASK FORCE MEETINGS

On the following pages is a detailed summary of each Task Force meeting. The meeting presentations and resources are available in the Appendix as noted in each summary.

### MEETING #1: DECEMBER 10, 2019

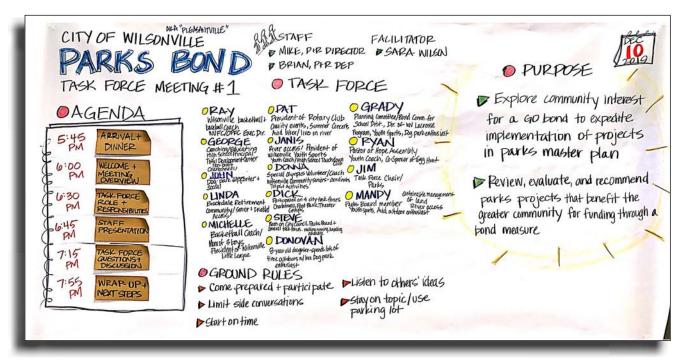
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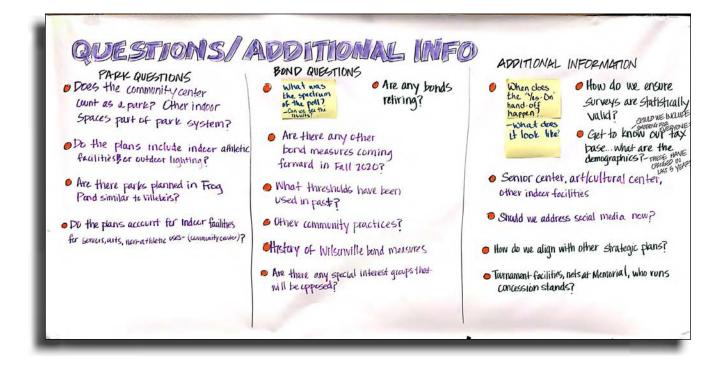
The initial Task Force meeting oriented everyone to the purpose and process for the next few months. The group established ground rules that would be used for each meeting as shown in the graphic below. The facilitator (SSW) provided an overview the members' roles and responsibilities, Task Force goals, and meeting schedule. The members provided introductions sharing the organizations or community groups they represent.

City staff presented an overview of the City's parks master plans (see Appendix B), the community engagement results of these planning processes, and an overview of the bond measure process. The Task Force was divided into small groups to discuss the following questions:

- » What other questions do you have about Wilsonville's park system?
- » What else would you like to explore about the bond measure process?
- » What else do you hope the task force will explore in this process?

The meeting notes are available in Appendix B.





### **MEETING #2: JANUARY 14, 2020**

### BOND PROCESS + COMMUNITY BEST PRACTICES

Using the inquiries from the December 10 Task Force meeting, City staff and SSW presented information on the bond process, bond practices and data from other Oregon communities, best practices for gathering public opinion and community research, and Wilsonville's bond history and data. The meeting notes and presentation materials are included in this report as Appendix C.

### **MEETING #3: JANUARY 28, 2020**

### **BOND PROCESS + COMMUNITY BEST PRACTICES**

The Task Force members were reoriented to the prioritization process and the criteria for evaluation. Each member received a worksheet to capture their notes on the park projects during staff's presentation. To facilitate the questions for each park project grouping, SSW used an online polling software where Task Force members could provide comments or ask questions. Some of the questions were answered in the meeting, and others were addressed in the meeting notes by staff. See the meeting notes in Appendix D.

Staff presented the park project groupings (see Appendix G) that will be considered for the prioritization process. The project groupings were based on the consultant recommendations in the master plans and best practices to maximize construction efficiencies.

The park project groupings include the following:

- » Memorial Park East
- » Memorial Park Fields
- » Memorial Park Ballfield Bathrooms & Concessions
- » Memorial Park Courts
- » Memorial Park River Access
- » Memorial Park Maintenance Facility Upgrades
- » Frog Pond Park Community Park
- » Boones Ferry Park River Access
- » Boones Ferry Park East
- » Boones Ferry Park Central
- » Boones Ferry Park Tauchman House
- » Boones Ferry Park North
- » Boones Ferry Park West
- » Community Scale Skatepark Town Center
- » Natural Resource Plan and Enhancement
- » Community Center Improvements
- » Neighborhood Park Improvements
- » Community Garden
- » Charbonneau Sidewalk Repair
- » Charbonneau Sidewalk Extension

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THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS SHARED THEIR TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR A PARK BOND MEASURE AS PART OF THE ONLINE POLLING PROCESS. THIS "WRDL" GRAPHIC REPRESENTS THE TOP PRIORITIES BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE WORD.

### MEETING #4: FEBRUARY 11, 2020

### SMALL GROUP PRIORITIZATION EXERCISE

Staff began the meeting by providing information on the bond costs for residential properties as shown in the chart below.

	20 YEA	R DEBT SERVICE	
Net Proceeds from Bond Sale	\$ 20,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$60,000,000
Rate per \$1K of Assessed Value	0.3095	0.6169	0.9502
Average Assessed Value*	\$331,000	\$331,000	\$331,000
Estimated Annual Levy	\$102.44	\$204.19	\$314.52
Estimated Monthly Levy Cost	\$8.54	\$17.02	\$26.21

\*Average Residential Assessed Value Per Clackamas County Assessor Office

The Task Force members were divided into three small groups to discuss the projects and develop a presentation of recommended park projects for the Task Force members' consideration.

Each group met and discussed the projects. They presented their recommendations to the group. The recommendations are shown in the image below:

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Following the group presentations, the Task Force members participated in a dot polling exercise where they were each given five dots to vote on the projects they believe should be prioritized. They were allowed to place multiple dots on each project. The results of this exercise are shown below. See the meeting notes in Appendix E.

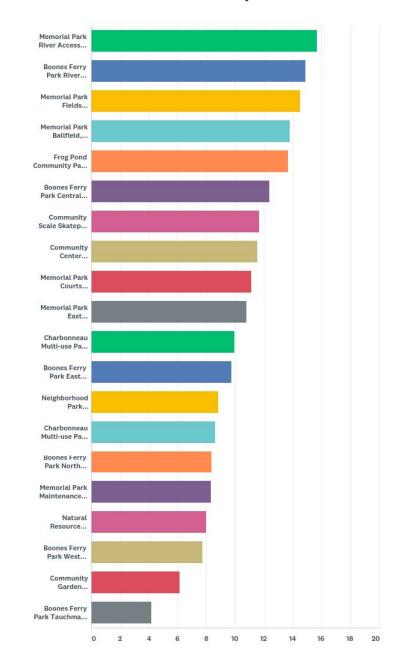
PARK PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	# OF VOTES
Memorial Park River Access	\$2,700,000	12
Frog Pond Park Community Park	\$17,500,00	10
Memorial Park Fields	\$8,500,000	9
Community Scale Skatepark - Town Center	\$800,000	8
Boones Ferry Park River Access	\$5,050,000	7
Memorial Park Ballfield Bathrooms & Concessions	\$250,000	5
Boones Ferry Park Central	\$3,300,000	5
Community Center Improvements	\$600,000	5
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Extension	\$2,500,000	4
Boones Ferry Park West	\$700,000	2
Memorial Park East	\$3,000,000	1
Memorial Park Courts	\$900,000	1
Boones Ferry Park East	\$3,600,000	1
Boones Ferry Park Tauchman House	\$750,000	1
Boones Ferry Park North	\$600,000	1
Natural Resource Enhancement and Management Plan	\$200,000	1
Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$600,000	1
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair/Replacement	\$1,500,000	1
Memorial Park Maintenance Facility Upgrades	\$350,000	0
Community Garden	\$100,000	0

### MEETING #5: FEBRUARY 25, 2020

### SURVEY RESULTS + TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

Following Meeting #4, an online prioritization survey was sent to the Task Force to allow them to rank all of the projects. The survey results show a weighted average for each project. The advantage of this survey in addition to the polling exercise was that it allowed members who were absent from the February 11 meeting a chance to participate as well as providing a ranking for all of the projects. The results of the online survey are shown in the chart below.

Q2 Following your review and discussion of the projects listed below, how would you rank the following projects (1= top priority, 20= lowest priority) to best serve the Wilsonville community?



The Task Force members discussed the themes from their group presentations, the results of the dot voting exercise, and the online polling results. The group discussed various options for categorizing the projects by reviewing how projects met the overall criteria (public involvement, additions, capacity building, and equity), evaluating how projects met the needs of various voter blocks, and reviewing types of projects (river access, fields, etc.). Following much discussion about the benefits of the various projects, the group began to narrow their discussion to the following two proposals:

### **PROPOSAL 1**

### **ESTIMATED COST**

Frog Pond Park Community Park	\$ 17,500,000
Memorial Park Fields	\$ 8,500,000
Boones Ferry Park River Access	\$ 5,050,000
Boones Ferry Park Central	\$ 3,300,000
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair/Replacement	\$ 1,500,000
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Community Center Improvements	\$ 600,000
TOTAL	\$ 37,250,000

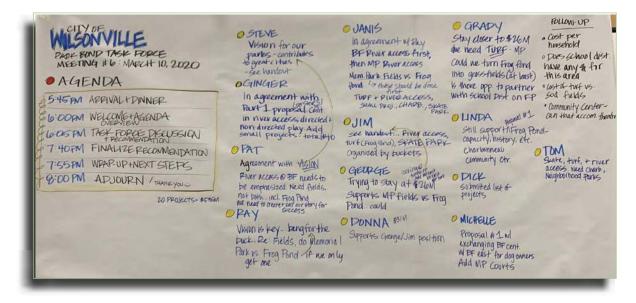
PROPOSAL 2	ES	TIMATED COST
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Memorial Park Ballfield Bathrooms & Concessions	\$	250,000
Natural Resource Enhancement/Management Plan	\$	200,000
Community Garden	\$	100,000
TOTAL	\$	25,500,000

Following the discussion, it was agreed that more review and discussion was needed before the group could reach consensus and/or be prepared to make a final recommendation. See the meeting notes and presentation in Appendix F.

### **MEETING #6: MARCH 10, 2020**

### SURVEY RESULTS + TASK FORCE DISCUSSION

The Task Force reviewed the proposals from the February 25 meeting. Each member had 1.5 minutes to share their current position in supporting the existing proposals, amending the proposals, or making a new proposal for the group to consider. A summary of their comments is shown in the graphic on the following page. Some of the members prepared written statements and additional research which is included in this report as Appendix G.



Following much discussion and debate, the Task Force reached consensus on their recommendation to present to the City Council. City staff and SSW thanked the Task Force members for their participation and service. The recommendation is expected to be presented to the Council in spring 2020.

### RECOMMENDATION

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### APPENDIX

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Questions and Answers from January 28, 2020 Parks Bond Task Force Meeting
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Memorial Park	
Question	Answer
Where do the prices quoted come from and how accurate are they?	Prices are based off information gathered as part of Master Planning process research has been completed to ensure pricing is in line with recently complet Engineering updated a large percentage of project costs to bring them up to 2
Is the river access ADA compliant?	Yes
Is there a dog park in Memorial Park?	Yes
The extra/new basketball courts go in the existing parking lot?	In the general area, exact location to be determine with refinded construction
Will boat launch or trails be ADA accessible?	Yes
What is the life expectancy fields? What would the replacement plan be?	Most products have a 10-year lifespan. A Replacement Fund would be develowithin the City/Parks and Rec Dept.
Can we discuss adding a project that benefits the senior citizens	The design was completed with all ages in mind. The trails, dog park, river ac community garden expansion (which included additional accesible raised gard population in mind.
What kind of environmental impact studies or assumptions are being made in regards to the bike skills coursespecifically concerned about erosion.	The course would be designed and maintained with as little environmental impadd amenities at or above current grade which should minimize any erosion o
Nets over baseball fields for safety?	The new backstops would be taller to meet today's industry standard and provadd safety netting at the existing Memorial Park playground.
Will the ball fields be rented? What would be free to user and what if any would have a required rental fee?	Yes, fields would be rented. Organized use (practices, games, parties, etc.) v available, would not require a payment.
A non motorized boat launch can cost less than \$40,000. I would like to see the launch go in without waiting for a bond.	All updgrades must meet current ADA standards - this includes pedestrian ac
Is the third baseball diamond grass? Is synthetic turf preferred by youth sports programs?	Ballfield 3 will stay natural grass. Sports organizations have expressed an int playability.
Lights for fields 1-4?	Yes

access, sport courts (pickleball specifically), and arden beds) were all included with an older adult sses and contracted consultant pricing. Additional leted projects of similar scope. Finally, Wallis 2019/2020 costs. interest in synthetic surfacing to maximize year round ovide greater protection. A plan is being developed to mpact as possible. The majority, if not all work, would of existing conditions. n drawings. access to the launch area. ) would require permit and fee. Drop in use, when eloped - similar to existing replacement programs

Will the turf fields be fenced and locked when not being used by athletic teams?	Security measures will be in place (fencing is one option). The fields will not be locked.
Why can't the boat ramp be motorized.	Vehicle access issues and increased parking requirements would make this a challenge. present at Boones Landing Marina.
Would this plan have to be adopted all together or could we choose some of the options?	Each package is independent.
Scoreboards for any fields?	Not as part of the proposed upgrades.
What is liability for injuries in general/at the skatepark/BMX track?	Consideration was given to safety and liability with the inclusion of all park amenities. Spetrack would fall under the State's Recreational Immunity.
How much of the cost is for parking lots?	The parking lots average \$1,600,000 - \$1,900,000
Baseball outfield fences, must be moveable or there fences?	Yes, moveable fences.
Can we choose to bond the big ticket items and have P&R build the \$100,000 (200k, 250k) projects and less items? They are doing this now.	Over time the department would continue to fund as many projects as the budget allows.
Frog Pond Community Park	
Question	Answer
How is the cost of this smaller park nearly as much money as Memorial Park? Why such a high price tag?	Required street and sidewalk improvements, connections/extensions to existing utilities (v site prep are neccesary for this project that are not needed at Memorial Park.
How are these estimates of the total dollar amounts figured out and are they realistic and accurate?	Prices are based off information gathered as part of Master Planning processes and contron research has been completed to ensure pricing is in line with recently completed projects Engineering updated a large percentage of project costs to bring them up to 2019/2020 controls and controls are provided and the pr
Will trails be ADA accessible?	Yes
How much of the synthetic field area would be fenced? Would it be the full perimeter around the soccer fields and softball and baseball fields?	All of the synthetic surfacing would be fenced.

What is the revenue potential of a facility like frog pond?...as a tournament facility

Fields would be available for rent. As a tournament facility, hosts would likely need to combine these fields with other available fields to provide enough for tournaments.

APPENDIX A

llenge. Chose not to duplicate services already ss. Specifically, the skatepark and BMX pump allows. allows (water, sewer, electricity), and additional rojects of similar scope. Finally, Wallis 2020 costs.

Answer	Question
	Boones Ferry Park
Not at this park. Murase Plaza does have fruit and nut trees.	Are there plans to plant trees that bear nuts or fruit on public land that the public can harvest for free like Davis, CA?
The City's field rental rates provide a discount to resident users vs non-resident.	How do we factor in funding to support usage by citizens in neighboring cities?
Yes	Fencing the total perimeter of the soccer, softball, baseball fields?
This 10 acre parcel has been designated for sports field and an active park. The Fr preservation of Boeckman Creek, and creek overlooks.	Is there land designated to stay "wild" in addition to wetland? How much? Not everyone plays sports. Kids need access to nature in addition to formal playgrounds
The primary focus of this design and development centered around those playing or (restrooms) and smaller amenities (playground and skate spot) were also included.	What is the draw for senior citizens?
Likely not	Might this project address the storage problems solved today by the "Lowrie Barn"?
Parks and Recreation Dept would schedule fields (similar to Memorial Park fields). Field Allocation Policy.	Who schedules field usage and priority.
Conceptual plan shows approximately 55 parking spaces plus 3 ADA spaces - exact constructrion drawings. Parking would be shared with the school - heaviest park use Traffic flow was studied as part of Meridian Creek Middle School development.	How many parking spots are being added? Joint usage of parking with school? Traffic lights or flow included in project?
Synthetic turf fields and field lighting	What are the big cost drivers of this project.
Yes, that is the plan.	Can the 90' field be pegged for different dimensions like 70 feet and 60 feet so it can benefit more people.
Difficult to quantify given the overlap of construction costs and necessary improvem the sport fields would be approximately 70-75%, other amenities (skate spot, playground)	What is the cost breakdown between the sports fields and the skatepark, all abilities playground and side park.
This facility would likely fall into the existing Joint Use Agreement between the City a District use of City facilities.	Will there be a co-usage with Meridian Creek Middle School? Anticipation for time allotted?

For the East project, how much of the cost is parking?

Approximately \$1,100,000

APPENDIX A

ity and the WLWV School District allowing the

vements to the park as a whole. Direct costs for ayground, restroom, concessions) 25-30%.

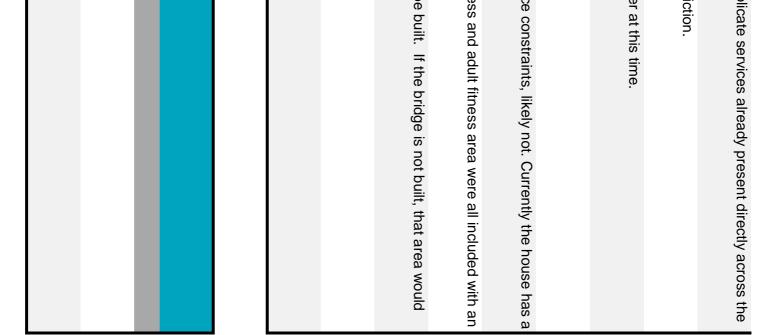
exact count to be finalized as part of future k uses would be at low use times for the school.

Priority would be given based on the Dept's

or watching organized sport. Support facilities 4.

Frog Pond area will also have nature trails,

### Is there a location identified for west side community garden? Isn't there already a community garden in Villebois? Question West Side Community Garden Not at this time Yes Answer



Charbonneau Sidewalk (Multi-Use Path):	
According to the City's Engineering Department, the appropriate name for the projects identified as "Charbonneau Sidewalk Repair and R January 28 presentation should be "Charbonneau Multi-Use Path Repair and Replacement" and "Charbonneau Multi-Use Path Extension"	According to the City's Engineering Department, the appropriate name for the projects identified as "Charbonneau Sidewalk Repair and Replacement" and "Ci January 28 presentation should be "Charbonneau Multi-Use Path Repair and Replacement" and "Charbonneau Multi-Use Path Extension".
Project Info:	The existing pathway is in very poor condition with many residents electing to w which is in need of replacement.
	Currently, there are not bike paths in this area and the improvements would wid standards and accommodate multiple users (walkers, bikers, etc).
	Extension of the pathway along the east side of French Prairie Drive was identif the 2013 Transportation System Plan and is referred to as French Prairie Drive
	The existing pathway is the City's responsibility as a result of a Memorandum or and Charbonneau Country Club dated September 21, 1998.

# Charbonneau Sidewalk Extension" in the

walk in the roadway instead of the existing path

iden the path to 10' to meet current multi-use path

ntified by the community as a high priority project in ve Pathway project (BW-10).

of Understanding between the City of Wilsonville



### PARK BOND TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

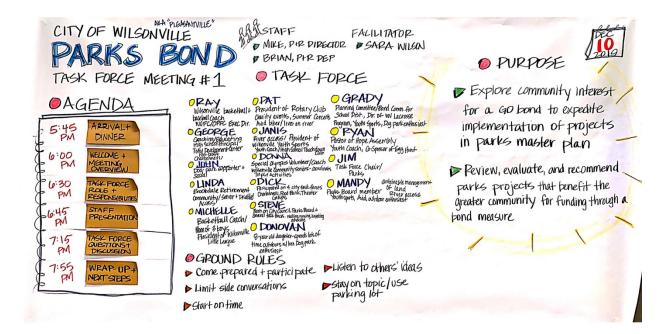
### **MEETING #1**

Date: December 10, 2019 Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm Location: Wilsonville City Hall

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amanda Aird, Donna Atkinson, Jim Barnes, Steve Benson, George Crace, Ryan Day, John Holmes, Linda Howland, Ray Nelson, Grady Nelson, Janis Sanford, Michele Seal, Dick Spence, Donovan Thomas, Pat Wolfram

STAFF: Mike McCarty, Brian Stevenson, Bryan Cosgrove

### **CONSULTANT:** Sara Wilson, SSW Consulting



### TASK FORCE QUESTIONS FOLLOWING PARKS PRESENTATION

- 1. Regarding the public involvement comments on the Boones Ferry Park Master Plan, which concept do the comments to refer to, or are they general comments for all concepts?
  - a. The comments are a summary of feedback collected throughout all plans and a reflection of what ultimately ended up in the final plan.
- 2. In the Frog Pond concept plan, do the soccer fields also serve as Lacrosse fields?
  - a. Yes. They will be multi-use synthetic fields capable of handling a wide range of sports.
- 3. If we provide access to the river for swimming or other activities, does that open the City up to added liability?



- a. Liability was something that was taken into consideration when developing plans. At Memorial Park, a discussion was had about a swimming beach but given the fast-moving current and river height fluctuation of the Willamette River, the decision was made to not move forward with a beach.
- 4. What's the timeframe for building these improvements?
  - a. All projects are funding-dependent. Once funding becomes available, we would look to start moving forward.
- 5. What projects are currently underway?
  - a. In Memorial Park Terracing at Murase Plaza, the disc golf course, additional trails, community garden expansion and a new parking lot at the Community Garden/Dog Park are complete. Dog Park relocation is expected to be completed this spring, as well as installation of a restroom in the parking lot. The Memorial Park Lift Station construction will begin this summer.
  - b. At Boones Ferry Park, the trail connection from the I-5 Undercrossing Trail through Boones Ferry Park (connection to existing Boones Ferry Park trail) will be completed this summer. Staff is currently working with engineers to complete a geotechnical study to help to finalize access points to the river (both at the river's edge and along the bank).
- 6. What are the parameters for prioritization?
  - a. We will get further into this detail at a later date but ultimately, coming up with a package of projects that fits within the yet-to-be-determined bond amount while meeting the wants/needs of the community.
- 7. Are we looking at safety?
  - a. Safety was taken into consideration with all of the plans and projects.
- 8. Are general obligation bond proceeds used for maintenance?
  - a. The focus of this bond will be for new projects.
- 9. Are there opportunities for partnerships with other agencies or community organizations for park development?
  - a. The City is always open to having those conversations to see if things make sense for all parties.
- 10. How much information should the task force share with the community?
  - a. The task force is encouraged to share as much information as they would like with the community.
- 11. Does this process include other parks/improvements outside of the projects listed in the plans?
  - a. The focus will be on projects listed in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan or the individual park plans. There may be instances where other projects are explored but having a solid understanding of cost will be important.
- 12. Would staff be able to prioritize these projects using their knowledge and expertise? How does the task force's involvement help the process and why is it needed beyond staff's expertise?
  - a. Staff has been involved with the development of the plans and the associated outreach. As a result, they will be a good resource throughout the process. The Task Force will help to be the voice of the community by choosing which projects to



prioritize, taking into consideration adopted master plans and previous public outreach.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTS/QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROCESS

The Task Force was asked to gather a list of questions and requests for additional information using the following questions:

- 1. What other questions do you have about Wilsonville's park system?
- 2. What else would you like to explore about the bond measure process?
- 3. What else do you hope the task force will explore in this process?

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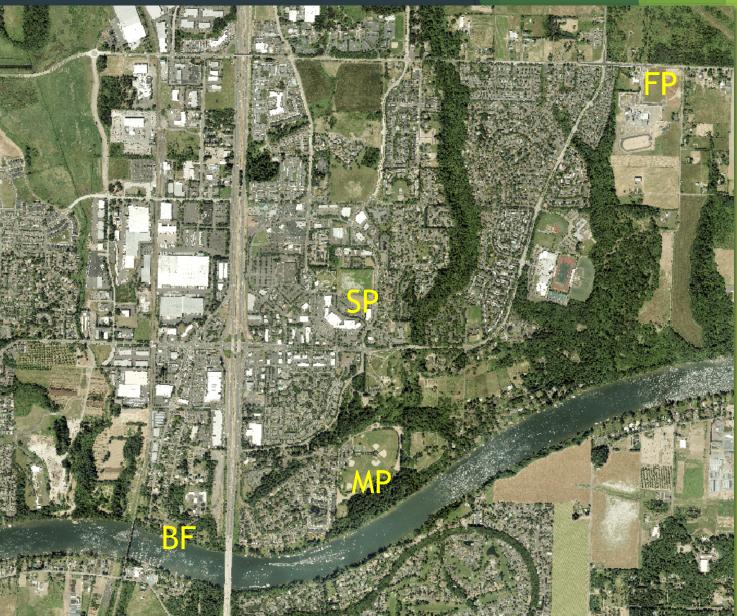
## Wilsonville Park Bond Task Force

Meeting #1: An Overview of Wilsonville's Park System December 10, 2019

### **Community Projects**

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan *October 2018* 

- MP Memorial Park Master Plan May 2015
- BF Boones Ferry Park Master Plan December 2018
- FP Frog Pond Community Park (Advance Road) October 2018
- SP Community Scale Skatepark (Courtside Drive) *February 2015*



### Comprehensive Master Plan Public Involvement

- Key stakeholder groups:
  - General Public
  - Parks & Recreation and Planning Staff
  - City Council
  - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board & Planning Commission
- Outreach Tools:
  - Six Focus Groups
  - 13 Stakeholder Meetings
  - Public Forum
  - Statistically valid survey with 663 respondents







### Comprehensive Master Plapendix B Key Findings

- Appreciation of existing parks and programs
- Parks highly valued by residents
- Desire for river access
- Greater trail connectivity
- Need to add synthetic turf fields
- Protect/preserve natural areas and environment a high priority
- Lack of indoor recreation & aquatic facilities
- Maintenance of facilities is important

### Memorial Park Public Involvement

- Key stakeholder groups:
  - > Parks & Recreation, Engineering & Natural Resources Staff
  - Neighbors
  - User Groups
- Outreach Tools:
  - Stakeholder Interviews
  - Public Meetings
  - Three Open Houses
  - Online Survey with 600+ responses



### Memorial Park Outreach Findings

- Balance passive and active uses
- Upgrade sports fields and courts
- Improve connections to Willamette River
- Protect and enhance the park's natural areas
- Additional/Improved trails
- Parking
- Disc golf, skatepark, pickleball, bike track
- Restoration of natural areas





### Memorial Park

Dock w non-motorized watercraft launch

**River Overlooks** 

Improved and Additional Trails

Two Synthetic Turf Fields and Upgrades to all Five Fields

Pickleball and Tennis Courts

Additional parking and restrooms

Skate Park and Bike Skills Course

Maintenance Facility Upgrades

APPENDIX B

### Boones Ferry Park Public Involvement

- Outreach Tools:
  - Facebook Events
  - Email Notifications
  - Neighborhood Mailings
  - Three Public Workshops
  - 211 Online Survey Comments



### Three conceptual plans to one conceptual plan that was refined to final design



### Boones Ferry Park

Dock w non-motorized watercraft launch and rental opportunities

**River Overlooks** 

Trails & preserved wooded areas

Dog Park & Bike Skills Course

Updated Tauchman House with added outdoor event space

Playground & Basketball Court

Connections to existing and planned trail systems

French Prairie Bridge Landing

Additional parking, restrooms and picnic shelters



**Community Park** Pond Frog



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# **Community Scale Skatepark**



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## Parks & Recreation Board



## Board's 2019 Goals

- Conduct engagement on the skate park and bike pump track.
- Encourage equity and inclusion as the City develops programs and facilities.
- Explore the need for a joint-use agreement for facilities. (ie. The City and School District)
- Explore opportunities for additional recreation programming targeted at preteens/teens.
- Support the advancement of Memorial Park priority projects.

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## **Project Priorities Discussion**

- Memorial Park Boat Launch, SW Parking Lot, Nature Play, and Watercraft Concessions
- Community Scale Skate Park
- Memorial Park Central Restrooms
- Memorial Park River Trail Overlooks
- Boones Ferry Phase 1 River Access
- Boones Ferry Phase 2 Dog Park and Parking
- Frog Pond Community Park
- Memorial Park Ball Fields

APPENDIX B

## Bond Measure Process Overview



## What is a municipal bond?

- Issued by a local government, generally used to finance public projects
- Types of municipal bonds:
  - General obligation bond: principal and interest are secured by the full faith and credit of the issues and are typically voter-approved
  - Revenue bonds: principal and interest are secured by revenues derived from tolls, charges or rents from the facility built with the proceeds of the bond issue

## Public Opinion Research

#### Park Bond Task Force

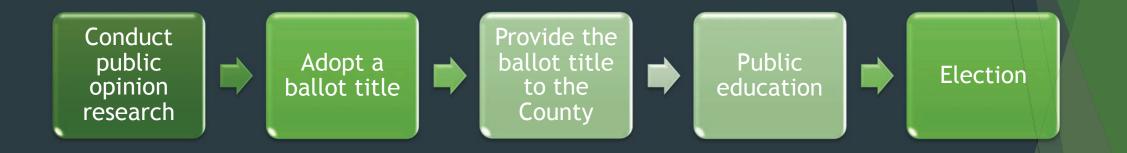
- What are Wilsonville's priorities for park improvements?
- What recreation or access issues are we addressing?
- What projects should be considered?
- Is there willingness to support a tax measure?
- Advice?
- Scope additional research:
  - Polling
  - Interviews
  - ► Focus Groups

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## **City Council Considerations**

- Should the City pursue a bond measure?
- How will the funds be used?
  - Specific projects
  - Locations
- What is the bond amount?
- Election timing

## **Council Process**





#### PARK BOND TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

#### **MEETING #2**

Date: January 14, 2020 Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm Location: Wilsonville City Hall

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Abernathy, Donna Atkinson, Jim Barnes, Steve Benson, Tom Childs, Ryan Day, Ginger Fitch, John Holmes, Jose Mendez, Ray Nelson, Grady Nelson, Michele Seal, Dick Spence, Donovan Thomas, Pat Wolfram

STAFF: Jeanna Troha, Mike McCarty, Brian Stevenson

**CONSULTANT:** Sara Wilson, SSW Consulting

#### **STAFF PRESENTATION**

See Attached Slides

#### **PRESENTATION FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION**

- The bond examples presented from other cities are they 10 years, 20 years, etc.?
  - They were 20-year bonds.
- Could you host a town hall instead of conducting a survey?
  - A town hall could be hosted in addition to a survey/polling. The City Council has expressed their interest in conducting polling before going placing a measure on the ballot.
- 2016 election results confirmed here: <u>https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/9ca487dc-f7af-4f66-b9e6-64b9d6c9a3b3</u> (Scroll to page 127 for Wilsonville data)
- Is there any additional information available regarding the Library bond?
  - The library bond, referenced at the task meeting, was not actually a general obligation bond. Rather it was a tax levy to create a library district, comprising of all local libraries in Clackamas County, with a permanent tax rate of \$0.3975/\$1,000 AV. This 2008 levy passed with 61% approval. For historical purposes, in 2000 the City passed a \$4M general obligation bond for expansion of the library building. This was a 15-year bond and paid off in 2016.
- Link to West Linn bond information: <u>https://westlinnoregon.gov/go-bond</u>
- Link to Eugene bond information: <u>https://www.eugene-or.gov/4165/2018-Bond-and-Levy</u>
- Link to Lake Oswego bond information: <u>https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/bond-investment-outreach</u>

#### PARKING LOT QUESTIONS



The Task Force raised the topics listed below. Staff will provide responses to these questions at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- 1. Revenue and GO Bonds, can fees collected from park usage help pay down the bond?
- 2. How will maintenance costs be addressed in the discussion?
- 3. What is a reasonable amount of debt to carry? What's the amount residents pay per \$100,000 of assessed value?
- 4. What is the tangible economic benefit of improving the park system?

#### TASK FORCE PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Task Force will begin reviewing the park projects at the next meeting. The group agreed to review the plans using the videos from staff presentations or by reviewing the plans available on the City's website. The links below will direct members to these resources.

- 1. Video from Council Presentation of the 2018 Parks Master Plan: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwdbFyq2fXY</u> (00:38:47-1:12:00)
- 2. Video from Council Presentation of Boones Ferry Park Master Plan: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66Nk60KkEOo&feature=youtu.be</u> (01:30:58-01:40:00)
- 3. Video from Council Presentation of Memorial Park Master Plan: video not available.
- 4. Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan: <u>https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/parksrec/page/parks-and-recreation-</u> <u>comprehensive-master-plan</u>
- 5. Boones Ferry Park Master Plan: https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/parksrec/page/boones-ferry-park-master-plan
- 6. Memorial Park Master Plan: https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/parksrec/page/memorial-park-master-plan
- 7. Frog Pond Community Park: <u>https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/parksrec/page/frog-pond-community-park</u>

# Wilsonville ParkBond Task Force

Meeting #2: An Overview of the Bond and Outreach Process

January 14, 2020

### Meeting Overview

Agenda Review + Introductions
Task Force Check-in
Bond Process + Best Practices
Wilsonville Bond History + Data
Task Force Questions + Discussion
Next Steps

## Bond Process + Best Practices

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## City of Eugene, OR: Parks Bond Process

- Completed a Parks System Plan with the intent to pursue a bond
- Presented three options to the City Council for consideration:
  - **FIX IT:** \$30 million capital bond, \$3.1 million operating levy
  - **FIX & ENHANCE IT:** \$55 million capital bond, \$3.9 million operating levy
  - FIX, ENHANCE, & BUILD IT: \$100 million capital bond, \$5.7 million operating levy
- Theme: "Something for everyone..."
- Outreach Tools:
  - Community polling
  - Park Foundation sent three mail pieces
  - City prepared educational materials
- In May 2018, passed a \$39.5 million capital bond and \$3.15 million operating levy

### City of West Linn, OR: West Linn Parks Bond Process

- In May 2018, the voters approved a \$20 million general obligation bond to improve roads, parks and city facilities
- The amount of the bond was determined in part by bonds that were expiring (no tax increase)
- The Council determined the specific projects that would be funded after approval
- > There was strong community interest for improvements in these areas
- ► Theme: "Something for everyone..."
- ▶ 18 park projects are being funded by \$3,5 million of the bond proceeds



### City of Lake Oswego, OR: Parks Bond Process

- ▶ In May 2019, passed a \$30 million general obligation bond
- Determined the timing of the bond because it coincided with expiring bonds (no tax increase)
- Success due to:
  - No tax increase
  - Pre-bond polling to understand community attitudes
- Initial project list was based on master plans and the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), then narrowed the list to 13 projects for testing
- Pre-bond survey/polling all projects showed support, but no one project imperative for approval
- **Following voter approval, additional outreach included:** 
  - Statistically valid survey
  - Online surveys
  - Pop-up events



## City of Tualatin, OR: Parks Bond Process

- In 2008, Tualatin voters <u>did NOT</u> approve a \$49.4 million bond measure
- Extensive public outreach was conducted, tools included:
  - Stakeholder committee
  - Partner engagement (School District, Rec Leagues, etc.)
  - Polling with positive results
- Thoughts on why the community didn't support the bond...
  - ► A recession hit in 2008
  - The polling showed community support, but it was done prior to the election (need to conduct polling as close to the election as possible)
  - A parks master plan had not been completed in over 20 years, and the projects were unclear
- Tualatin learned lessons from this experience and had a successful transportation bond in 2016

## Gathering Public Opinion



### **Tips on Gathering Public Opinion**

- Begin research and poll development approximately 8 months prior to the election
- Polling may be done more than once to narrow measure options or language
- The final polling should be done close to the election don't conduct it too far in advance
- A statistically valid sample in Wilsonville is around 300 people (margin of error +/- 5%)
- Quantitative research is combined with the qualitative information gathered to develop messaging for the outreach materials
- Surveys are conducted over the phone
- Online surveys can be used, but they aren't statistically valid and there is no guarantee you are reaching voters

### Voter Data...

Election	Clackamas County	Washington County
November 2019: Measure 3- 554: West Linn- Wilsonville School District	Average Voter Turnout for Wilsonville Precincts 35% (4,394 total ballots cast)	Total ballots cast 63
May 2019: Measure 34-286: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District	Average Voter Turnout for Wilsonville Precincts 27% (3,775 ballots cast)	Total ballots cast 40
November 2016: Measure 3- 485: Wilsonville Recreation & Aquatic Center	Voter Turnout: 83% (11,281 ballots cast)	Voter turnout 79% (total ballots cast 302)

## Wilsonville Bond History

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## Wilsonville Current Debt Snapshot: Governmental Activities

Bonds	Balance July 1, 2018	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2019	Due in Subsequent Year
Urban Renewal, Coffee Creek District (2019)		\$3,800,000	-	\$3,800,000	\$137,329
Urban Renewal, (Year 2000 District)	\$5,515,000		(\$360,000)	\$5,155,000	\$370,000
Urban Renewal (West Side District)	\$25,398,708		(\$1,899,985)	\$23,498,723	\$1,967,934
Total Notes & Bonds	\$30,913,708	\$3,800,000	(\$2,259,985)	\$32,453,723	\$2,475,263

### Wilsonville Current Debt Snapshot: Business Activities

Bonds	Balance July 1, 2018	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2019	Due in Subsequent Year
Water Revenue Bonds	\$2,073,000	-	(\$1,026,000)	\$1,047,000	\$1,047,000
Full Faith & Credit - Water	\$2,170,000		(\$695,000)	\$1,475,000	\$725,000
Full Faith & Credit - Sewer	\$29,905,000		(\$1,850,000)	\$28,055,000	\$1,925,000
Total Notes & Bonds	\$34,148,000	-	(\$3,571,000)	\$30,577,000	\$3,697,000

## Questions + Discussion



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#### PARK BOND TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

#### MEETING #3

Date: January 28, 2020 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Location: Wilsonville City Hall

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Abernathy, Amanda Aird, Donna Atkinson, Jim Barnes, Steve Benson, George Crace, Ryan Day, John Holmes, Linda Howland, Grady Nelson, Janis Sanford, Michele Seal, Dick Spence, Pat Wolfram

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Jeff Redmon, Steve Newport, Cathy Shauklas

STAFF: Jeanna Troha, Mike McCarty, Brian Stevenson

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#### WELCOME + MEETING OVERVIEW

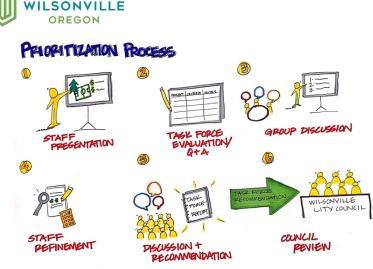
Chair Jim Barnes welcomed the task force and members of the public to the meeting. Sara Wilson reviewed the agenda and task force ground rules. Staff addressed the parking lot questions from the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **CRITERIA AND PRIORITIZATION PROCESS OVERVIEW**

Staff reviewed the criteria that will be used to review the park projects. The criteria is as follows:

- **Public Involvement:** Has the community indicated this project is a priority during previous public outreach processes?
- Additions: Are we adding an amenity to the City's park system that doesn't currently exist?
- Capacity Building: Are we adding needed capacity to an existing amenity?
- **Equity:** Will the project serve a range of demographics? Can the project benefit residents across the community?

Ms. Wilson provided an overview of the prioritization process as depicted in the graphic:



#### PARK PROJECT REVIEW

City staff presented an overview of the park project groupings that will be considered for the prioritization process. Following the presentation of each park, the task force had an opportunity to provide comments and questions. These comments were captured using an online polling system.

The presentation slides and comments/questions are attached to these notes as Attachment A.

#### **TASK FORCE QUESTIONS + DISCUSSION**

The task force members discussed the park projects and asked questions about the next steps in the prioritization process. Ms. Wilson indicated that the task force will be split into small groups at the next meeting to develop proposed packages to present for funding consideration. There will also be a ranking/voting exercise.

The following question was listed in the parking lot for future follow-up:

• How do SDC's contribute to park development? How much do we have, and what's forecasted? Do the SDC's funds impact the work of the task force.

#### WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

The task force members were encouraged to review their presentation notes, conduct site visits, and continue reviewing the master plan documents in preparation for the prioritization discussion at the next meeting.

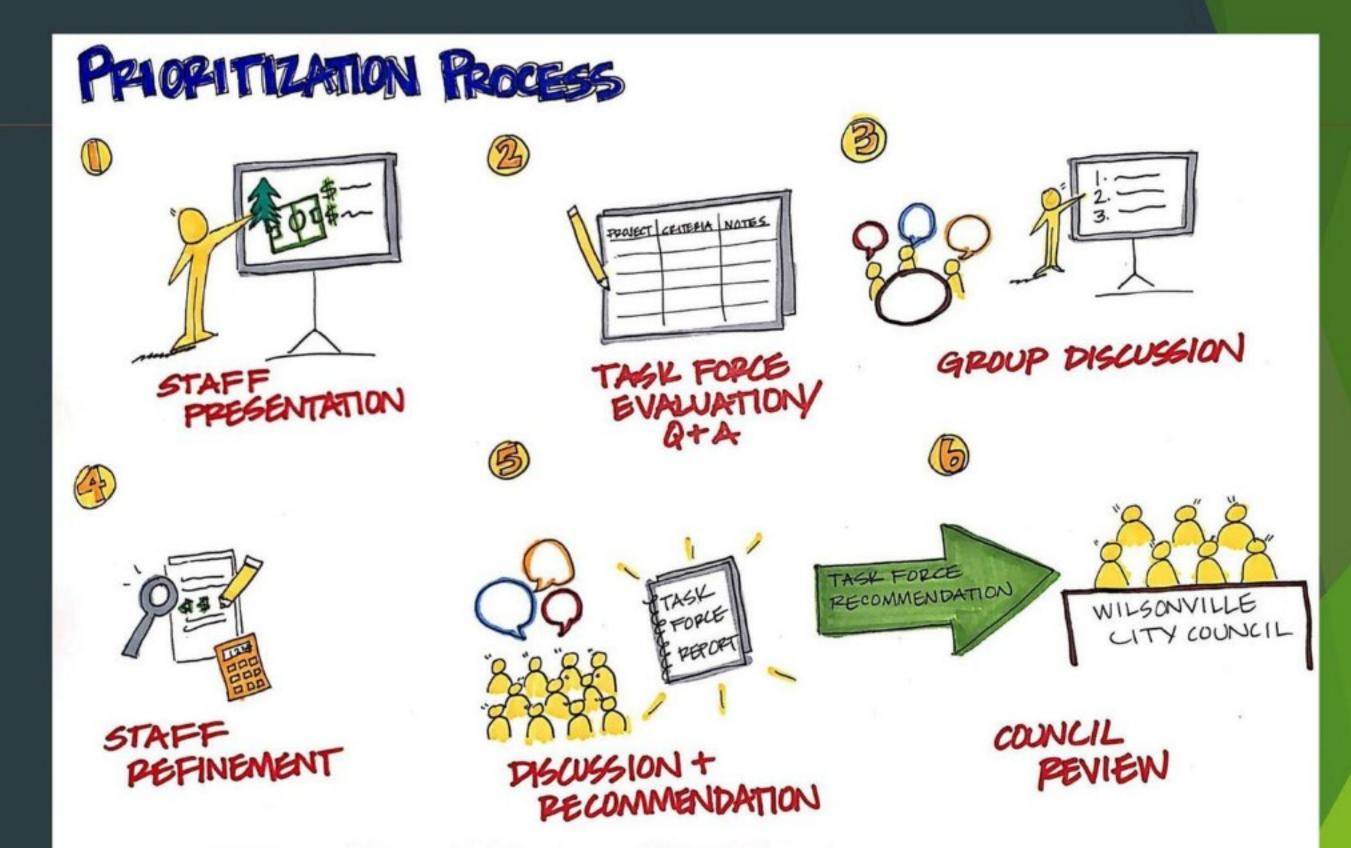
# Wilsonville Park Bond Task Force

Meeting #3: The Prioritization Process + Overview of the Park System

January 28, 2020

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## **Prioritization Process**



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## Criteria to Consider

- Public Involvement: Has the community indicated this project is a priority during previous public outreach processes?
- Additions: Are we adding an amenity to the City's park system that doesn't currently exist?
- Capacity Building: Are we adding needed capacity to an existing amenity?
- **Equity:** Will the project serve a range of demographics? Can the project benefit residents across the community?

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## Q&A on the Projects

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- To ensure we capture all of the questions for each project, we are going to use an online discussion forum
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## Wilsonville Parks Bond Project List



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## Memorial Park

East - \$3,000,000 Skatepark, bike skills course, bathroom and east parking lot

<u>Fields - \$8,500,000</u> 2 synthetic turf fields, lighting for 4 fields, field amenities for 5 fields (backstops, moveable fences)

> <u>Ballfield Bathrooms and Concessions - \$250,000</u> Upgraded bathrooms and added concession stand

<u>Courts - \$900,000</u> Additional pickleball (6), basketball (2 - ½ courts) and tennis (2) courts. Relocate sand volleyball and 1 basketball court. Cover for 2 pickleball courts. Additional bleachers at court area.

<u>River Access - \$2,700,000</u> Non-motorized boat dock and access, bathroom, watercraft concession, trails, overlooks, and SW parking lot

Maintenance Facility Upgrades - \$350,000

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hat is the liability impact of skate park/BMX?



## Do you have any questions or comments about the **Memorial Park projects?**

What kind of environmental impact studies or		
assumptions are being made in regards to the bike skills coursespecifically concerned about erosion.	What about river access and a boat launch?	Ne
Will the ball fields be rented? What would be free to user and what if any would have a required rental fee?	A non motorized boat launch can cost less than \$40,000. I would like to see the launch go in without waiting for a bond.	Nie
Is the third baseball diamond grass? Is synthetic turf preferred by youth sports programs?	Lights for fields 1-4?	Wi
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## Do you have any questions or comments about the **Memorial Park projects?**

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Would this plan have to be adopted all together or could we choose some of the	How do we know that these cost estimates are accurate?	Sc
options?	How much of the cost is for	How mone tag?
What is liability for injuries in general?	parking lots?	



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# Do you have any questions or comments about the **Memorial Park projects?**

Can we choose to bond the big ticket items and have P&R build the \$100,000 and less items? They are doing this now.	Explain natural resources in detail please :)	Wo exp
How is sidewalk repair in Charbonneau equitable or fair when sidewalk repair throughout the city is the home owners responsibly?		





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# Frog Pond Community Park ,500,000 \$17



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How is the cost of this smaller park nearly as much Has a traffic impact been money as Memorial Park? Why such a high price How are these estimates of the taa? addressed? total dollar amounts figured out and are they realistic and accurate? Will trails be ADA accessible? This will be great! The middle school can use this for sports during wellness What is the revenue potential of a facility like frog pond?...as Will there be a co-usage with Meridian Creek Middle School? a tournament facility Anticipation for time allotted? The extra backstops are great, really maximizes space and increases number of users. Nice project.



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The mitigated wetland seems very tinythere is a lot of wildlife/birds in the area.	Who schedules field usage and priority.	Mig sto by



### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

dditional 90 foot diamond is critical. Can that be pegged for different dimensions lije 70 feet 60 feet so it can benefit more people.

many parking spots are being added? Joint e of parking with school? Traffic lights or flow ded in project?

ight this project address the orage problems solved today the "Lowrie Barn"?



Good park - just want to make sure that we have real estimates for the work to be done.	Will this park use the Meridian Parking lot? If so, how is that going to handle the amount	W
Test	Nice project. Great to move people out there	Is the to we Kids r playg
Fencing the total perimeter of the soccer, softball, baseball fields?	How do we factor in funding to support usage by citizens in neighboring cities	ls re



### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

### hat is the draw for senior tizens..

ere land designated to stay "wild" in addition etland? How much? Not everyone plays sports. need access to nature in addition to formal arounds

### Tauchman on historical gistry?



Are there plans to plant trees that bear nuts or fruit on public land that the public can harvest for free like Davis, CA?



### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter



# Boones Ferry Park

<u>River Access - \$5,050,000</u> Dock with non-motorized watercraft launch, bathroom, rental opportunities, river overlooks, parking

East - \$3,600,000 Dog Park, bike skills course, bathroom, parking

<u>Central - \$3,300,000</u> Playground, shelters, upgrade to existing bathroom, fitness course, overlooks, trails

<u>Tauchman House - \$750,000</u> Updates to Tauchman House

<u>North - \$600,000</u> Soft surface trails and parking

<u>West - \$700,000</u> French Prairie Bridge Landing, trails and parking



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# Do you have any questions or comments about **Boones Ferry Park projects?**

How much of the river access cost is for parking.	For the East project, how much of the cost is parking?	We l moto laun
Doing great Brian We seems to be allocating a lot of resources to BMX	With the added non motorized, are we looking for more areas on the river as no wake zones.	W re ye
courses. This seems to be a minority need for the greater cause. Tauchman House could be done later on the next phase if this project was decided.		He
	Will the Tauchman House have a commercial kitchen?	





nave 2 projects with water access and both non prized, why are we not adding a motorized ch?

### 'ill tauchman house rentals cover the cost in 10 years? 15 ears?

e is ok



# Do you have any questions or comments about **Boones Ferry Park projects?**

Comment: this has a little something for everyone in the community.	Can it be considered adding an attribute that draws a senior citizen crowd	lf t nc re
Good improvement to that park area	why cant we have a motorized launch	This s histo addit
Why do none of the boat ramps allow for motorized boats?	Any estimate of what the usage pattern will be for Boone's Ferry Park given it is on the West side of I-5 as compared to East side use of Memorial Park?	G



### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

### the french prairie bridge is ot built coukd that space be purposed?

specific area has a rich Oregon and Wilsonville ry. Can we blend that in proactively? In ion to Tauchman House

ood location



# Do you have any questions or comments about **Boones Ferry Park projects?**

Why are repairs treated as projects?

Can we break out the big ticket items and have P&R build the \$200,000 or less items as we are doing now?

 $\checkmark$ 





### River access, skate parks, trails



# Community Scale Skatepark



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### 15,000 sq/ft skatepark

# Do you have any questions or comments about the **Community Scale Skatepark project?**

Street parking?	Looks cool.	Wo
Which restrooms would service this park?	This would a chance for the city to take advantage of sponsorships with skate/clothing companies example. "Burnside Project" downtown Portland.	Wł
Well there be an on siteusage	Skate park is it really needed	use
managernot unlike a life gaurd at a pool		Pa vei





ould be great for businesses earby. Love it!

hat is our usage rate for nother skate park? How much e will the skate park get?

ark usage at other towns is ery high.



# Do you have any questions or comments about the **Community Scale Skatepark project?**

Any projecture of how many skaters in the future? What is # of teens projected in future homes/apartments?

Newberg Park is 20,000 sq ft

This one in the middle of town would be accessible to a lot of kids

The tony hawk development book estimates usage per 1000 population





### How are liability issues handled...if a major accident occurs..



# Additional Projects

- Natural Resource Management Plan \$125,000 •
- Community Center Improvements \$600,000 •
  - Facility improvements and replacement of aging items •
- Neighborhood Park Improvements \$600,000 •
  - Park improvements and replacement of aging amenities
- Charbonneau Sidewalk Repair/Replacement \$1,500,000 •
  - French Prairie Road
- Charbonneau Sidewalk Extension \$2,500,000 •
  - French Prairie Road to Miley Road •

# ATTACHMENT





# Do you have any other questions or comments about the other projects presented?

why does a side walk project fall in park and rec?	Is this a good place for "Replace the Lowrie Barn@?	W in bo
Wow sidewalks are expensive. How old are the sidewalks at Charbonneau? 50 years? Where do older seniors go to walk? Is it in	How many acres of natural areas does the parks department currently manage?	Cl
the community parks? Are there benches in each community park?	Why can't SDCs pay for some of the sidewalk improvements in Charbonneau?	It's in and s Reso more



### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

hy are the sidewalks cluded in a general parks ond rather than Standard ty infrastructure?

harbonneau sidewalks, ouldn't that be funded by ty funds

nportant to consider the Community Center some consideration for Charbonneau. The urce Management Plan is an open door for money to spend in the future.



# Do you have any other questions or comments about the other projects presented?

Add review of potential up grades to all pathssidewalkscross walksassociated with all	Why do sidewalks need to be included in a bond issue?	W Cł sic
parks Are there other options	Isn't there already a community garden in Villebois?	ls ne sic
besides sidewalks that would be viewed as concessions to Charb?	Test	Woul how t group

if a bond is approved, then bid to construction, bids come in and lower than expected, is the bond adjusted?



### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

### hat else can we do for harbonneau besides dewalks?

Charbonneau the only eighborhood without dewalk connectivity?

Id like to discuss Voter Outreach Efforts..and the bond captures all the needs of all age SC



# Do you have any other questions or comments about the other projects presented?

Can we break out the big ticket items and have the city build the 250k and less projects

Is there a location identified for west side community garden?

Have u considered planting trees that bear nuts & fruit on public owned land that the citizens can harvest for free like Davis, CA?

LaCross/Soccer fields Baseball/Soft ball fields

Benches along walkways. Accessibility Edible fruit/nut Trees planted

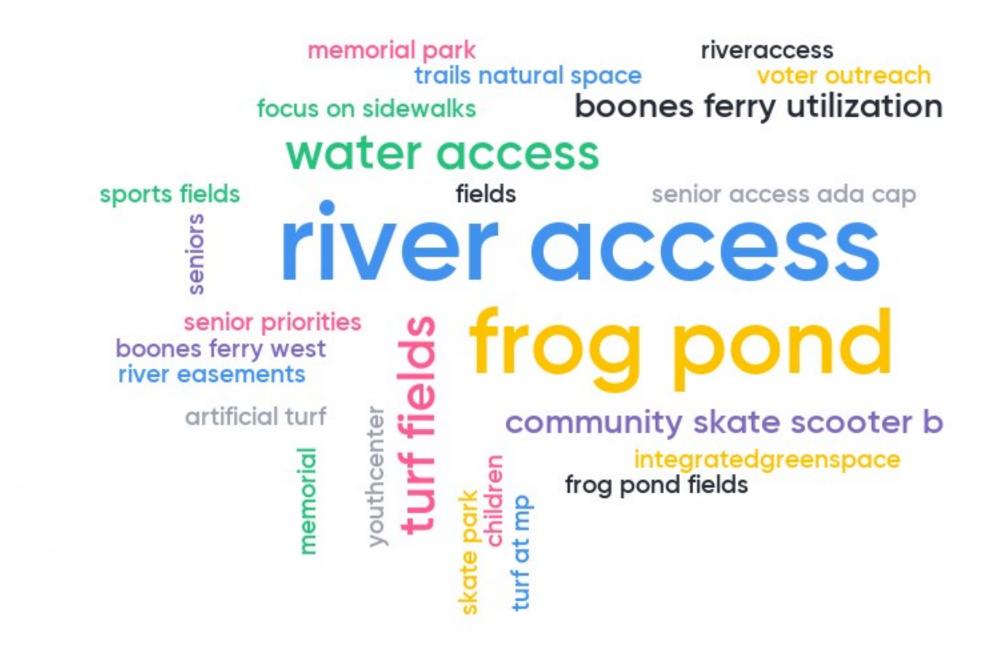


### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

### I think 150k should just be natural resource enhancements...not for a plan.



# What are your top three priorities (one word each) for a park bond measure?





### ATTACHMENT Mentimeter

# skate parks





### PARK BOND TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

### **MEETING #4**

Date: February 11, 2020 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Location: Wilsonville City Hall

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Abernathy, Amanda Aird, Donna Atkinson, Jim Barnes, George Crace, Ginger Fitch, John Holmes, Linda Howland, Ray Nelson, Grady Nelson, Janis Sanford, Michele Seal, Donovan Thomas, Pat Wolfram

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jeff Redmon

STAFF: Jeanna Troha, Mike McCarty, Brian Stevenson

**CONSULTANT:** Sara Wilson, SSW Consulting

### WELCOME + MEETING OVERVIEW

Chair Jim Barnes welcomed the task force and members of the public to the meeting. Sara Wilson reviewed the agenda and task force ground rules.

Ms. Wilson shared a handout to follow up on a question regarding the benefits and impacts of parks in the community. She said the responses to the task force questions from the Mentimeter presentation were distributed with the meeting notes in the email from staff.

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Staff presented information on the bond costs for residential properties. The information presented is shown in the chart below. A question was raised on the bond impacts for commercial property, and staff said follow-up information can be provided at the next meeting.

20 YEAR DEBT SERVICE		
60,000,000		
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\$331,000		
\$314.52		
\$26.21		
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### PARK PRIORITIZATION DISCUSSION

Sara Wilson provided an overview of the prioritization process. She said the task force would be divided into three small groups to discuss the projects and develop a presentation recommended a prioritized list for the group's consideration. Staff provided clarification on the Charbonneau multi-use path projects and the Natural Resource Enhancements and Management Plan. Ms. Wilson reviewed the park project criteria that to be considered in the groups' discussions.

Each group met and discussed the projects. They presented their recommendations to the group. The recommendations are shown in the image below:

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Following the group presentations, the task force members participated in a polling exercise where they were each given five dots to vote on the projects they believe should be prioritized. They were allowed to place multiple dots on each project. Staff mentioned that a polling exercise would be shared with the members of task force that were unable to attend the meeting.

The preliminary polling results from this exercise are shown below:

Park Project	Estimated Cost	# of Votes
Memorial Park River Access	\$2,700,000	12
Frog Pond Park Community Park	\$17,500,000	10
Memorial Park Fields	\$8,500,000	9
Community Scale Skatepark - Town Center	\$800,000	8
Boones Ferry Park River Access	\$5,050,000	7
Memorial Park Ballfield Bathrooms & Concessions	\$250,000	5



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Boones Ferry Park Central	\$3,300,000	5
Community Center Improvements	\$600,000	5
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Extension	\$2,500,000	4
Boones Ferry Park West	\$700,000	2
Memorial Park East	\$3,000,000	1
Memorial Park Courts	\$900,000	1
Boones Ferry Park East	\$3,600,000	1
Boones Ferry Park Tauchman House	\$750,000	1
Boones Ferry Park North	\$600,000	1
Natural Resource Enhancement and Management Plan	\$200,000	1
Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$600,000	1
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair/Replacement	\$1,500,000	1
Memorial Park Maintenance Facility Upgrades	\$350,000	0
Community Garden	\$100,000	0

### WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

Ms. Wilson said staff would refine the results from tonight's presentation and send additional information out regarding the next steps in the process. The task force will reconvene on February 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the group's recommendations to the City Council.



### PARK BOND TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

### **MEETING #5**

Date: February 25, 2020 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Location: Wilsonville City Hall

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Aird, Donna Atkinson, Jim Barnes, Steve Benson, Tom Childs, George Crace, Ryan Day, Ginger Fitch, Linda Howland, Grady Nelson, Michele Seal, Dick Spence, Donovan Thomas, Pat Wolfram

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jeff Redmon, Kate Johnson

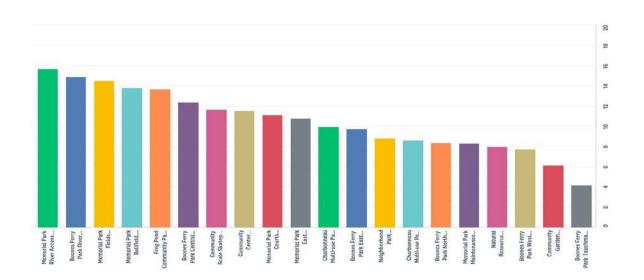
STAFF: Jeanna Troha, Mike McCarty, Brian Stevenson

**CONSULTANT:** Sara Wilson, SSW Consulting

### WELCOME + MEETING OVERVIEW

Chair Jim Barnes welcomed the task force and members of the public to the meeting. Sara Wilson reviewed the agenda, task force purpose and task force ground rules.

Staff follow up on the "parking lot" questions presented at the last meeting. Ms. Troha shared the cost impact of a bond to a commercial/industrial property would be based on their assessed value (AV). The AV for commercial/industrial property ranges widely throughout the City; however, to determine the impact you would multiple the same levy rate by the property's assessed value to determine the impact.



### SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZATION DISCUSSION



Ms. Wilson presented a review of the results from the small group discussions, polling exercise, and online meeting prioritization survey results (See attached slides). The survey results are shown in the graph below.

She reviewed the process for developing a recommendation and shared tips for the group on how to proceed with offering proposals for the task force discussion.

The Task Force discussed various options for categorizing the projects by reviewing how projects met the overall criteria (public involvement, additions, capacity building, and equity), evaluating how projects met the needs of various voter blocks, and reviewing types of projects (river access, fields, etc.). Following much discussion about the benefits of the various projects, the group began to narrow their discussion to the following two proposals:

Proposal 1	Estimated Cost	
Frog Pond Park Community Park	\$	17,500,000
Memorial Park Fields	\$	8,500,000
Boones Ferry Park River Access	\$	5,050,000
Boones Ferry Park Central	\$	3,300,000
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair/Replacement	\$	1,500,000
Community Scale Skatepark - Town Center	\$	800,000
Community Center Improvements	\$	600,000
		\$
Total		37,250,000

Proposal 2	Estimated Cost	
Frog Pond Park Community Park	\$	17,500,000
Memorial Park River Access	\$	2,700,000
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair/Replacement	\$	1,500,000
Memorial Park Courts	\$	900,000
Community Scale Skatepark - Town Center	\$	800,000
Community Center Improvements	\$	600,000
Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$	600,000
Memorial Park Maintenance Facility Upgrades	\$	350,000
Memorial Park Ballfield Bathrooms & Concessions	\$	250,000
Natural Resource Enhancement and Management		
Plan	\$	200,000
Community Garden	\$	100,000





### Total

25,500,000

\$

Following the discussion, it was agreed that more review and discussion was needed before the group could reach consensus and/or be prepared to make a final recommendation.

### WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

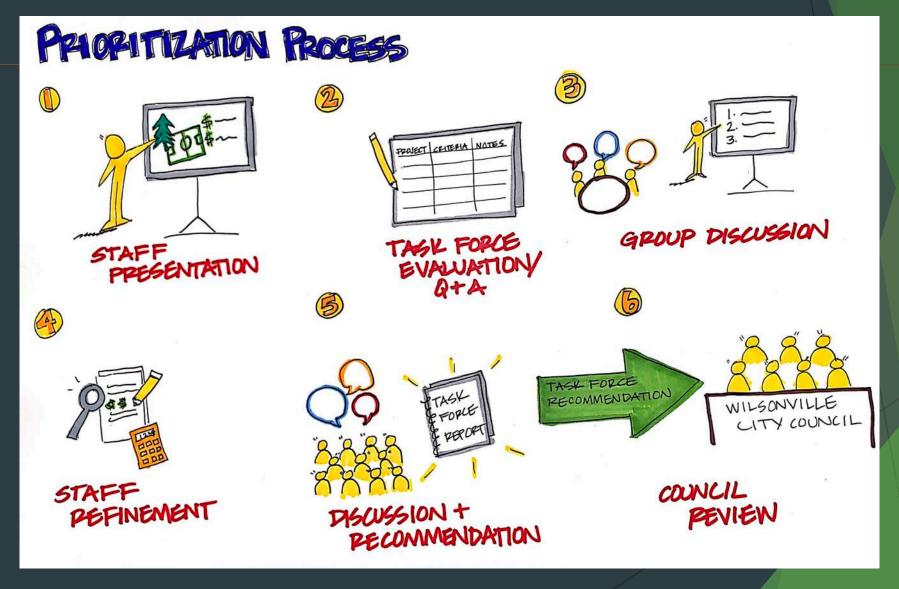
The Task Force members agreed to meet again in two weeks on March 10 to continue discussion of their recommendation. Ms. Wilson said the survey data and options would be sent via email for their continued review. At the next meeting, each task force member would have 1.5 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to share their current thoughts/position followed by continue discussion on their recommendation. There was consensus from the group to keep their proposals below \$38.5 million.

# Wilsonville Park Bond Task Force

Meeting #5: Park Project Prioritization and Recommendation

February 25, 2020

# **Prioritization Process**



# Criteria to Consider

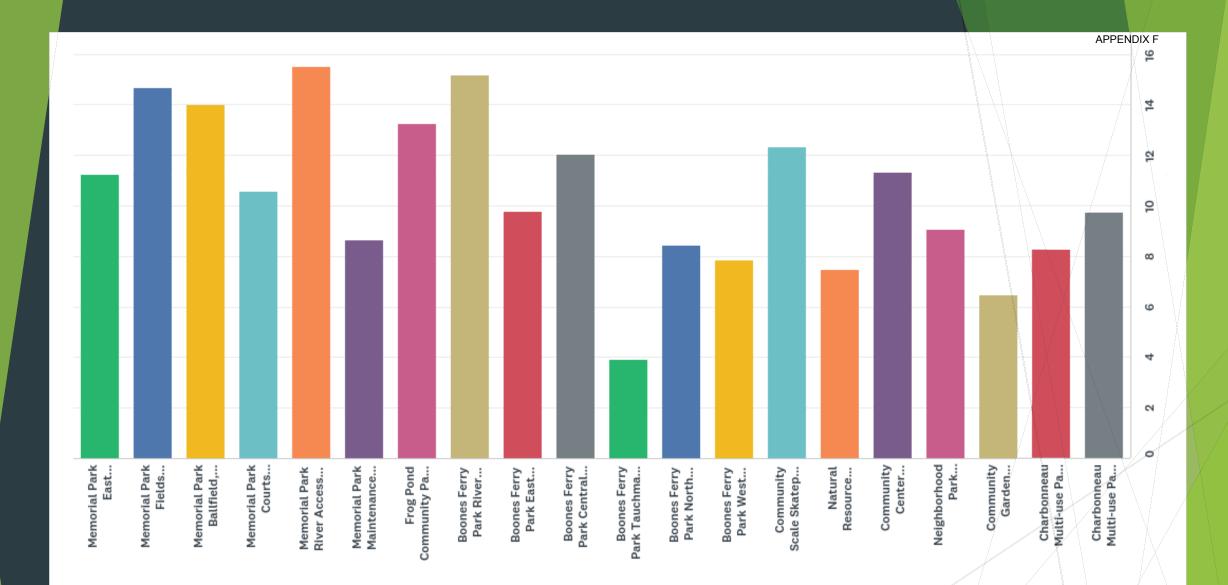
- Public Involvement: Has the community indicated this project is a priority during previous public outreach processes?
- Additions: Are we adding an amenity to the City's park system that doesn't currently exist?
- Capacity Building: Are we adding needed capacity to an existing amenity?
- Equity: Will the project serve a range of demographics? Can the project benefit residents across the community?

# Small Group Discussion Recap

- Each group used a different approach for developing their ranking/presentation
- While each group ranked the projects differently there were a few common themes from each presentation:
  - River access
  - Additional capacity through the addition of Frog Pond Community Park
  - > A package of top projects ranging from \$23 million to \$27 million

# Group Polling Exercise

	Estimated	
Park Project	Cost	# of Votes
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Community Center Improvements	\$600,000	5
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Natural Resource Enhancement and Management Plan	\$200,000	1
Neighborhood Park Improvements	\$600,000	1
Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair/Replacement	\$1,500,000	1
Memorial Park Maintenance Facility Upgrades	\$350,000	0
Community Garden	\$100,000	0



# **Prioritization Survey**

# Developing a Task Force Recommendation

### Consensus:

- A creative and dynamic way of reaching agreement between all members of a group. Instead of simply voting, consensus is finding a solution that everyone actively supports - or at least can live with.
- Consider all information
- Make a proposal, discuss, proposal amendments, test for agreement --- continue until we reach a decision
- Recommendation could include:
  - Consensus on one proposal
  - Consensus on multiple options
  - ▶ If no consensus can be reached, present the majority and minority viewpoints

# Next Steps

- Presentation to the City Council
- Polling process
- If the Council decides to proceed based on this information, they would approve language for the ballot

### Bond Proposal Talking Points Submitted by: Steve Benson

Cities with rivers should take full advantage.

Great towns and cities have great waterfront parks. They become part of the reputation and desirability of the community.

All activities in Memorial and Boones Ferry Parks should be considered waterfront activities because both parks are on the Willamette River.

The more activities that are provided in the parks the more that people will use them.

Wilsonville city council has determined that river access is a priority.

Our Masterplans for Boones Ferry Park and Memorial Park is our only way for us to achieve as much advantage of our river as possible.

The parks masterplans have already proven community support with surveys and community participation.

Without funding Boones Ferry and Memorial Parks will never get done.

Boones Ferry East vs. Boones Ferry Central

Central already exists. Currently East is an unusable piece of land. Build East first so the park becomes more complete with more riverfront.

Charbonneau, Community Center, Skatepark and Park Improvements fill out other demographics

Frog Pond Community Park should be built to handle the increased residential growth in NE Wilsonville.

Two turf field for \$26 million are too big of the piece of pie. Look at survey results.

Look to the 2017 masterplan survey to see where you will find support.

	Proposal Part 1	
1	Boones Ferry Park River Access	5.05
1	Boones Ferry Park East	3.00
2	Mem. Park River Access	2.70
2	Memorial Park Courts	0.90
2	Memorial Park Ball field Bathrooms and Concessions	0.25
3	Frog Pond Community Park	17.50
4	Charbonneau Multi-use Path Repair Replacement	1.50
5	Community Center Improvements	0.60
6	Community Skatepark	0.80
7	Neighborhood Park Improvements	0.60
	Total	32.90
	Proposal Part 2	
1a	Boones Ferry Park Central	3.30
4a	Charbonneau Multi-use Path extensions	2.50
2a	Memorial Park Fields	8.50
	Total	14.30
	Grand Total Proposal Part 1 and 2	47.20

Sacramento River Trail and Sundial Bridge, Redding CA



### Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland OR



### Hood River Waterfront Park, Hood River OR



Salem Riverfront Park, Salem OR



### Park Bond Committee: Meeting 6

- 1. As I looked at how best to prioritize and bundle the projects for our community, I went back and looked at a few things:
  - a. The project priority recommendations of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board from March 2019 facilitated by Sara Wilson. So far, the recommendations of this group are very similar to the process Sara ran last year.
  - b. The criteria provided by staff.
    - i. Public interest via prior surveys, presentations, etc.
    - ii. Are we adding a new amenity that doesn't currently exist?
    - iii. Are we adding capacity to an existing amenity?
    - iv. Will the project serve a range of demographics?
  - c. I reviewed the inventory of amenities we currently have at MP, BF and the schools (excluding Villebois and Charbonneau). I took a drive this weekend and visited all the schools and parks, to reacquaint myself with the current inventory.
- I then looked at our Parks and asked, <u>what amenities are we missing</u>; what is <u>needed</u> to attract new users; what is needed to <u>enhance the current park experience</u>, and <u>what</u> <u>can we afford</u>. And as a Bond package what do we need to include, to ensure a broadbased voter support.
- 3. Bucket 1 Package of \$33.7 MM.
  - a. **BF Park:** River access, trails, overlooks, kayak rental barn. As this will bring a new amenity to the west side of town. And river access was high on citizen surveys. River access is enjoyed by all age groups.
  - b. **Charbonneau** Trail Repair (it's cheaper than trail extension), but would residents prefer expanding the trail instead?
  - c. **Community Center** is low cost and is used pretty heavily by seniors and others in the community.
  - d. **Community Scale Skate Park by City Hall**. This will be used by both skateboarders, BMX bicycle riders and scooters.
    - i. Over the last few weeks I have heard various questions about the skatepark that we have not had time to dive into and while I would love to spend the next 20 minutes providing you all sorts of information. I thought it would be more efficient if I provided you some of the written background material that you can review at your leisure.
    - ii. There are a couple of data points that I would like to leave with you.
    - iii. The first organized skatepark committee started in ~ 1997. One of those youngsters, now works for me as a Senior Financial Analyst at Portland General Electric.

Wilsonville Parks Bond Committee Chair - Jim Barnes

	Projects	Rank	Project	Running Total	
1	Natural Resources	1	200,000	200,000	Bucket 1
2	MP: Ballfield Bathroom / Concessions	1	250,000	450,000	
3	MP: Maintenance Facility Upgrade	1	350,000	800,000	
4	Community Center Improvements	1	600,000	1,400,000	
5	Neighborhood Park Improvements	1	600,000	2,000,000	
6	Community Skate Park by City Hall	1	800,000	2,800,000	
7	MP: Courts - Tennis & Pickle Ball	1	900,000	3,700,000	
8	Charbonneau - Trail Repair	1	1,500,000	5,200,000	
9	MP: River Access, Parking, Bathroom,	1	2,700,000	7,900,000	
10	BF Central: River trails, Bathroom, Playground	1	3,300,000	11,200,000	
11	BF: River Access, Parking, Bathroom	1	5,050,000	16,250,000	
12	Frog Pond Turf Sports Complex	1	17,500,000	33,750,000	
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13	MP East: Parking, Bathroom, Skate, Bike Course	2	3,000,000	36,750,000	Bucket 2
14	BF East: Parking, Bathroom, Dog park, Bike Course	2	3,600,000	40,350,000	
15	MP Turf Fields	3	8,500,000	48,850,000	Bucket 3
10			0,500,000	40,000,000	Duchoro
16	Charbonneau - trail extension	4	2,500,000	51,350,000	Bucket 4
17	Community Garden - West Side	5	100,000	51,450,000	
18	BF North: Parking, trails	6	600,000	52,050,000	
19	BF West: Parking, bridge landing, trails	7	700,000	52,750,000	
20	BF: Tauchman House updates	8	750,000	53,500,000	

MP	= Memorial Park
BF	= Boones Ferry Park

#### Wilsonville Skatepark History

March 11, 1997 – Parks Board meeting. First Skatepark design meeting.

**Winter 1999** – Current Skatepark in Memorial Park installed. Tualatin Hills Recreation Center and City of Wilsonville partnered to get the ramps and the Oregon Army National Guard installed the concrete slab.

**2005** – Youth Summit at Wilsonville High School. A core group of high school students gave input on improving the skateboarding opportunities in Wilsonville.

**2005** – City Council meeting. Kent Dahlgren from Skaters for Public Skateparks made a presentation introducing the concept of skateboard features, design, and placement recommendations.

**2006** – The Wilsonville Skateboard Society was created and is housed under the "Friends of Wilsonville Center" non profit. In 2006, the skateboard society began fundraising and working to get the word out about increasing skateboard opportunities.

**December 3, 2007** – City Council work session. Desire for a new skatepark returned with four potential sites being presented. (NW Rugs, Old City Hall-grass area west of Art/Tech HS, Town Center Park-referred to as Courtside Drive in later documents, and Memorial Park).

**December 13, 2007** - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Five sites were reviewed (adding Murase Plaza to the previous 4) and determined the top two sites would be the Courtside Drive site or the Murase Park site. Parks Board made a formal recommendation reflecting their decision.

**August 18, 2008** – City Council work session. 2 sites reviewed. Courtside Drive and Murase Plaza sites. City staff and skateboard supporters in attendance.

**February 2, 2009** – City Council work session. Staff presented data illustrating examples of other community skate parks/size/cost/where the funds came from in response to council questions. Skateboard supporters in attendance.

**April 6, 2009** - City Council meeting. Skateboard supporters attended and expressed the need for a new Skatepark in Wilsonville.

**November 16, 2009** – City Council meeting. Jim Barnes, representing Wilsonville Skatepark Association, presented, advocating for Wilsonville skateboarders and a selection of a skatepark site.



# City of Wilsonville, OR

# PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD PROJECT PRIORITIZATION MARCH 2019

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WILSONVILLE Park Project Prioritization



# **Park Project Priorities**

- 01 Memorial Park Boat Launch, SW Parking Lot, Nature Play, and Watercraft Concessions
- 02 Community Scale Skate Park
- 03 Memorial Park Central Restrooms
- 04 Memorial Park River Trail Overlooks
- 05 Boones Ferry Phase 1 River Access
- 06 Boones Ferry Phase 2 Dog Park and Parking
- 07 Frog Pond Community Park
- 08 Memorial Park Ball Fields



### BY PETER WHITLEY SKATERS FOR PUBLIC SKATEPARKS

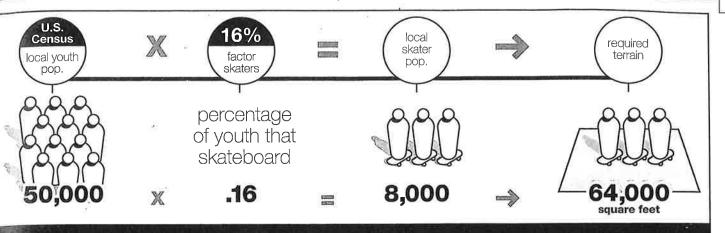
# FOREWORD BY TONY HAWK







Submitted by: Jim Barnes



Measuring the terrain needs of your skateboarding community is the first step to planning a community skatepark or skatepark system. The Skatepark Adoption Model is a formula that uses the size of your community to gauge your skatepark need.

The list relies upon the simple calculation that 1 skateboarder requires a minimum of 1,500 square feet, but that 9 other skaters can use that terrain simultaneously (skateboarders typically take turns while recreating). Essentially, a municipality should provide approximately 1.5 square feet per "weekly" skateboarder in their community. The list also accounts for the reasonable assumption that a community will never have 100% of their skateboarding populace out at the same time (the "weekly" skateboarder is approximately one-quarter of the larger skateboarding population).

- **Less than 499 skateboarders:** 8,000 square feet of total terrain. This should be a single facility with a variety of terrain styles.
- **500–1,199 skateboarders:** 16,000 square feet of total terrain. This solution should contain at least one full-size (10,000+ sq.ft.) skatepark.
- **1,200–2,000 skateboarders:** 24,000 square feet of total terrain. This should be refined into a skatepark system featuring at least one neighborhood skatepark and several skate spots.
- **2,000–2,999 skateboarders:** 32,000 square feet of total terrain. This should be refined into a skatepark system featuring a regional skatepark, one or more neighborhood skateparks, and several skate spots.
- **3,000–4,999 skateboarders:** 48,000 square feet of total terrain. This should be refined into a skatepark system featuring a regional skatepark, several neighborhood skateparks, and several skate spots.
- **5,000–7,999 skateboarders:** 64,000 square feet of total terrain. This should be refined into a skatepark system featuring a regional skatepark, several neighborhood skateparks, and several skate spots.
- **8,000–14,999 skateboarders:** 96,000 square feet of total terrain. This should be refined into a skatepark system featuring one or more regional skateparks, several neighborhood skateparks, and several skate spots. We strongly suggest that at this scale a comprehensive plan is developed.

Getting Into Government, continued from page 15 The advocacy group should put a lot of effort toward building a relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department (or P&RD). The advocates will work closely with a person from whichever committee or department is responsible for creating and supporting recreation facilities in the area. It is likely that several good relationships will develop between the advocates and individuals within the P&RD, including the chief planner, the maintenance supervisor, and the public relations liaison. The more you can learn about these people now, the easier it will be to establish a positive relationship later. Do the homework, get on their Web sites, and get to know your representatives!

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APPENDIX G

#### What Does "Support" Mean?

The word "support" gets thrown around a lot in public advocacy. It's an easy word to use but doesn't always mean the same thing to people. Many people will say "we really support what you're doing." That's a compliment, not a pledge. Real support means representing skateboarders' interests via that individual or group. Having the Lion's Club, for example, stand up at a City Council meeting and say "the Lion's Club supports putting a skatepark on the corner of First and Main" is true support. Over time the advocacy group will become very good at identifying ways that a person offering "complimentary" support can be converted into a "real" supporter. Wilsonville Skate Park Association

# Skate Park Report

# City Council Meeting November 16, 2009

This is Version 8, and reflects requested edits or new information. Version 7 was presented to the City Council. Skate Park Report - V8 - after Council meeting.doc

### **Executive Summary**

The Wilsonville Skate Park Association (WSPA) is a community led organization focused on working with the City of Wilsonville and members of the Community, to foster support for the activity of skateboarding as a healthy activity for young people in the community and to promote the siting, funding and development of a skate park in the City of Wilsonville.

For Wilsonville, the history of skate park development starts in March of 1997, with the first skate park design meeting at a Parks Board meeting. This led to the development of the current 3,500 SF facility in Memorial Park. In 2005, a small grass roots effort began work on laying the foundation for gaining support to expand skateboarding opportunities in Wilsonville. Over the next few years there were multiple presentations to the City Council regarding skateboarding and finding a site for a skate park. The 2007 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (as adopted by the Council) included development of a "Community-scale Skate Park/Plaza".

• For additional information on the skate park development history in Wilsonville and copies of the prior presentations to the City Council, please refer to the attached document titled "City of Wilsonville Communications"

As the discussion with City Council progressed through the end of 2008 and early 2009, it appeared that the Council was close to selecting a site from among the three primary sites still under consideration. The three primary sites are listed below, in order of preference by the WSPA. It should be noted however, that all three sites are acceptable to the WSPA.

- Courtside Drive
- Murase Plaza
- Memorial Park

There continues to be ongoing discussion at the Council about the skate park and about which site to choose. No decision has been reached by the Council.

Up through February 2009, the Community Services Department of the City of Wilsonville had been the primary group gathering data for the Council and making the official presentations to the Council with support from the grass roots team. After the February 2009 Council meeting, the grass roots team – now known as the Wilsonville Skate Park Association (in consultation with the Community Services Department) decided it was time to take a more active role in working with the Council.

In the spring of 2009 the WSPA sponsored a community meeting regarding skateboarding, formed a Steering Committee and began the efforts leading up to the November 16, 2009 Council meeting. One of the primary objectives was to meet with the Mayor and each of the Councilors individually to find out what additional information the WSPA could bring to the Council to help reach a final siting decision. The following sections of this report provide information requested by the Council and also incorporates prior information presented to the Council.

#### Murase Plaze – potential skate park site



- 1. The yellow triangle represents approximately 25,000 square feet.
- 2. A community-scale park would use 12,000 16,000 square feet.
- 3. Lieutenant Watt of the Wilsonville Police Department has reviewed the site and determined that it has adequate visibility.
- 4. The stand of trees may block the afternoon sun which is needed to dry out the park on Oregon's misty days.
- 5. Parking can be very crowded on nice summer days when there is a large number of parents taking younger children to play in the water feature.
- 6. Located on the bus line and close to fast food restaurants.

## How Much Skateable Terrain Does Wilsonville Need?

The question often comes up regarding how to measure the need for a skate park and how much skateable terrain is needed. These questions can be addressed from a couple of different angles.

First, try and measure the number of skaters in the community. To take a literal count of the skaters is of course impossible, thus we rely on statistics to give us a good approximation.

The Skatepark Adoption Model (SAM)<sup>1</sup> was developed to help take the guess work out of planning a park. SAM is comprised of two parts. Part one estimates the number of skaters in a community based on statistical averages. Part two estimates the number of square feet of skateable space is needed to support the community.

Part 1

- The majority of skaters are between the ages of 5 & 24.
- About 29% of the national population is between the ages of 5 & 24.
- Statistics indicate that 16% of individuals between 5 & 24 have or will ride a skateboard this year.
- Thus the number of skaters in Wilsonville can be estimated as follows:

17,360 (Wilsonville Population) x 29% x 16% = <u>805 total Skaters</u>

• Approximately 25% of the 805 skaters ride on a weekly basis

805 total skaters x 25% = 201 weekly Skaters

#### <u>Part 2</u>

Each skateboarder requires a minimum of 1,500 square feet (SF), but 9 other skaters can use that same space since they take turns. Recognizing that not all skaters will be skating at one time results in the following planning guide:

• Less than 499 skateboarders. 8,000 SF of terrain. This would likely be one park with a variety of terrain styles.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Skatepark Development Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by Peter Whitley. Published by: International Association of Skateboard Companines, Skaters for Publice Skateparks, and the Tony Hawk Foundation

# How Do Skateboarders Use the Park?

In talking with Mayor Knapp, one of the items he was interested in learning more about is – how do the kids use a skate park? How do they take turns; what is the flow / dynamics; how many skate at a time; what design features are good / bad, etc.

This is a classic case of "a picture is worth a thousand words" so the WSPA has made short video showing a number of skate parks. In the video you can see what the parks look like, how the skaters take turns, and we can describe some of the features that make a good park and those features that detract from a park.

Since not everyone will be able to see the video, we have outlined some common questions below. The answers are based on:

- WSPA committee personal observations from spending many hours at skate parks,
- Public Skatepark Development Guide by Peter Whitley,
- Skateboarding Instruction, Programming, and Park Design by Ben Wixon,
- And one steering committee member decision to learn how to skate this summer and thus spending many hours at parks in the "learners permit" category.
- 1. Will the older kids overrun the younger ones?
  - No. Skating is much different than say a basketball court where it is hard to have a 6 year old in the same game as a 16 year old. In skating the 16 year old can drop in, do their run and then the 6 year old can drop in right afterwards and do their run.
- 2. What features make a good Neighborhood park?
  - <u>Variety</u>. A good neighborhood park is a little bit like a smorgasbord it needs to have a little bit of everything to appeal to a variety of skateboarding styles. It should include small easy features for beginners, street style and mini-ramp sized transition for the kids and young adults, pool or flow transition or larger vertical features for the older skaters.
  - <u>Flow.</u> The park should have good "flow". Flow allows you to minimize having to push your way through the course by enabling the skater to pump through the terrain.
  - <u>Open Space</u>. Pathways around the bowl edges need to be wide enough for beginners to use this area to learn on and to allow easy passage around the bowl areas. Some parks have narrow pathways and it is hard for the skaters to pass by each other or a fence is put right next to the pathway causing the path to feel very tight.

# Survey of Local Communities

The City Council was particularly interested in the experiences of the local communities with skate parks. As we all know, negative stories often get a lot of news coverage. The Council wanted to get a more direct report from the Cities. Accordingly the WSPA developed a "pull no punches" survey and sent it to the neighboring Cities Parks & Recreation Departments (and one new park way to the east). The responses were great. Overwhelmingly, the Cities were happy with their parks, happy they had built them, and reported few instances of concern.

The survey responses are listed below.

Have you had very many problems or issues (fights, graffiti, gang hangout) at the skate park site?

- 1. Tualatin. Very little. Underage smoking is the biggest issue. Once or twice a year we have an issue, but really the kids-take care of it because it is their own place.
- 2. Portland. See replies at next question.
- 3. Newberg. From time to time, but not much.
- 4. West Linn. None of the above, our biggest problem was after hours skating, which we've pretty much resolved.
- 5. Tigard. We have had one major graffiti incident since the park opened two years ago, a lot of small graffiti (initials with a marker, and some skate equipment stickers). Overall, much less graffiti and vandalism than most of our other parks only the dog parks have less graffiti and vandalism.
- 6. Pendleton. Some bumps and bruises. Incredibly, save a little felt pen stuff, no tagging. We have been very pleased with the behavior of the kids, they have been very pleased with the skate park (of their own design-very important if you build one)
- 7. Canby. We've had all the issues mentioned above.

Do you think the skate park attracts local hooligan issues? That is, would there be fewer issues if there were no park or would they most likely just move to another location in the <u>City?</u>

- 5. Tigard. Don't know.
- 6. Pendleton. No, the kids love it and so far no problems. We decided early on not to build it and then walk away. Staff has programmed learn to skate and competitions, employing skaters as instructors, etc. My park staff hits it every day for litter clean-up.
- 7. Canby. No, we fell it would just be displaced.

#### Do you regret building a skate park in your city?

- 1. Tualatin. Not for one second.
- 2. Portland. Skateboarding is great exercise and rewards courage and persistence. Why wouldn't we want to encourage that? Trouble seems to come from the unsupervised, hangers-on who don't skate. The park should have good visibility and easy access for police or parks department supervision.
- 3. Newberg. No, it has been a positive recreational activity in the city. Less kids skating in front of homes and businesses. A positive gathering point for teenagers.
- 4. West Linn. Not at all, we have built a smaller one already with a couple of more small ones planned.
- 5. Tigard. No.
- 6. Pendleton. No.
- 7. Canby. No, it attracts the skaters to one location rather than all over town.

#### Does your City Council still support the Skate Park?

- 1. Tualatin. Yes we have a very pro-youth Mayor and Council.
- 2. Portland. The City Council has been very supportive of skate parks. Portland currently has five public skate parks and the city has unofficially approved of the world famous Burnside skate park built and maintained by skateboarders. The Burnside park transformed a blighted, high-crime site into something positive though it is not entirely squeaky-clean.
- 3. Newberg. Yes, we are a park district and they support it. In fact we are planning another park in the City of Dundee.
- 4. West Linn. Yes.

- 6. Pendleton. Yes.
- 7. Canby. Yes, it localized the damage to one location.

#### What advice do you have for Wilsonville in citing and building a park?

- 1. Tualatin. **Build one you won't regret it.** The best thing about being last to do something is you can learn from others. I think you'll find in the south metro area that they've been nothing but a smashing success. Put it in a highly visible location (near a busy road), near 24 hour activity (like a police station) and near transit stops.
- 2. Portland. Put the skate park in a high traffic area with good visibility. Turning it into a teenage gulag in an isolated part of town sends a message that skateboarding is an unwanted activity. It also makes it inconvenient for parents and other adult supervision and invites trouble. Take advantage of the fact that some of the best skate park builders in the world are based here in the Pacific Northwest.

Skateboarders run these companies and do excellent work. Concrete parks are lower maintenance. Prefab parks are inferior and will seem contemptuous and inadequate to your skateboarders who know that other communities in the area have built the real thing.

Having good facilities for spectators and parents/ families is a good idea. Battle Ground, Washington skate park has extensive seating and viewing areas fenced off from the skating areas, lights, permanent restrooms, drinking fountains and trash receptacles. The Newberg, Oregon skate park has a covered viewing area and adjacent bicycling, playground and Frisbee golf facilities. Holly Farm skate park in Portland is a small skateboarding area adjacent to a playground and traditional park.

Put a roof over it and light it! In a region where it can rain 150 days out of the year, a covered skate park would provide year-round recreation.

- 3. Newberg. An open area where it would be easy to view for the public and safety services.
- 4. West Linn. Listen to all ages of skaters when designing. If you build it just for 10 year olds who like street now, they will be bored in a couple of years. Locating it where it's visible rather than some back section of a property will go a long way to curtailing most of your concerns in #1. Our parents walk down and sit on a bench and watch.
- 5. Tigard. Visibility is important. The more technical the skate park the older and more experienced the users. Street features tend to attract a younger crowd of learning skaters. There is a new street feature skate park near my

<u>Chairperson Rich Carlson</u>, were present to open this Dreamland constructed park. Park components include 2 bowls, a rotating volcano top, and street features.

The skate park construction cost about \$370,000. The task force raised \$65,000 in cash and in-kind contributions and the City was awarded \$150,000 in Oregon Park and Recreation Department matching funds for the park project. The City of Tigard picked up the remaining balance with park system development charge funds.

In 2001, members of Mayor Jim Griffith's Youth Forum proposed the construction of a skate park in Tigard, and the Skate Park Task Force was formed. The conceptual design of a 15,000-square foot, concrete, in-ground skate park was created in 2002, and, in 2003, a portion of the current Tigard Civic Center parking lot was identified as the future site of the skate park facility.

Mayor Jim Griffith was a strong advocate for Tigard youth and the skate park project. Following his death in the fall of 2003, the Skate Park Task Force requested the park be named in his honor.

The Plan (as adopted by the City Council) recommended developing new skate facilities in Wilsonville. In general, the Plan envisioned building a combination of small skate spots (two to four of them) throughout the City and one "community-scale" Skate park / plaza. Listed below are some of the comments in the Plan.

- <u>Page ii.</u> "Increase skateboarding opportunities throughout the community by building skate spots and a skate plaza"
- <u>Page 15. Programming Expansion</u> should be considered in the following areas:
  - Demographics. Several groups need more or better recreation programs, according to participants at the Visioning meeting. These include: high-school youth, middle-school youth and adults ages 26-54.
  - Program preferences include: skateboarding & disc golf
- Page 48. Project 26 Skate Features.
  - In addition to the improvements to the skate park in Memorial park, the addition of "skate spots" along routes that are frequently traveled by those who use skateboards as a means of transportation as well as recreation. These spots will be similar to the 'waysides' defined along pathways for rest or fitness stations.
- Page 48. Project 27 Skate Park / Plaza
  - The interest in skate and rollerblade activities continues to grow in the City. From middle school through adulthood, more individuals are using skateboards as a means of transportation and for recreational activity. The skate park in Memorial Park provides beginner level features in a setting consistent with the multifaceted use of the park, where a family with multiple interests can spend time enjoying the many features in the central area of the park with easy access to picnic tables, parking and restroom facilities. There is a growing need for an advanced level park that provides skaters more opportunity to hone their skills on a wider variety of features. Studies show a shift from organized sports to alternative sports and activities by an increasing number of youth. A skate park located with easy access to public transportation and in view of surrounding development would support the need for this growing activity.

#### 4. How much parking is required?

The "Public Skatepark Development Guide" recommends 16 parking spaces for a neighborhood park (defined as 10,000 SF to 24,999 SF).

If a park is centrally located in a City, it does not require much parking because most of the skaters ride their skateboards to the park. Having visited many skate • Should the City keep 14,000 SF for a skate park and sell the remaining 68,764 SF?

#### 6. Can an Aquatic Center be built at the Courtside Drive property?

No. Per Ms. Rutherford's July 30, 2008 report a pool as proposed in the Aquatics Task Force report would require approximately 130,000 SF of land and the Courtside Drive site is only 82,764 SF

#### 7. Do most skate parks have video camera's?

• No. But they can be installed to increase visibility.

# 8. If a full size neighborhood skate park is placed in Murase or Memorial Park, will the concentration of teenagers tend to push out other park users?

- It is pretty common to have a skate park cited within a larger park and the two uses seem to be compatible. From what we've seen play area's for age's 5 and under, tend to be at least 80-100 feet from the skate park and this works well.
- The potential Murase site would be located a few hundred feet south of the water feature and the mounding could remain in place to separate it from the kid slide area.
- The current Memorial Park site does not appear to be causing any issues with adjoining uses. The main issue tends to be young kids using it as a play ground to climb on and getting in the way of the skateboarders. This tends to occur when Mom & Dad are busy watching another child playing in a baseball or soccer game.

- 2. Park Design. City Staff & WSPA to:
  - Select a professional skate park design firm (winter 2010)
  - Facilitate public review / input of design (June/August 2010)
  - Final design concept (September December 2010)
- 3. Fundraising
  - Spring 2010 Write Grant Proposals
  - 2010 WSPA begin local fundraising efforts
  - Jan / March 2011 Finalize construction cost
  - Spring 2011 Evaluate status of fundraising & Grant writing, work with City to determine if City can contribute any capital funding in 2011/2012 budget
- 4. Construction
  - o Summer of 2011

# Injury, Safety, Liability<sup>3</sup>

A common concern for individuals not familiar with skating is – how dangerous is it? For those who did not grow up skating, it does indeed look dangerous. But the skateboarding injury statistics suggest that athletes are more likely to be injured playing a number of popular sports than they are skateboarding.

About 144,000 skateboarders visited the emergency room in 2007. This amounts to 1.4 visits per 100 participants. This is fewer emergency room visits that participants in football, basketball or soccer.

According to the U.S. Governments Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), skateboarders have a 0.8% chance of injury each time they skate. Soccer players have a 2.4% chance of injury each time they play. Per the CPSC, basketball was responsible for three times more injuries requiring medical treatment than skateboarding.

It should be clear that assumptions regarding skateboarding liability and injury are based largely on false perceptions about the activity. Most parks administrators understand that skate parks can be covered under the same policies as other facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Primary source of data is the Public Skatepark Development Guide by Peter Whitley

- 1. Public Skatepark Development Guide by Peter Whitley
- 2. Skateboarding: Instruction, Programming and Park Design by Ben Wixon
- 3. www.skateoregon.com
  - a. Provides a link to many of the skate parks in Oregon
- 4. www.dreamlandskateparks.com
  - a. Dreamland is an Oregon company that builds skate parks
- www.skateparkguide.com
   a. Provides a good overview of skate park design and development process
- 6. <u>www.spausa.com</u>a. Skatepark Association of the United States
- 7. www.portlandonline.com/parks/skateparks
  - a. Provides information on the Portland Parks & Recreation department skateboarding activities
- 8. www.skateportland.org
  - a. Skaters for Portland Skateparks



## **RESOURCES: BENEFITS OF PARKS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

#### **BENEFITS OF A PARK SYSTEM**

- Proximity to parks has shown an increase in property values, with the impact reducing as you move further away from a park or greenspace.
- Parks provide low or no-cost recreation and encourage exercise, potentially creating a healthy community.
- Parks bring people into nature, make outdoor recreation more accessible, and provide safe and attractive places for individuals and families to live and play.

SOURCE: National Parks and Recreation Association

#### LIVING NEAR GREEN SPACES HELPS YOU LIVE LONGER, NEW STUDY SHOWS

April 15, 2016, 8:30 AM PDT / Updated April 18, 2016, 5:12 PM PDT By Maggie Fox

Go ahead, plant a tree. It might help you live longer.

A new study shows that living in or near green spaces can be a boon for longevity, and seeing more greenery may also boost mental health, according to a team at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Link to full article: <u>https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/living-near-green-spaces-helps-you-live-longer-new-study-n556621</u>

#### THE ECONOMIC POWER OF LOCAL PARKS AND REC

March 8, 2018, Department, by Kevin Roth, Ph.D.

These are challenging times for park and recreation professionals. Eight years into an economic recovery and park and recreation leaders have to fight harder than ever before to keep their already limited funding in place. Last month, these pages featured an article that demonstrated that local park and recreation agency funding in 2013 was 7 percent below that of 2003, after adjusting for inflation. Our nation's population grew 9 percent over the same 10-year period. While elected and appointed government officials agree parks and recreation is a valuable service, they are likely to view park and recreation agency funding as one of the most discretionary budget lines in their city, town or county. This becomes particularly acute during



challenging fiscal times when local government officials target parks and recreation for the greatest budget cuts.

But, there is a tremendous cost to these "savings." Taking dollars away from parks and recreation deprives people of gathering places to meet with friends and family, open spaces to exercise and reconnect with nature or community resources where they can get a nutritious meal. In addition, cutting back on park and recreation budgets harms economic activity in the community.

Several years ago, NRPA published the first-ever nationwide study on the economic benefits of local public park and recreation agency spending. That report found that in 2013 alone, local park and recreation agencies' operations and capital spending were responsible for nearly \$140 billion in economic activity and nearly 1 million jobs. This report empowered park and recreation professionals and advocates to speak with authority about the economic benefits of parks and recreation.

NRPA and George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis joined forces once again to update this landmark study. The new study, included with this issue of Parks & Recreation magazine, finds that local park and recreation agencies were responsible for more than \$154 billion in economic activity and just over 1.1 million jobs in 2015. These estimates reflect the direct, indirect and induced effects resulting from \$31 billion in operations spending and more than \$23 billion in capital expenditures made during the year.

Link to full article: <u>https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/the-economic-impact-of-local-parks/</u>

#### PARKS AND IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE

More time spent in parks and green spaces can help individuals fight against mental health issues like depression, anxiety and stress. Making sure that all people have access to parks and outdoor programming is a critical way to increase these positive effects on health and quality of life for your community.

Link to full article: https://www.nrpa.org/contentassets/9c491783f73a45f89abb0443b1a3e977/parks-improvedmental-health-quality-life.pdf



#### HOW PARKLANDS PROVIDE REAL VALUE

October 1, 2012 By Michael Kirschman

The justifications for cutting county park and recreation budgets have become so common that it begs the question: Are these cuts actually saving money? What are the true benefits of park and recreation services? Can these benefits be quantified?

Unfortunately, administrators often depend solely on anecdotal evidence, visitation estimates, or vague "quality of life" statements to justify—or, more often, cut—park and recreation services. However, there is reliable research out there to assist decision makers. If return on investment (ROI) is important to your community, it is your responsibility to prove how your parklands add real value.

Link to full article: <u>https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2012/october/how-parklands-provide-real-value/</u>

#### ECONOMIC IMPACT OF LOCAL PARKS: AN EXAMINATION OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL SPENDING BY LOCAL PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES ON THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY

SEVEN IN TEN AMERICANS regularly visit their local park and recreation facilities. An even larger number—nine in ten—agrees that their communities benefit from everything their local park and recreation agencies offer. This level of public support is not surprising; parks and recreation promotes healthy, prosperous and connected communities in nearly every city, town and county throughout the United States. Millions of people benefit directly from their local park and recreation agencies in many ways—as gathering places to meet with friends and family, open spaces to exercise and reconnect with nature or as community resources where they can get a nutritious meal.

Link to Full Study: <u>https://www.nrpa.org/siteassets/research/economic-impact-study-summary-2018.pdf</u>



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