



CITY OF TROUTDALE PARKS & FACILITIES

AGENDA
PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Kellogg Community room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060
October 16, 2024
7:00 PM

The PAC meeting will be held in person in the Kellogg Room and will also be available on teams.

1. Roll Call
2. Review and Approve September 18, 2024 Minutes
3. Communication from Staff
4. Public to be heard (comments limited to 5 min / speaker)
5. Status update and Q&A session on the Beaver Creek Bridge replacement project with Public Works Civil Engineer Scott Wadell
6. Continued discussion of outreach strategies for new Citizen volunteer groups with Digital Media Specialist Kevin Mooney
7. Brainstorming session on Committee priorities for Parks capital outlay projects in the 25-26 FY manager proposed budget
8. Committee concerns and initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments
9. Hold or Cancel next month's meeting
10. Adjourn

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**Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary**

September 18, 2024

Kellogg Room & Remote Video Conferencing
<https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/bc-pac>

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Chair Zach Andrews, Vice Chair Robbie Cantrell, Carol Allen, Jim Hill, Tiffany Long, Shelly Reynolds, Victoria Rizzo, Woodrow Terrell, Sherilee Winters

Excused: None

Staff Present: Jona Jacobsen, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

Review and approve July 17, 2024, Minutes — Unanimously approved as presented.

Communication from Staff — Updates included the Beaver Creek habitat improvements, wildfire preparedness, small dog area in Columbia Dog Park, AMR and OPS services at Glenn Otto Park, Beaver Creek Bridge Project, and new park at URA property/Sandy River confluence.

Public to be heard — The reduced allocation for Imagination Station's resurfacing was discussed and using a more durable surface suggested. AMR's lifeguard rescue statistics were requested, and Parks was commended for the Ch'akchak Trail's maintenance.

Recap of TPAC tabling at August First Friday; round table discussion of ways to conduct effective public outreach and recruit citizen volunteer groups — Discussed were suggestions to get more interaction with the public at such events, TPAC partnering with Recreation and participating in more community events, as well as creating a dog park Facebook page.

Review of the current state of the trails system in Troutdale parks & greenways; discuss areas of potential future improvements to trail quality, safety and connectivity (enc. Parks Master Plan map of trails & connectivity - Map 3 Pg. 46) — PAC talked through possible ways to connect parks, neighborhoods and the riverfront using existing greenways and neighborhood streets.

Discussion & review of the landmark & historic trees in Troutdale — Following the Staff report, this item was tabled to next meeting due to the late hour.

Committee concerns and initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments — Staff reviewed upcoming agenda items and a Parks budget handout was requested for the next meeting.

Hold or Cancel next month's meeting — The October TPAC meeting would be held.

Adjournment — The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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Review and approve July 17, 2024 Minutes

Jim Hill moved to approve the July 17, 2024 Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting minutes as presented. Carol Allen seconded the motion, which passed 9 to 0.

Communication from Staff

Superintendent Jacobsen reported on the Parks & Facilities Division activities, including fall maintenance work, the newly hired maintenance tech hire, project updates, and upcoming events. Key comments and responses to PAC member questions included:

- On July 29th, Metro placed approximately 150+ logs in Beaver Creek to create habitat for salmon and steelhead. Many people gathered to watch the Chinook helicopter fly the logs in and the work was featured on the news.
- Parks was continuing work with Community Development to plan the next phases of wildfire preparedness actions being funded by the three-year, \$60,000 grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshals Office. Actions included more neighborhood wood debris disposal events to promote creating defensible space around homes, and installing evacuation route signage in the Sandee Palisades neighborhood to help people quickly find their way to Stark Street in the event of a major wildfire.
- The fence was completed this week for the small dog area at the Columbia Dog Park that would allow dogs under 25 pounds to separate from larger dogs. More work is needed, but the goal is to have it ready by Halloween, the one-year anniversary of the dog park's opening.
- At Glenn Otto Park, AMR lifeguards concluded working at the beach on September 3rd with no drowning incidents, and Oregon Patrol Services (OPS) daytime patrols also concluded, having helped with parking issues, alcohol use, dogs on the beach, trespassing, and excluding a few rowdy individuals from the park.

- During the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the City received a proposal from Parametrix who submitted the project construction schedule before the PAC with two timelines for completing of the Beaver Creek Bridge project, either in October 2025 or October 2026. This week, Parametrix's updated cost estimate, design fees, and permitting fees should be received. Some final negotiations on scope, cost, etc., would follow before the City anticipated executing the contract in early October.
- Colf Construction was the low bidder on the RFP for the new park at the Sandy Riverfront Confluence at the URA property. The project was 51 percent grant funded through Metro and Oregon State Parks. The City has received agreement from Union Pacific Railroad, which was a major hurdle to overcome. The project is expected to break ground in the fall with an anticipated completion as early as next summer.
- He confirmed clogged stormwater drains in town could be reported to him. Historically, maintenance of the swales had been placed on Parks, but technically, that is Wastewater's purview. Some swales are managed by homeowners' associations. Issues on private property are handled by Code Compliance.

Several PAC members expressed surprise that the Beaver Creek Bridge project was moving forward as the last they had heard there was no chance the project could be funded.

Superintendent Jacobsen clarified the bridge project is proceeding, as his report came from information from the Engineering Department which is working on it. He confirmed the project is in the budget. He would review meeting minutes from the past few months on the matter and apologized for any miscommunication. Questions about engineering or Parametrix' role in the project should be directed to Engineer Scott Waddell, who is the lead Engineer on the project.

The PAC asked Superintendent Jacobsen to forward the update from Engineer Waddell to the Committee and see if he could come to next month's meeting to discuss the bridge project.

Chair Andrews noted that Recreation has some good free resources, such as a disaster preparedness class.

Superintendent Jacobsen addressed questions from the Committee as follows:

- While the City may have open positions, the Parks Division currently does not. Some trainings are scheduled for next year for newer Parks staff, and He himself has been doing a lot of incident command training.
- The City does have an ongoing contract with OPS, who invoices the City monthly. Although daytime weekend patrols of Glenn Otto have concluded, the company is still doing a couple random night check-ins at a few sites.
- He would like to continue the OPS contract next year, noting City Council had added a small amendment to the dog ordinance, which will enable OPS to issue citations next summer for dogs; as long as OPS continues to dovetail well with Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

- In 2024 the Budget Committee added funds for the OPS contract in response to Councilor White's request for park security services during the budget approval process, and he will add it to the budget annually starting next year.
- He has no information on any grant for the Beaver Creek North Bridge replacement, but noted previous budgets had also indicated, "\$350,000 for the Beaver Creek North Bridge replacement if grant funded."

Public to be heard

Tanney Staffenson, Resident, Budget Committee Member, confirmed \$350,000 was allocated in the budget for the Beaver Creek Bridge if grant funding was secured to offset the expense.

- Regarding the resurfacing at Imagination Station, he noted Page 3 of the PAC's July 17th meeting minutes inaccurately stated that the Budget Committee reduced the allocation to \$50,000, and that it would cost more than that if someone fell, and yes it would, but he did not believe the City should spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to preemptively prevent the possibility of an accident.
- He circulated copies of the Parks' page from this year's budget. Under allocation code 01-85-8350, the Imagination Station surface rehab was allocated \$100,000. The other side of the page showed budget cuts proposed by Eric Mueller and Ray Young due to the \$6.1 million deficit budget presented to the Budget Committee. Spending that money would have left \$2.5 million to operate the City. The Budget Committee did not want to spend everything the City had in one year and wanted cuts made to the budget, which Staff presented at their request. The Budget Committee itself did not take a single action to cut the Parks budget or the budget for the Imagination Station surface rehab.
- He was also told the Budget Committee was not allocating enough for parks. This simply showed the Parks budget for operations and for capital for the last six years. Operations increased 34 percent, \$124,000, over the last five years. Even after the cut to the capital budget, the full budget for parks was still \$1.7 million, a 166 percent increase to what was spent five years ago.
- He reiterated that the Budget Committee did not intentionally cut the resurfacing item because they knew it was important.
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Superintendent Jacobsen believed the recording of the Budget Approval meetings would reflect that this specific cut was suggested by the City Manager, not the Budget Committee. He believed that it was reduced from his original before it went to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Staffenson confirmed his handout was from the actual budget, and that Council's and the Budget Committee's positions were that Parks had asked for \$100,000 and got \$100,000, which was approved in the public meeting. He added it would be a difficult year budget wise with police and fire contracts each going up 25 percent.

- He confirmed that the Budget Committee did not go through Parks' budget line items and say no, but doing so would have been the next step if Staff had not made the cuts.

Discussion continued about the PAC being more involved in the budget discussions, namely around capital outlay projects, and the PAC's ability to come to Budget Committee meetings to advocate for items to be in the budget.

Superintendent Jacobsen noted that while essential law enforcement and emergency services were higher on the hierarchy than clean and well-maintained parks, meeting community expectations of increased maintenance on existing sites would be especially difficult with the addition of the new Confluence Park site and the same number of Parks employees. He would bring his concerns to the Budget Committee next spring and confirmed he absolutely needed additional staff.

- Caring for Police facility building is a heavy burden on the Facilities Division. He believes the new services contract should require the County to provide more support in the upkeep and maintenance of the building, which was designed for the operations of 30 to 40 people and currently the entire East County Patrol Division is operating out of it.

Mr. Staffenson confirmed the building was designed for fewer people, noting the cost structure of the building did not benefit the City, which he had testified about in 2013 and was told to sit down.

Superintendent Jacobsen agreed to add discussions on budget items to the PAC's meeting agenda between now and February, ahead of the City's budget discussions.

- He offered to meet with any Budget Committee member to discuss his operational and staffing needs, and what it takes to provide quality maintenance of the parks.

Sherilee suggested that PAC get citizens involved with parks clean-up and having an audit of the hours spent doing individual tasks at every park to show the time being spent at different parks to demonstrate the necessity of having more staff.

Superintendent Jacobsen replied employees' time sheets do not identify which parks they spend their time at, so that data cannot be gathered. Currently, the only thing he separated was the labor hours spent taking care of the TPCC. [48:55]

Julie Prickett, Resident, said the parks in her neighborhood were well maintained, Parks Department and PAC were doing an awesome job in her neighborhood, and she had no complaints. Her only concern was Imagination Station, which gets a lot of foot traffic and the surface is not holding up. The City should rethink its choice and choose a more durable surface next time. Imagination Station has always been the main park everybody wants to use.

Paul Wilcox, Resident, asked if there were any rescue statistics after AMR had finished lifeguard season at Glenn Otto.

Superintendent Jacobsen replied nobody had died, and he would request the rescue statistics, which he wanted to know as well.

Frank Stevens, Resident, commended Parks crews for maintenance on the new Ch'ak ch'ak Trail. More and more people were visiting it and he believed Parks was a key part of that increase, which could possibly be discussed in the budget. The extra staff needed for when the Sandy River Trail was finished and how all of that would connect would also be a great approach when looking at the budget.

Recap of PAC table at August First Friday; round table discussion of ways to conduct effective public outreach and recruit citizen volunteer groups

Tiffany reported on the PAC's table at August's First Friday, noting no one she talked to about the dog park knew it existed, so having the "Grand Opening" pictures playing on an iPad was helpful. Nothing was received in the suggestion box, but she had fun talking to people, handing out treats and dog treats, and telling people what was going on with Parks, especially some special things in some of the city's smaller neighborhood parks. In the future, Parks should have more of a presence, maybe its own table at First Fridays.

Comments and suggestions for conducting effective public outreach and recruiting citizen volunteer groups were as follows:

- Have a table more specific to Parks, perhaps with a Parks banner to draw people in and get more suggestions.
- Walk around and ask people for suggestions or if they have questions PAC members could address.
- Participating at two First Friday events during the summer was suggested. The First Friday in June has always had the highest turnout, and the weather is cooler. July was offered as the second option.
- Have a table at Tuesday night's farmers' market.
- Have a table at the upcoming Howl-o-Ween event at the dog park, which is one of the most used parks now.
- Having the City create a Facebook page specifically for the dog park was discussed. PAC could promote the page to dog park users as a place to discuss concerns, wants, or needs. PAC could also use the page to recruit volunteers for a clean-up day at the dog park, mostly to get the weeds under control.
- **Superintendent Jacobsen** explained why he had not used herbicide in the dog park this year, noting that next spring he planned to close the park for a week to use herbicides.
- He would talk to Digital Media Specialist Kevin Mooney about creating a Facebook page or group for the dog park, as well as a QR code to connect to the Facebook group that could be printed on flyers and put on the dog park gates, asking if people want to join a monthly, social, "clean-up the dog park" club.

- With Parks short staffed, people using the park would likely be willing to do a couple of clean-up days in the spring, similar to Earth Day where the City provides the tools, and the dog park is conveniently located next to the Parks facility.
- If PAC did get a table for Howl-o-Ween, PAC could take names of volunteers, because dog people would likely be willing to help.
- The dog park is not just for dogs, but for people to get outside, socialize with their neighbors, and enjoy their pets.
- The dog park is underutilized as a venue. A Facebook page/group could be pretty fun with people posting pictures of their pet(s) and tagging the dog park.
- PAC should create a plan for the volunteer event. Recreation events have sign-up sheets where people can check a box if they want to volunteer, and working with a group that's already actively engaged is a good call.
- If the PAC starts having a presence at First Friday, it could consider partnering with Mollie King and Recreation, which would boost Recreation's seasonal programs and draw people in for information on what Parks and Rec offer. Partnering with Recreation is still an underutilized component of what PAC does, leaving a lot of engagement on the table that could be utilized better.
- PAC could have a table at movie night. The Troutdale Historical Society had a booth at all the Edgefield concerts during the summer, and PAC could have a table there.
- Creating a framework for having a table or booth at events could then be used at any event of interest, so PAC could increase its engagement with the community.
- During the spring clean-up in Troutdale, advertise or promote in The Champion re: giving back and coming out to help clean up some parks on a particular day.
- Rather than a "clean-up event", PAC should reframe it as a Friends of Parks group to avoid people saying, "Clean-up is not my job. This is why I pay taxes." Friends of Parks would gather to talk about parks, and the conversation would lead to people asking where they can volunteer and what help is needed.
- Meet with the schools to devise programs for high school students who need extra credit volunteer hours and would benefit from work program experience.
- The time and effort to supervise students should not take longer than Parks just doing the work. Parks has worked with Multnomah Youth Corps at Reynolds High School.
- Carol suggested contacting Principal Mike Anderson at Reynolds High School and noted Bailey teaches government leadership classes.

Superintendent Jacobsen supported getting the community resources started not only to benefit Parks, but also the community. Once the management strategy for the dog park is dialed in, clean-up would not be needed so much. He would follow up with Digital Media Specialist Kevin Mooney about the outreach ideas and update the PAC next month.

Review of the current state of the trails system in Troutdale parks & greenways; discuss areas of potential future improvements to trail quality, safety and connectivity (enc. Parks Master Plan map of trails & connectivity - Map 3 Pg. 46)

Printed versions of the ‘Parks Master Plan Map 3 -Trails and Connectivity’ were provided to the PAC. An ESRI GIS interactive map of Troutdale, including the layers, was displayed and referenced throughout the discussion.

Chair Andrews [1:11:40] noted discussion on this lofty project would be ongoing. Today PAC would mostly talk strategy and decide how to tackle the project to improve connectivity, which was a majority of the community feedback in the Parks Master Plan, most notably connectivity to the river, close loop trails, and do organized community walks on trails from neighborhoods to the Sandy River. He reviewed the types of existing and proposed trails on the map. With so much development in town, PAC could consider implementing some neighborhood streets as trails with signage showing it as a continuation of the trail to the next nature area.

Superintendent Jacobsen noted the project goals were lofty and expensive and could be years down the road. He had previously discussed some of the issues with the Beaver Creek Canyon trails between Weedin and Kiku Parks. The Beaver Creek Bridge was and would be the connection for the east and west sides of the trail systems. Connectivity could be established on city streets and sidewalks between isolated island areas. Some areas presented more attainable goals in the coming year. Connecting the Home Forward site to Helen Althaus Park was high on his list of priorities. The park is underutilized, and trail improvements would create walking-distance access to a beautiful, wooded area for Home Forward residents. For example, trail improvements and rebuilding infrastructure, such as wooden staircases and footbridges would be a lower cost item than completely rebuilding the boardwalk below Kiku Park.

Discussion began about the location of the Beaver Creek West Trail and on which side of the river the trail would extend because proper placement would better enable downtown to be connected to Glenn Otto.

- **Superintendent Jacobsen** offered to confirm the alignment, noting the proposed trail would basically run past the RV park and pump station. Once the trail got to the railroad depot and the proposed location of the new bike hub, and the new Sandy Riverfront Trail tied into the Ch'ak Ch'ak Trail, that would create the continuous loop connecting to the 40-Mile Loop; it would not connect in the south.

Frank Stevens, Resident, described walking the Beaver Creek West Trail yesterday. Without the bridge, there was no way to cross from Sandee Palisades to 17th Street without driving six minutes all the way back around. There is no trail connecting to Jackson Park Rd. The trail is on the east side of the creek, because as the creek comes around it creates a tight riverbank, so the west side cannot accommodate a trail.

- The question is property rights. The bridge as one comes up on Jackson Park is all private property, which would have to be addressed in the Master Plan. The left turn coming down the trail goes to the site of the future bridge and then crosses over to the Beaver Creek side. Going up the trail connects to Robins Way and drops down to Harlow House.
- He clarified that starting at Sandee Palisades on the east side, walking down, he could cross the bridge, when completed, and go up to the Beaver Creek side which connected to Robins

Way. The trail is done and goes to Harlow House, from which one can go left or right to either the Sandy River or the Visitors Center.

- He also clarified there is a gap between Jackson Park Rd and the trail turning left to go to the bridge; currently, the trail ends at a house.

Chair Andrews believed working from that side in was a good approach to creating river connectivity. Referencing how Japan had found the most efficient connections for its subway system, he recommended focusing on connectivity between key points of the city, like parks, the riverfront, and major neighborhoods, to create a general framework to start from and then work toward identifying what would be feasible given the existing roadways.

- He liked the approach of starting with the 20 percent that would make 80 percent of the difference; start by making simple connections using roadways and things that already exist and claim those sections as a trail site that would be an actual path. Determining the boundaries within which PAC was able to work, such as the city limits or Jackson Park Rd would be helpful.
- Connecting high-density housing to areas like Sunrise and Columbia Parks first might be good to ensure the central loop was connected. The closer to the river future trail systems could be implemented, the nicer it would be for residents to utilize natural areas. Expanding trails along Beaver Creek would be ideal as well.
- He shared a map he had drawn lines on as an early potential framework.

Discussion items, key comments and suggestions regarding the City's trail system were as follows:

- The Lewellyn Greenway has very steep terrain on the Sandy River side so installing a trail would not be feasible there.
- A connection from Kiku Park to Beaver Creek would be great, but Kiku Park is very steep as well. If an investment was made to rebuild a wooden staircase, similar to Weedin Park, erosion studies would be needed. The staircase would not last with the amount of water coming down the hillside, but future solutions could be discussed and figured out.
- If Jackson Park Rd, which is largely surrounded by nature, connected to the area with existing parks, like Glenn Otto, then connecting Lewellyn through that area might be considered since an interconnected trail there would be a nice nature walk despite the steepness. PAC should continue discussing that possibility.
- Parks was commended for its work in repairing/maintaining areas near Kiku Park to continue providing viable access down into Beaver Creek. [1:32:45]
- The SP 4 Trail terminates with a bench before reaching the private property indicated on the map, and that tract is not passable. [1:34:02]
- A straight line showing an unevaluated path that goes back up to the Columbia River Hwy and part of Jackson Park, and then cuts back down to the creek was deemed not travelable, and possibly on private property.
- As seen near Kiku Park and some of the surrounding houses, there are often pathways with access points, such as the two entry points to the creek from Beaver Creek Ln, depending on the land usage and what is viable. Short of using those pathways, PAC would have to

look at connections via the most efficient, normal street routes or the nicest trek along the routes.

- Connecting Weedin Park to Sunrise Park through the Stuart Ridge Greenway Trail, also known as the Kings Byway Greenway, would be an easier connection than connecting Kiku Park with Sunrise Park.
- The trails being discussed were surface trails within the city, not the 8-ft wide, 40-Mile Loop along the Sandy River waterfront, currently terminating at what would be the Depot Park bike hub.
- A large part of the Troutdale community did not want to be part of the 40-Mile Loop because of homelessness and safety issues on the Springwater Trail that the community did not want to bring to the city. Many meetings were held about the matter.
- Ch'ak Ch'ak Trail is the name of the Troutdale-managed section of the 40-Mile Loop.
- **Superintendent Jacobsen** offered to bring the Metro proposed layout for the future closed-loop 40-Mile Trail so the PAC would know where the trail might extend after terminating about 150 yds from Woodrow's back door.
- Figure 3 on Page 26 of the Parks Master Plan included had the maps of residential density and low-income population, which might be a good overlay for PAC to consider as far as what would be the biggest impact in the shortest time.
- **Superintendent Jacobsen** clarified that any "no trespassing" signs on the Kings Byway Greenway were not City sanctioned. A small detention basin was at the bottom of the greenway was full of cattail reeds and was the only place he had seen Red-winged Blackbirds, making it a habitat for at least one endangered species.
- Repairing the dangerous sidewalk gap on Stark St right before the bridge where the trail ends would probably be Multnomah County's responsibility.
- The trail indicated on Map 3 near Fuji Farm is not viable.
- Improving the trails in the Bellingham Greenway would be great. The greenway had a beautiful section of creek with a lot of big stones and [inaudible 1:42:43].
- A substantial decent closed trail that would utilize much of what existed was described, starting with a trail/path indicated on the map [1:44:09] the suggested connection would go through Bellingham Greenway, using part of this street, up to Sunrise, potentially cutting through here, [1:44:19] if a trail was developed, then through the Kings Byway and through 17th all the way through Kiku Park down to the creek. Strawberry Meadows Trail would give access to the area. [1:44:57] The connection would enable trail access from Kiku Park to the Beaver Creek steps.
- People were looking for a layer showing a longer connective loop in the trail system, as well as better access to the river. A layer showing a single trail from Stark St, connecting all the neighborhoods, utilizing existing greenways and the Beaver Creek Trail, and the bringing the trail out at Harlow House and to the waterfront, which would continue to develop, would be a way to increase walkability in the city, including getting to the Confluence site.
- **Superintendent Jacobsen** confirmed he had not heard of any birders or people looking at nature trespassing on private properties near greenbelts.
- Considering the bird and wildlife in the area, PAC should consider identifying scenic spots that have wildlife and whether to add amenities such as a bench, drinking fountain, etc.

- Once PAC has the framework and some deliverables, a natural progression would be to beautify and improve some of the trails.
- Having a working GIS layer under construction for PAC to use as a resource on a regular basis would help the Committee, which could provide feedback about adjustments.
- Maps and elements like layers should also be available in larger print for easier reading.
- Focused maps where one map was about a specific area were suggested, so the map was only about the connections in one area.
- Any trail connections being made should be published in The Champion, and posted on platform maps that say "from here to here", and if a trail went along a sidewalk that lined a street, the sidewalk should be identified as part of the trail. People like to see a progression, such as mile markers and maps showing where to start and finish.
- Doing a grand opening event like a community walk that featured the whole trail would bring attention to the connections and the community would know the City was working towards a good interconnected system.
- The trail should be labeled so everyone would aware if their street was now part of the trail.
- Conceptually, focused maps made sense.

Superintendent Jacobsen believed the GIS manager likely pulled many of the trails from aerial imagery rather than walking the areas to confirm what actually exists or is viable. Some items may need to be revisited, and the GIS manager would likely appreciate PAC's feedback. He would also ask about having some of the non-viable areas cleaned up on the map and if map layers could be included showing where extended walks or marathon training might be available.

Chair Andrews noted the conversation would continue at a future meeting.

Discussion & review of the landmark & historic trees in Troutdale

Superintendent Jacobsen reported on information from the Historic Landmarks Commission regarding the inventory of historic resources, noting Troutdale has only a few designated historic trees, including the Alpha Baker Copper Beech tree at College Nature Park, circa 1891, and a couple of Oregon white oaks on private properties in town. He highlighted Development Code language regarding historic resources and explained that the process for designating a historic tree started with a discussion by the Historic Landmarks Commission, which would then forward a recommendation to City Council for approval.

Due to the late hour, Carol and Jim agreed to meet to clarify the point of the discussion and present the context of the tree discussion at the next PAC meeting.

Chair Andrews tabled the item until the next meeting.

Committee concerns and initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments

Carol said she was glad the PAC was able to talk things through with Mr. Staffenson, adding she appreciated Superintendent Jacobsen's honesty and sharing about stressful matters. She did not realize how much time Parks spent on the Police Facility, which was important for PAC to know because taking care of the building should not be his responsibility. She would bring the matter to City Council at its next meeting.

Superintendent Jacobsen invited any member of a City committee to come and get to know the Parks Division. He would follow up with Mr. Staffenson to make sure all was good.

- He noted maintaining the Police Facility Building probably accounted for 20 to 30 percent of Facilities' total work. He noted Facilities matters were relevant to his work, and that his staff crossed over between Facilities and Parks.

Chair Andrews suggested inviting Parks staff to come to a PAC meeting, even for a quick meet-and-greet or a quick snack, perhaps around the holidays.

Superintendent Jacobsen said he would gladly extend the invitation. He confirmed the requested agenda items for next month's meeting included an update from Scott Waddell on the Beaver Creek Bridge, discussion of capital outlay budget priorities for Parks in the coming year, the historic trees discussion, and an update on the layer for the GIS map. He would talk with Digital Media Specialist Kevin Mooney about a dog park Facebook page and using a QR code on flyers at the dog park and update the PAC.

Shelly requested a handout at the next meeting showing what was currently in the budget and what was allocated.

Superintendent Jacobsen noted some items in the budget would not happen this year, like sun sails for Imagination Station. He clarified the capital outlay allocation for the sun sails could not be used for something else, but such allocations could be carried over for the same item next year.

Hold or Cancel next month's meeting

PAC consented to hold the October 16, 2024 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Zach Andrews, Chair