

MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting
Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

Mayor Lauer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Lauer, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Wunn, Councilor White, Councilor Wittren and Councilor Glantz.

ABSENT: Allison Caswell (excused).

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Erich Mueller, Finance Director; Travis Hultin, Public Works Director and Jona Jacobsen, Parks & Facilities Superintendent.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Lauer asked for agenda updates.

Ray Young, City Manager, stated Councilor White has asked to reconsider the resolution that was on the March 12th agenda which was to support the bond levy for the flood district. It has to be brought up by somebody who voted in opposition at the very next meeting. It's up to the Council to decide if they want to reconsider it at the end of tonight's meeting or on the May 14th meeting.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, stated the Mayor can set it over to the next meeting with the consent of Council.

Council decided to move the discussion to the end of the meeting if time allows and if not, it will be discussed at the May 14th Council meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time.

Saul Pompeyo, Ristorante Di Pompello, read from a self-prepared statement (attached as Exhibit A).

Sally Wright, Troutdale resident, read from a self-prepared statement (attached as Exhibit B).

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 MINUTES: February 27, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

3.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Oregon for the Oregon Community Paths 2nd Street Bridge Project Refinement Grant provided through its Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Wunn.
Motion Passed 6-0.

4. PROCLAMATIONS:

4.1 Arbor Day

4.2 Volunteer Appreciation Week

4.3 Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Lauer read the proclamations.

Kevin Mansfield, Portland resident, stated he was diagnosed with Parkinsons in 2001. He has been with the Parkinson's Resources of Oregon for 22 years and he's been a public policy ambassador with the Michael J. Fox Foundation for 11 years. (Handout attached as Exhibit C).

5. REPORT: Annual report from Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

Captain Doug Asboe, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, stated he is a Captain at MCSO and the MCSO Chief of Police for the City of Troutdale. He stated he is joined by Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell. Captain Asboe shared a PowerPoint presentation with Council (attached as Exhibit D).

Councilor Wittren stated one of the slides showed property offenses down considerably, but optics show otherwise.

Chief Asboe stated a significant part of it is a substantial increase in the efforts to reduce stolen vehicles. Even though countywide there's been a significant increase in stolen vehicles, in East Multnomah County there's been a significant reduction in vehicles being stolen. MCSO has started working a lot of retail theft missions as well. He stated that theft related crimes have had the biggest reduction.

Councilor White asked if Council could do anything to help MCSO.

Chief Asboe stated MCSO is fortunate to have the Council, staff and community support them. He stated continued support and communication will help with future success.

Councilor White stated he's concerned about the Jordan Road area and 1000 Acres area.

Chief Asboe stated he meets monthly with all the property owners out there. MCSO, along with the property owners, are trying to manage that area and make it safer for people to recreate.

6. UPDATE: An update on the Zoo Bond.

Heidi Rahn, Oregon Zoo Director, introduced Melanie Billings-Yun, Oregon Zoo Foundation Vice Chair and gave a presentation of what's going on at the zoo (attached as Exhibit E).

Melanie Billings-Yun continued the presentation with what is to come with the zoo and the bond measure.

Councilor Glantz asked why the rate is approximate.

Melanie Billings-Yun stated the rates are fluctuating so they will be locked in at a later time.

7. RESOLUTION: A resolution designating additional on-leash parks.

Ray Young stated this is a topic that has had a lot of discussion in the community and both sides of the issue have very good reasons for why they believe what they do.

Travis Hultin, Public Works Director, gave a brief overview of the staff report. He mentioned feedback from citizens who emailed their thoughts (emails attached as Exhibit F).

Councilor Glantz stated she thought Council had discussed taking Sweetbriar off because it's adjacent to a school playground.

Travis Hultin stated that he recalls some concerns about it but there was no consensus of Council telling staff to remove it. It can be removed tonight if Council would like to do that.

Ray Young stated part of the issue too was that that park is closed to the public during school hours, and it is a very small park. Those were some of the comments made by citizens.

Councilor White asked if there has been any monitoring of the new areas that allow on-leash dogs.

Jona Jacobsen, Parks & Facilities Superintendent, stated there have been no issues and the off-leash dog park has been a huge success. He hasn't had any complaints, and his perspective is that it has been a success.

Mayor Lauer opened public comment at 8:27pm.

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, stated he thinks CP Park and Cannery Park are too small to be mixing people and dogs. Another one he would remove is Woodale. Woodale is completely surrounded by the backyards of a dozen homes and there are no developed paths there. He hasn't heard definitively if Sugarpine is part of Glenn Otto Park or not. It needs to be addressed because they are welcoming of dogs.

Carol Allen, Troutdale resident, stated she is on the Parks Advisory Committee, but she is representing her own opinion. She stated there are responsible and irresponsible dog owners. Her experiences with irresponsible dog owners happen in a lot of the parks she goes to. Her and her grandkids have been greeted with dogs that have run and jumped on them and scared them. Sometimes the dogs are not near their owners. She cautioned Council about making a decision on adding more parks. Rules need to be posted clearly and there needs to be guidance about on-leash parks on the City's website. She asked Council to please think about who will enforce and who will clean up. It's nice to take her grandkids to parks and not deal with messes.

Shelly Reynolds, Troutdale resident, stated she lives on Llewellyn Park behind the tennis courts. There used to be a very clear sign not allowing dogs and people would still be walking their dogs in the park, on and off leash. Then the waste stations were put in and they are confounding the matter. Waste stations make people assume dogs are allowed. She sees a lot of dog walkers, and most are respectful, kind and happy. Most people in the neighborhood are dog owners and should be allowed.

Saul Pompeyo stated he deals with dog rules all the time like service animals. Multnomah County has a rule that a service animal can only be a dog or mini horse. There needs to be very specific rules. Emotional support animals are not allowed by Multnomah County.

Natalie Bowers, Troutdale resident, stated she was lucky enough to move to Troutdale from Portland and she fell in love with the parks. She has been walking to the same park Shelly mentioned. She stated her house was the house that had the cougar in the backyard last year, so her dog is also the protector of her family. It scared her enough to make her take her dog everywhere for protection. Her dog is well trained, and she expects others that take their dogs to the parks to do the same.

Mayor Lauer closed public comment at 8:40pm.

Mayor Lauer stated there should be a webpage dedicated to rules, how to be a good dog walker, add signage to parks, etcetera. Maybe signs at parks like Glenn Otto that dogs are not allowed.

Councilor Ripma and Councilor Wunn are both supportive.

Councilor Glantz stated she still feels strongly about removing Sweetbriar Park because of the adjacency to the school.

Councilor White stated CP Park is so small. He was hoping staff would see how things went and then discuss adding more parks later. He agrees with Councilor Glantz about having Sweetbriar Park removed from the list.

Travis Hultin stated the key is education. The Champion newsletter can be used to educate people further.

Mayor Lauer suggested maybe having a dog tent at First Friday to educate.

Councilor White stated he's sympathetic to neighbors with noise concerns. He would like Sugarpine notified that dogs are not allowed in Glenn Otto Park.

MOTION: Councilor Glantz moved to amend the resolution to delete Sweetbriar Park. Seconded by Councilor White.

VOTE: Councilor Wunn – No; Mayor Lauer – No; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Wittren – No; Councilor Glantz – Yes and Councilor Ripma - No.

Motion failed 2-4.

MOTION: Councilor Wunn moved to approve the resolution designating additional on-leash parks, as written. Seconded by Councilor Ripma.

VOTE: Councilor Wunn – Yes; Mayor Lauer – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Wittren – Yes; Councilor Glantz – No and Councilor Ripma – Yes.

Motion passed 5-1.

8. RESOLUTION: A resolution limiting city liability from claims of personal injury or property damage arising from public use of city property for recreational and other purposes.

Erich Mueller, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the staff report.

Councilor Ripma stated he is very familiar with this and it's a sensible fix.

Mayor Lauer opened public comment at 9:07pm.

Paul Wilcox stated that in Section 3 of the resolution, the City Manager and Risk Manager are listed by name. He asked why it was listed that way.

Erich Mueller explained this is an insurance and risk management matter so that was the only reason it was referenced.

Mayor Lauer closed public comment at 9:09pm.

MOTION: Councilor Wittren moved to approve the resolution limiting City liability from claims of personal injury or property damage arising from public use of City property for recreational and other purposes. Seconded by Councilor Wunn.

VOTE: Councilor Wunn – Yes; Mayor Lauer – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Wittren – Yes; Councilor Glantz – Yes and Councilor Ripma – Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

9. UPDATE: Public Safety Services Delivery Working Group.

Ray Young gave a brief overview of the previous Public Safety Working Group's meeting. There was a great discussion with a lot of topics covered. He updated the group on law enforcement. He has sent a letter to the Sheriff's Office indicating the changes that the City would like to consider in the next contract. The Sheriff responded and said she would love to sit down and talk about the proposed amendments. He stated he talked with Jensen Strategies, and they are still working on their report as to what the cost would be to establish and operate a Troutdale police department. He also asked Jensen Strategies about possibly doing a fire report to see what it would cost to establish and operate a 3 cities fire department. They said they could get a proposal in a week or two. The group asked to invite Mike McKeel to the meeting last night and he appeared and talked about Fire District 10 and how it operates. The group requested staff to connect with ECONorthwest, a reputable economics analysis firm in Portland, which did the City of Gresham's 2022 economic analysis of their fire department and a fire district and what would be the financial impacts of the City. The next request was to invite a company that does strategies for government agencies to pursue ballot measures and timelines. He has two appointments lined up on that topic. Fire District proposed a work session after Gresham's measure to discuss options, maybe in June. The next Public Safety Working Group is June 3rd.

Mayor Lauer opened public comment at 9:18pm.

None.

Mayor Lauer closed public comment at 9:19pm.

Mayor Lauer addressed bringing back the resolution from the March 12th meeting, agenda item #6, and asked if council could wait until all 7 members of council were present to discuss.

Council agreed. Reconsideration of this resolution will be on the May 14th meeting.

10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Young provided the following staff communications:

- Planning Commission meeting is tomorrow night
- SEI filings due April 15th
- Budget Committee meetings are 4/15 and 4/17 starting at 6pm
- No 4/23 City Council meeting
- Earth Day is 4/20
- UPRR gave engineering approval for path under railroad with summer construction

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Ripma asked where the skate park planned location is in Columbia Park.

Ray Young stated it is on the north end of the soccer field at Columbia Park, adjacent to Cherry Park Road.

Councilor Wunn stated the Public Safety Working Group needs a lot more information in terms of costs and there is a lot based on what Gresham is willing to offer.

Councilor White stated Chris Gorsek's office reached out to him because he has not received the letter from Council regarding the 257th improvement concerns.

Ray Young stated that the letter is on his desk and ready to be sent out.

Councilor Wittren stated just because the skate park is on the budget, and has been for years, doesn't mean Council has to keep moving forward with it. The Public Safety Working Group is going great, but they feel the pressure of not enough time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Wittren. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.



Randy Lauer, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2024

ATTEST:



Kenda Rimes, Deputy City Recorder

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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Good evening everyone,

Today I want to talk about two topics because last council meeting was canceled due to Spring Break. Hope you can give me enough time.

Now I am going to talk about a permit that we would like to be granted to use a small part of the sidewalk, without blocking pedestrian and mobility devices, complying with ADA regulations.

Starting with the beginning of the pandemic all cities in the U.S. allowed to use public spaces for private purposes of food and beverages consumption. This changed the way Americans want to consume their meals. Even though the pandemic is over, the public changed their view and likeliness. There is a large section of the population that due to the pandemic became aware of how important it is to be in open spaces where there is free air circulation. There is another section of the population that due to their own health or their loved ones avoid as much as possible close interaction with other individuals to avoid infections. There is also another group of people that due to the pandemic or during the pandemic became aware of their depression and used emotional support animals.

These three groups of people look for open spaces for their meals when the weather allows it. *Our facilities were designed before the pandemic to offer dine-in services in controlled weather with AC or heating.* Now, the new needs of our customers takes us to adapt to new requirements.

Downtown Troutdale is a location with a large amount of visitors from other areas that are not looking for a specific business. They are passing by and if we can not give them the conditions that they are looking for they will go to the next town.

Given the characteristics of Troutdale's weather with a cold, windy winter we depend of the tourist season during summer time. If we can not get the tourist sales, we may not survive the next few years.

Troutdale's Downtown eating facilities were designed before the pandemic and these new requirements. We would like to receive support to adapt to these new requirements and not been force to move our business that offer facilities in different location that will let us provide the service the population is looking for,

In my particular case I only need 17" of the sidewalk public space to place a table outside because half of the space of the table is my property. leaving free 48" or more inches for pedestrians and people using mobility devices.

It also calls to my attention that again the code was enforced for certain businesses only. I was asked to remove my tables when I was using only 17" inches unlike the pizza parlor which is still using 21" of public space.

Tonight, I want to talk about the upcoming Arts Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 8th.

For those of you that are not aware, this event started by Troutdale's Chamber of Commerce as a way to promote and support Troutdale's downtown businesses and was held in the fall when our sales declined.

Later on the artists got together and promoted their products at the park.

Now, the event takes place in downtown Troutdale and the original goal is not fulfilled. Downtown businesses do not participate in the organization of the event and I was not invited. I do not know about the other business owners. The goal of this organization is not to promote downtown business sales. It is to promote the sponsor's sales and cover the organizations expenses and pay for their salaries. Being a resident of Troutdale is not a requirement for the artists participating. Most of them are not residents of Troutdale.

Now, let me explain why this is an event that is not benefiting the local businesses in downtown Troutdale using my own restaurant. I have 147 seats available to dine-in. Especially, on the first weekend in June, when it's graduation season, we are guaranteed full occupancy. This event prevents access for my regular customers.

For my restaurant's operation I require between 12 and 17 employees. This is between \$200 and \$300 per hour. This means that I need to sell around \$1,000 per hour to cover those expenses.

Limiting my customer's access during my premium hours, between 4pm and 7pm makes me predict losses between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per day.

To sum up, since this is an event that is not promoting downtown's sales and is causing losses I am asking for compensation. This compensation should be that we should be allowed to have tables and seats outside at no cost. When there is an event customers are looking for a table outside to enjoy the weather and atmosphere

outside. I am not asking anything for free. I am just asking to have something to alleviate the losses that I am having.

I talked with the organizer and she was clear about using all the available spaces for the sponsors that she is bringing and never thought about compensating the businesses in Troutdale. We, the local businesses in Troutdale, provide the base customers that are coming.

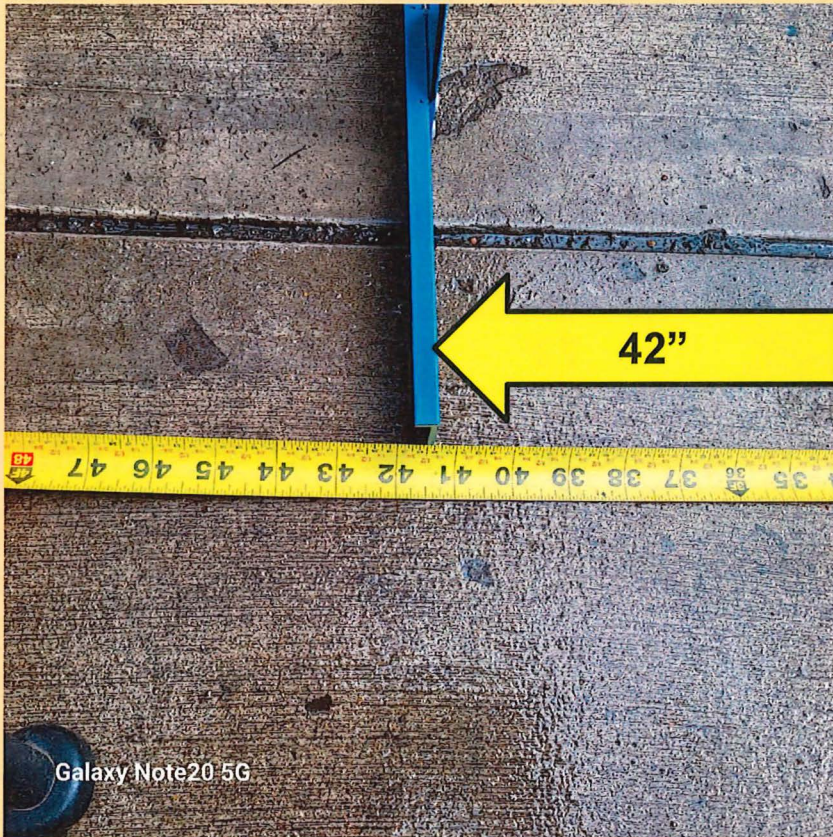
The event is not only about the arts. They bring vendors who sell food and beverages, bringing an unfair competition since they do not have to invest all year long the way established businesses do.

I will present a bill for \$7,500 of an estimate for the losses that this event will cause to my business. I understand that any attorney will find it difficult to make you pay this amount, but I will present it for you to know what is going to happen if you do not take any action on this matter.

I am asking you to support local businesses and regulate this event keeping in mind the local businessmen that work hard for our community all year long. Do not let a one day event dazzle your decisions.

I plead to put in the next agenda to talk about the topic of Art Festival to let us know how you are going to compensate for the losses that we will have due to the public event organized by a private organization which pursues their own private goals.

I also plead to put in the next agenda the possible permit that you may grant to Troutdale's businesses to use no more than 21" of the sidewalk, leaving free the minimum to complain with ADA requirements. This in order to keep Troutdale's downtown competitiveness and is able to offer the new requirements of our customers.

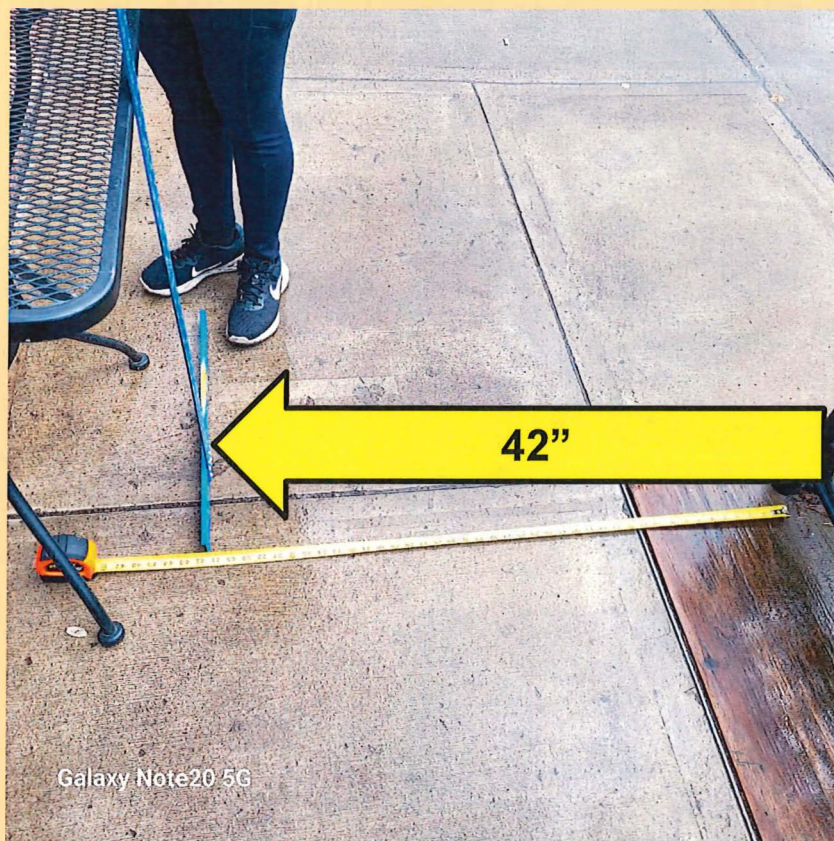


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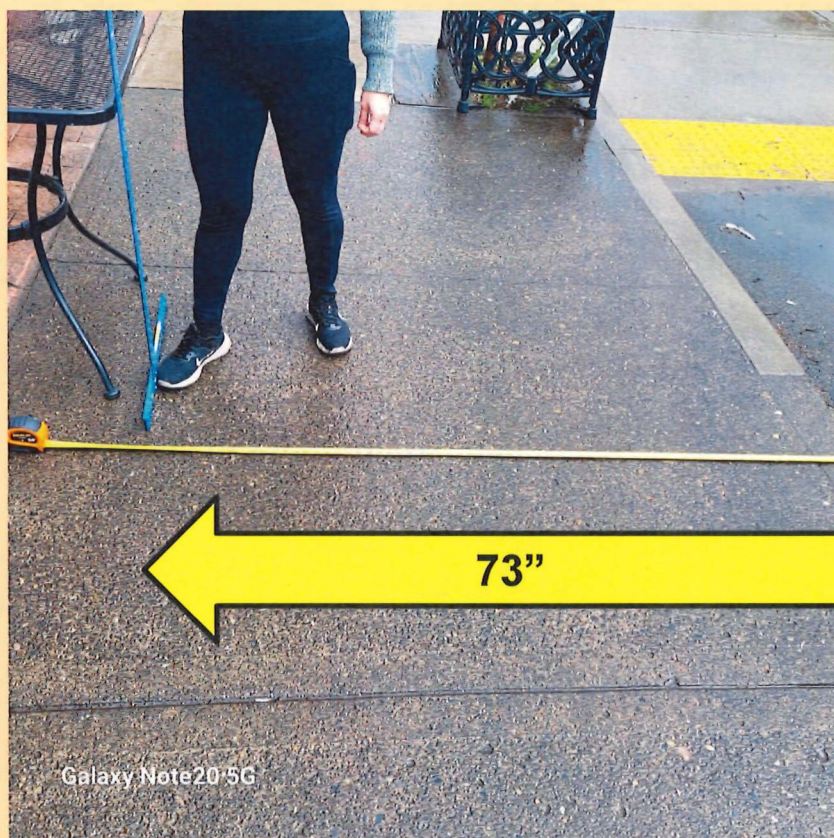
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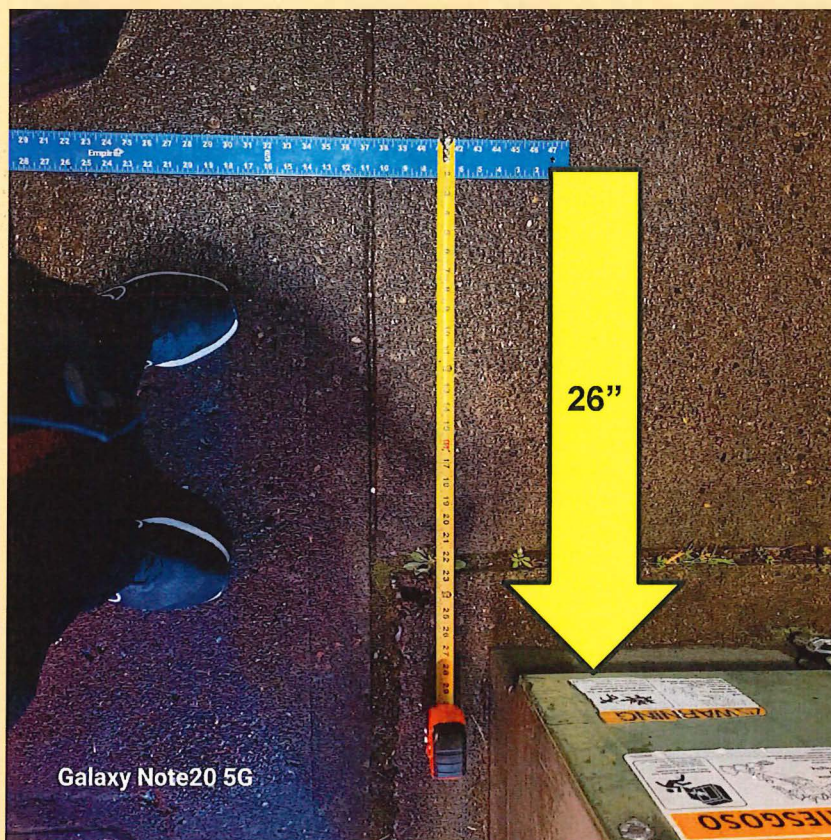


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Space used by
LoLo's Pizza

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Free space at area blocked by General Electric and the City of Troutdale. Does not comply with ADA regulations.

Exhibit B

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My name is Sally Wright, and I am president of Cherry Ridge Owners' Association. We have 203 houses in the HOA. 46 of those houses are on the south side of Cherry Park Road. Some of those houses share a boundary with Columbia Park and the park is accessible from the streets that make up this part of our HOA. Additionally, the neighborhood continues across Cherry Park Road for the length of Columbia Park.

I attended the March 27th Parks Advisory Committee meeting where I presented the members with a letter titled **Formal Letter of Concerns** regarding the Skate Park. I was asked by one of the Parks Advisory Committee members to present this same information to the City Council. So here I am.

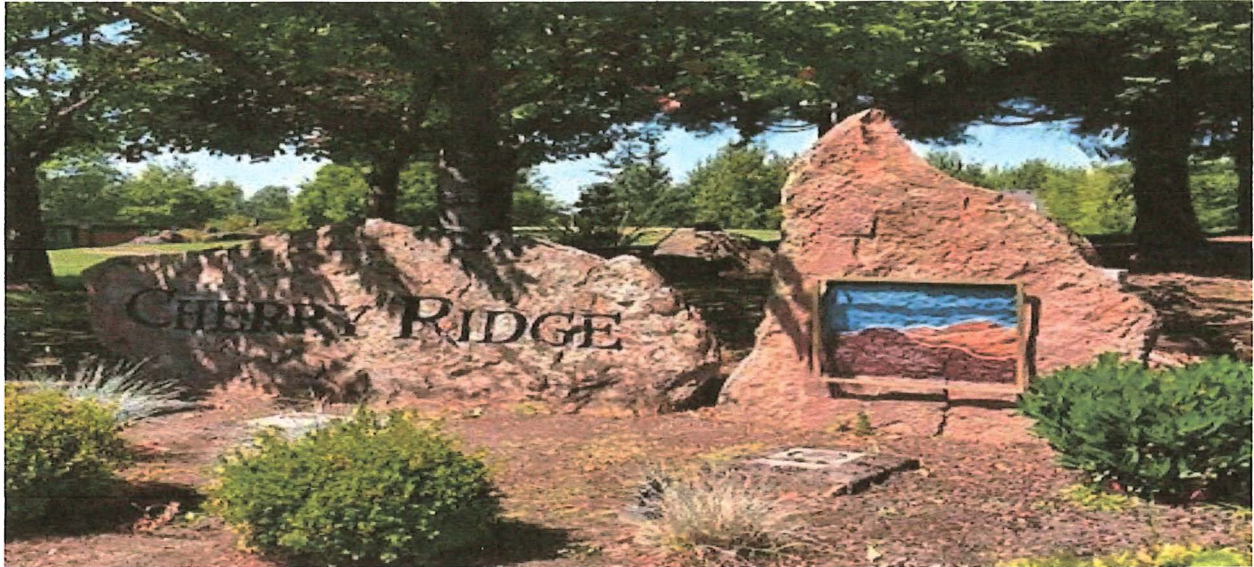
As indicated in my letter to the Parks Advisory Committee, which I will leave for all of you and ask each of you to review, for a variety of reasons the HOA was not aware of the ongoing progress concerning the Skate Park until recently. This is primarily due to how information was communicated. But that is a discussion for another time.

Our major concern is the proximity of the Skate Park to the neighboring houses. Other concerns . . . and there are eight additional listed. . . are outlined in the letter, which I ask each of you to review.

We understand that because Columbia Park is zoned for recreational use, the neighborhood did not NEED to be advised about the location, etc. I find that disappointing as we are an active HOA, with a presence on the internet, and one email to the Board would have linked us into the process. Cherry Ridge has contributed to the tax base of the City since the late '90's and many houses are now valued at \$500,000+. We would like to have been afforded the courtesy of being a partner in this project from the beginning. *Community Values* start from within.

I will end with this question . . . have each of you been to the designated location and seen for yourselves how close the proposed skate park is to the houses that border the park on the west side? If not, I ask you to survey the area in person. And in either case, would you be comfortable with a skate park that close to your home?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express the HOA's concerns. We will be involved from here on out.



March 27, 2024

Parks Advisory Committee

Jeff Hutchinson, *Chair*
Carol Allen, *Vice Chair*
Zach Andrews
Brenda Austin
Robbie Cantrell

Michelle Craver
Jim Hill
Shelly Reynolds
Victoria Rizzo
Sherilee Winters

Jona Jacobsen, Parks & Facilities Superintendent

**Re: Skate Park Facility in Columbia Park
Formal Letter of Concerns from Cherry Ridge Owners' Association
(CROA)**

Committee Members, Jona:

My name is Sally Wright (Sarah W Wright), president of Cherry Ridge Owners' Association (CROA.). The Cherry Ridge neighborhood borders Columbia Park on the west and extends north across Cherry Park Road. The location of the proposed Skate Park will directly impact our neighborhood in numerous ways. To that end, in the spirit of partnership and community and mutual outcomes, the Association, as represented by me and homeowner Dave Tibbils, has outlined a list of concerns as this project begins to pick up steam.

For a variety of reasons, the CROA has not been involved with the preliminary planning of the Skate Park at this location. We understand that because Columbia Park is zoned for recreational use, our neighborhood did not need to be *directly advised* of this project, so most likely any opposition to the location would have been summarily dismissed. I think, however, as probable homeowners yourselves,

you can appreciate how much this addition will impact our neighborhood. Our concerns are listed below. We ask they be registered now so they can/will be addressed sooner than later. Please accept this letter as our **Formal Letter of Concerns** as indicated.

Listed below are our concerns as we know them at present. This does not preclude additional concerns as the project progresses.

1. Proximity to Homes

on SW Stella Place and SW Cerise Place. These homes will be directly impacted by the Skate Park presence. Initial location "surveyors" and utility locators appear to have placed flags within 6 to 10 feet of the (Columbia) Park property line and the closet house (1931 SW Stella Way), which directly borders Columbia Park. This proximity is of great concern, re: noise and activity at the Skate Park.

2. Noise Levels

What will be done to mitigate the daily, on-going sounds of Skate Park use? There is the potential for activity from sunrise to sunset as indicated by park hours throughout the parks system. That is 12-14 hours in the summer and approximately 10 hours in the winter months. **What will be done to mitigate the potential noise/activity** so homeowners, particularly along SW Stella Way, can relax and enjoy both inside and outside activities, particularly during the summer months.

- What kind of noise buffers will be installed? Are these proven noise barriers?
- Homeowners across Cherry Park Road to the north will most likely also be affected by the activity and noise although probably not to the extent the houses on the West will be. What provisions will be made to make sure those owners can enjoy their yards, etc., also?

3. Lighting

What kind of lighting is planned? Will it stay on throughout the night? Will it shine into the neighborhood West of the Skate Park? North? Is it too much or not enough lighting (to assure safety, etc.)? What kind of lighting will be used?

4. Hours Park is "Open"

How will the hours of availability be enforced? What prevents a skateboarder from remaining at the park "after hours" either to visit with friends or try their hand at skateboarding in the dark. This area will be accessible day and night. What prevents the homeless population from using it as a shelter if there are areas they could utilize, particularly in the winter months?

5. Parking

Columbia Park users already park along SW Stella and SW Cerise to access the soccer field and Imagination Station. At present there is barely enough parking for residents along these streets. Although theoretically skateboarders would be

"on foot (or on board)," parents may bring children to the Skate Park and find the residential streets to be preferable for parking. Is there enough (Columbia Park) parking now that the Dog Park has been added along with the continued heavy use of Imagination Station, soccer fields and/or baseball fields? Would you provide signage (no parking for park use)? And who would enforce that if signage existed?

6. Upkeep/Maintenance

Will the Parks Department be responsible for removing trash, etc., on a timely on-going basis? I appreciate how often the department monitors and cleans the Imagination Station area. The Skate Park has the potential for discarded beverage cans, food containers, clothing items, etc., like the other areas of Columbia Park. Is/will the Parks Department be staffed to meet the additional activity/litter the Skate Park may present?

7. High School Proximity

Signs are posted around Columbia Park indicating students are not to be in the park during school hours. Will similar signs be posted at the Skate Park? It might be an easy area for students to congregate. Are we setting up potential conflict(s) between students and park users? While we perceive the Skate Park as an opportunity to provide a safe area for skaters, has the proximity of a large high school right next door been factored into the location?

8. Construction Noise

Last but not least, construction noise. How will this be mitigated? There will be heavy equipment at this site throughout the construction. Excavators, pile drivers, concrete trucks, electricians (electricity turned off?) to name a few. How long is this proposed construction to last? However long, it will affect the noise level and the quality of life of the surrounding residents.

The points above represent our concerns at present. With surveying and preliminary talks with a contractor proceeding, (Public Works was entering into the preliminary phases of contract negotiations with Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a well-respected California-based contractor for the proposed Troutdale skate park. More updates would come in 2024.) it feels like a train revving up to full speed before all the tracks have been laid.

We appreciate you taking our concerns seriously and addressing them on a timely basis. Dave and I will be present at the Parks Advisory Committee meetings from here on out to work with the PAC on these and any additional concerns that may arise.

Consider, if you would, if it was your neighborhood the Skate Park was going into. Put it literally in your backyard and assess the impact it would have on you and your neighbors. We think you can understand our concerns with this image in mind. It may present an enhanced view of this project and its impact in our neighborhood.

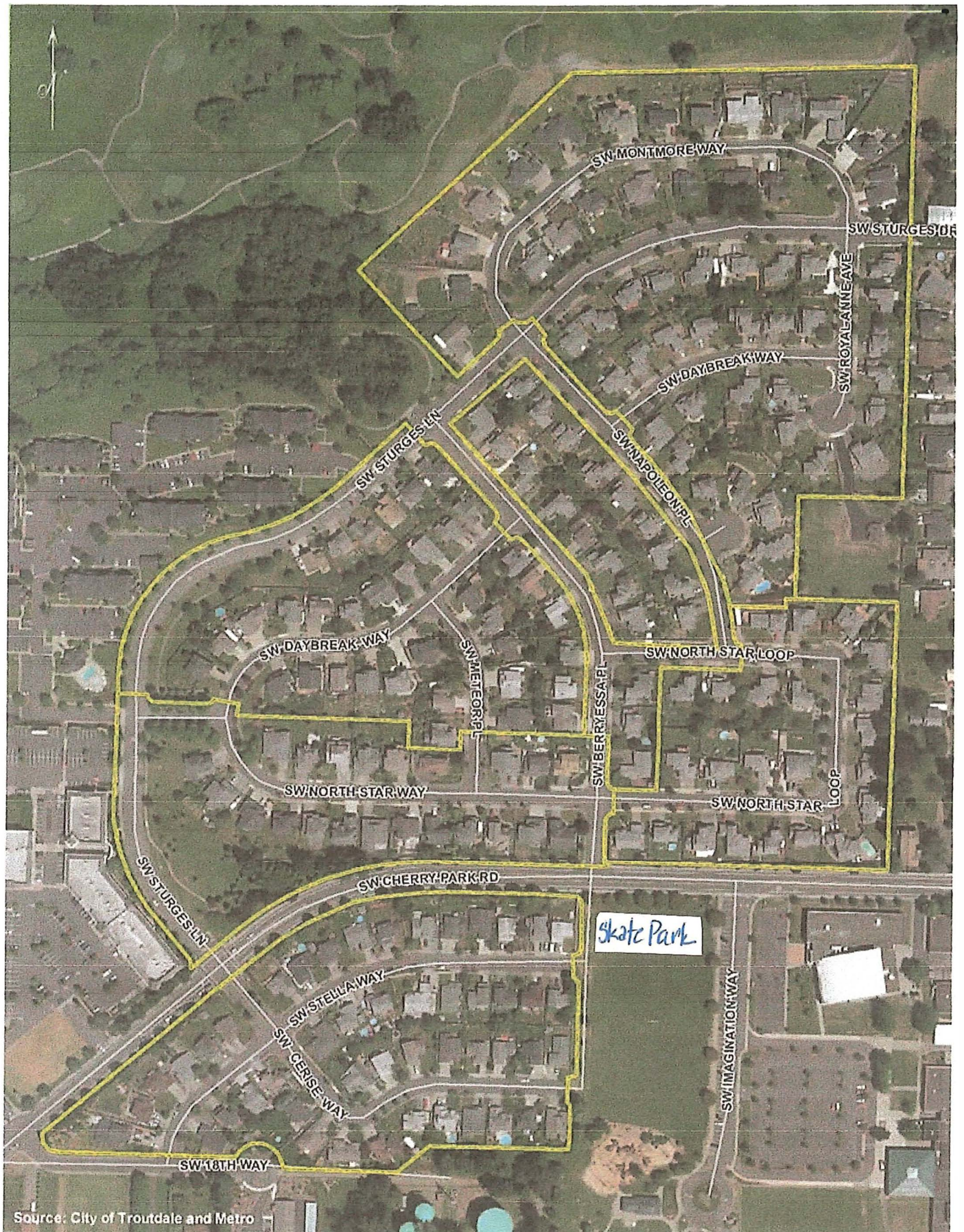
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cherry Ridge Owners' Association
Sally Wright
(Sarah W Wright)
President
president@cherryridgehoa.org

Dave Tibbils
Homeowner

Cc: Ray Young
Troutdale City Manager



Not to scale
but location is accurate

Exhibit C

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Parkinson's Grassroots Network

THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION

PUBLIC POLICY AMBASSADOR

Contact me to learn
more about Parkinson's
Disease advocacy.

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Mansfield

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State Government Relations

2024 Policy Priorities

At The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF), we advocate because the government plays a pivotal role in accelerating research toward prevention and a cure, and ensuring quality of life for those already living with Parkinson's disease and their families.

Why We Advocate

Parkinson's disease occurs when brain cells that make dopamine, a chemical that coordinates movement, stop working or die. The experience of living with Parkinson's disease over the course of a lifetime is unique to each person. As symptoms and progression vary from person to person, neither a patient nor their doctor can predict which symptoms they will experience, when they may get them, or how severe they will be.

Currently, there is no cure for Parkinson's disease. There is no one exact cause of Parkinson's, and researchers believe it is likely caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Known primarily as a "movement disorder," the most known traits of Parkinson's are tremor, slowness, walking and balance problems, as well as depression, memory problems, constipation, dementia and more. Parkinson's disease is a lifelong and progressive disease, which means that symptoms slowly worsen over time.

Funding Parkinson's Research

State governments must find new and innovative research to assist in finding treatments and cures for Parkinson's disease.

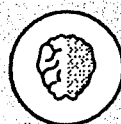
Establishing or increasing state funding for Parkinson's research will lead discoveries that will improve the lives of people living with Parkinson's disease today in partnership with the many clinical studies being done around the world in partnership with MJFF.

Since 2010, MJFF has been dedicated to building, strengthening and expanding the infrastructure for a longitudinal study known as Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI). With nearly \$450 million invested, PPMI has 50 clinical sites in 12 countries and over 2,000 participants. Public sector partnership and investment in PPMI is needed to accelerate research for earlier diagnosis, better treatments and, ultimately, a cure for Parkinson's disease.



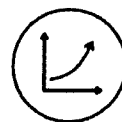
An estimated more than *one million people* in the U.S. live with Parkinson's disease.

The annual economic burden of Parkinson's in the U.S. is an estimated *\$52 billion.*



Parkinson's is the *second-most common* and *fastest-growing* neurological disease.

MJFF has funded nearly *\$2 billion* in research programs to date.



Creating Parkinson's Research Registries

A disease registry is a special database that contains information about people diagnosed with a specific type of disease. Registries can be used to closely monitor the health care process to detect potential problems and to ultimately achieve better results for patients.

Through state-level registries, designated agencies collect de-identified patient information with the goal of sharing the database with the CDC for use in research, planning for health care requirements and education of health care providers.

Passing legislation to create a statewide, population-based registry will be used to measure the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease. The data collected will fuel further research that will discover improved treatments and therapeutics for Parkinson's disease.

Surprisingly, little is known about how Parkinson's disease is distributed among different population groups and whether the patterns of the disease are changing over time.

This legislation will:

- + Identify high-risk groups, support patient contact studies and serve as a valuable data resource to bolster continued research of Parkinson's disease.
- + Determine an accurate rate of incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease by state.
- + Help researchers study patterns of Parkinson's disease over time.
- + Improve our understanding of potential links, such as pesticide usage and military service, and the development of Parkinson's disease.

Status of State Legislation

- + To date, there are registries and/or recently enacted legislation to establish a registry in California, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Washington and West Virginia.
- + In 2024, legislation has been introduced in Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York.

Increasing Access to Biomarker Testing

Biomarker testing is the analysis of a person's tissue, blood, and other substances, known as biomarkers, that can provide information about cancer. Biomarker testing is a crucial step for accessing precision medicine, including targeted therapies that can lead to improved survivorship and better quality of life for cancer patients. While most current applications of biomarker testing are in oncology and autoimmune diseases, there is research underway to benefit patients in other areas, including neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease.

Currently, insurance coverage for biomarker testing is failing to keep pace with innovation and advancement in treatment. We urge states to take legislative action to require health plans, including Medicaid, to cover biomarker testing so that more individuals have access to this important health care tool.

Legislative action on biomarker testing access coincided with **the Foundation's groundbreaking news, announced in April 2023, that researchers have discovered a new biomarker tool that can reveal a key pathology of the Parkinson's: abnormal alpha-synuclein — known as the "Parkinson's protein" — in brain and body cells.**

Steady and critical advances in the pursuit of a reliable and accurate biomarker test have been the hallmark of PPMI, which was built for this purpose. The discovery enabled by the new test is the latest, and most significant, finding to date from the study.

You can read more about this extraordinary scientific breakthrough, and the accompanying study posted in *The Lancet Neurology*, [here](#).

Status of State Legislation

- + In 2023, legislation to expand access to biomarker testing, or to study the benefits of doing so, was enacted in Arizona, California, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma and Texas.
- + In 2024, legislation has been introduced, or is expected to be introduced imminently, in Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia.



Expanding Genetic Testing Protections

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) is a federal law that prohibits health insurers from using information learned through genetic testing, such as a gene mutation linked to neurological disorders, to deny coverage or engage in price discrimination. These protections, however, do not extend to life insurance, long-term care insurance and disability insurance coverage. This needs to change.

No one should have to fear that accessing genetic testing may be weaponized against them in the future. We believe that more people should have access to genetic testing and that no one should face discrimination in pursuit of their health care needs. State legislatures should pass legislation that prohibits discrimination based on genetic predisposition for life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance coverage. These laws should address the refusal to issue or renew a policy, charging any increased rate, or restricting any length of coverage, and requiring genetic testing before approving coverage.

Environmental Transparency

A small minority of Parkinson's disease can be predominantly linked to genetics, leaving the etiology of the majority of cases including an environmental risk component. A large body of literature suggests that environmental risks (including, but not limited to pollutants, pathogens and diet) could play a role in the development of Parkinson's disease. There is still more research required to understand the magnitude and mechanisms of environmental risks and the development of Parkinson's disease.

To contribute to this work, our state team is focused on increasing environmental transparency, such as requiring states to develop and publicly share on a state website where toxic chemicals have been approved for use. We believe that state governments have a duty to provide public health information and we will continue to push for further transparency on behalf of our patient community.

Access to Care

Prescription Drug Affordability

- + **People with Parkinson's disease need to be able to afford their medications, and they need quick access to those treatments to manage Parkinson's symptoms.** As health care costs increase, we know people with Parkinson's disease feel the financial strain when costs of prescriptions also go up.
- + We urge states to pass legislation that allows people with Parkinson's disease to evenly spread out their medication costs over a whole year, instead of being hit with one big payment.

Social Determinants of Health

- + **Economic and social conditions have a powerful impact on our health and wellness.** Stable housing, reliable transportation and access to healthy foods are all factors that can make a difference in the prevention and management of many health conditions like diabetes, asthma and heart disease. Known as social determinants of health, a focus on these non-medical factors can improve health outcomes and wellbeing.

Mental Health

- + **Access to behavioral health care is essential for people with Parkinson's disease because the disease makes them prone to adverse mental health conditions.** We urge states to pass legislation to expand the behavioral health workforce and remove barriers to accessing behavioral health services via telehealth so that people with Parkinson's disease can access behavioral health care when and where they need it.

The Economic Burden of Parkinson's Disease: Study Finds Annual Cost to Federal Government is \$25 Billion, Double Previous Estimates

National Economic Burden of Parkinson's

**\$52
Billion**

Approximately 1 million people in the U.S. have Parkinson's, which costs the nation **\$52 billion each year**. This includes a **direct medical cost of \$25.4 billion**, with additional indirect and non-medical costs of **\$26.5 billion**. It is estimated that more than **1.6 million** people in the United States will be impacted by Parkinson's disease by 2037, at an estimated economic burden of **\$79 billion**.

The Direct Cost of PD to the Federal Government

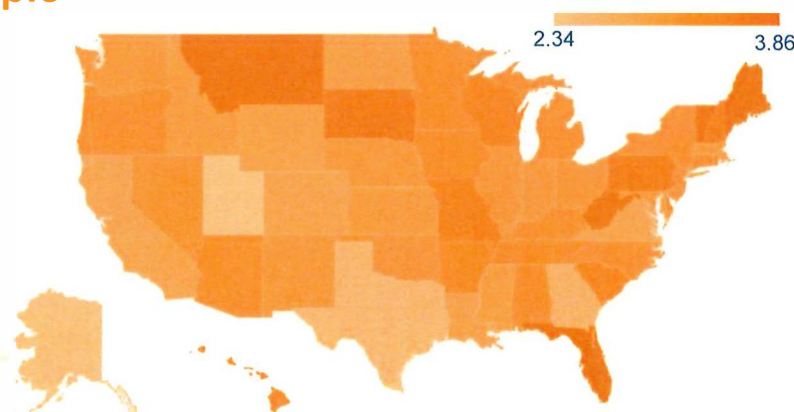
**\$25
Billion**

\$23 billion of the direct cost to the federal government is shouldered by Medicare, with an additional **\$2 billion** attributable to SSI/SSDI.

90%

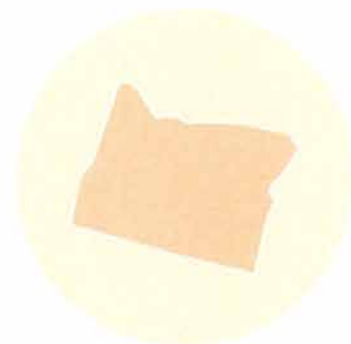
Medicare insures **90% of people with Parkinson's**. In 2017, only 7% of direct medical care costs were attributable to private insurance. The excess medical cost of PD for patients on Medicare is **\$24,811 every year**.

Parkinson's Prevalence by State, per 1,000 People



For more information, contact policy@michaeljfox.org

Cost and Prevalence in Oregon



Oregon's population is **4,189,659 people**
13,926 have Parkinson's

The direct and indirect costs to care for people with Parkinson's in Oregon is **\$696 million**

PD prevalence in Oregon:

3.32
Per 1,000 people

The federal government spends **\$25 billion** every year to care for people with Parkinson's disease, and only **\$234 million** researching the disease. It's time for the government to invest more to find a cure for Parkinson's.



THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION
FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH

CITY OF TROUTDALE

ANNUAL PRESENTATION

2023

Prepared by:

Captain Doug Asboe
Troutdale Chief of Police

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Reported Crime in Troutdale

	2022	2023	% Change
NIBRS Group A Offenses	896	661	-26.2%
Person Offenses	142	146	2.8%
Property Offenses	729	479	-34.3%
Society Offenses	25	36	44.0%



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Calls for Service in Troutdale

Incident Type	2022	2023	% Change
Assault	113	86	-23.8%
Suicide Attempt/Threat	60	49	-18.3%
Area Check	94	78	-17.0%
Premise Check	414	274	-33.8%
Welfare Check	511	477	-6.6%
Vacation Home Check	34	37	8.8%
Extra, Targeted Patrol	373	943	152.8%
Traffic Accident	310	327	5.4%
Traffic Stop	1,849	2,064	11.6%
Subject Stop	123	119	-3.2%
Suspicious Sub/Veh/Cir	838	640	-23.6%
Burglary	51	54	5.8%
Theft	498	398	-20.0%
Vandalism	89	84	-5.6%
Stolen Vehicle	232	121	-47.8%
Vice	21	32	52.3%
All Other Call Types	3,701	3,595	-2.8%
Total	9,311	9,371	0.6%



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Calls for Service in Troutdale

Dispatched vs. Self-Initiated Calls for Service		
	2022	2023
Dispatched	4,752	4,421
Self-Initiated	4,821	5,091
		% Change
		-6.7%
		5.6%

Dispatched Calls for Service by Call Priority		
	2022	2023
Administrative	60	113
P1-2 (Emergency)	851	803
P3-7 (Non-Emergency)	3,901	3,618
		% Change
		88.3%
		-5.6%
		-7.2%

Average Time Spent per Dispatched Call for Service		
	2022	2023
P1-2 (Emergency)	34:53	46:45
P3-7 (Non-Emergency)	27:32	28:39
		% Change
		35.3%
		3.7%

City of Troutdale

Traffic-related Statistics



	2022	2023
Traffic Stops	1,863	2,064
Warning Issued	1,261	1,479
Citation Issued	365	379
Arrest	80	77
Other	157	129
Traffic Accidents	208	226
Injury	39	53
Non-Injury	117	131
Unknown Injury	52	42



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Investigative Cases in Troutdale

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE UNIT CASELOAD REPORT

Jan 1, 2023, to Dec 31, 2023

Caseload Summary

Open cases before Jan 1, 2023	New cases between Jan 1, 2023, and Dec 31, 2023	Cases closed between Jan 1, 2023, and Dec 31, 2023	Open cases as of Dec 31, 2023	Change in caseload from Jan 1, 2023, to Dec 31, 2023
99	134	128	105	+6



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Records Unit Highlights - 2023

- 2,210 reports processed.
- 678 electronic citations processed.
- Countless community contacts in person, by phone and by email.
- Processing of protection orders, warrant entries (entry/verification/clearance), background checks, stolen/recovered vehicle, article and missing/located person entries.



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Logistics and Evidence - 2023

- Processed 7,070 pieces of evidence.
- Processed 463 firearms.
- Processed 743 narcotics items.



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Summer Community Resource Deputy (SCRD)

Activity	5/29 - 9/15, 2023
Traffic Stops	23
Cleared by Citation	1
Cleared by Warning	20
Arrests	3
Physical	2
Cite-in-Lieu	1
Responses to P1-2 Calls	13
Vehicle Tow Calls	0
Abandoned Vehicle Calls	0
Unwanted Person Calls	9
Camp Related Calls	1
Other Calls	214
Glenn Otto Park Patrol Hours	528



Community Engagement

- Annual Events – First Friday, Movies in the Park, Edgefield Concert Series, Halloween Night, Tree Lighting.
- City of Troutdale and MCSO Collaborations – Troutdale Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee, Holiday Toy Drive.



SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES



Metric	2023
Calls for Service	178
Report Written	25
Arrests Made	6
Citations Issued	4
School Visits Conducted	70
Coordinated w/Outside LE	113
Social Service Referrals	22
School Engagement Events Attended	32
Mentoring Contacts w/Students	175
Classes Taught to Students	20
Requests by RSD Staff	366

HOPE Team Statistics



Metric	County Wide	Troutdale
Client Contacts	1,794	445
Referrals to Services	937	180
Camps Cleaned	93	35
Housing/Shelter Placements	35	11

Troutdale Community Resource Deputy Statistics

Activity	2023
Traffic Stops	455
Cleared by Citation	132
Cleared by Warning	246
Arrests	27
Physical	10
Cite-in-Lieu	17
Responses to P1-2 Calls	75
Vehicle Tow Calls	59
Abandoned Vehicle Calls	19
Unwanted Person Calls	55
Camp Related Calls	11
Other Calls (SI and Dispatched)	899



Nick currently works on livability issues:



- Increasing community safety by addressing traffic safety issues.
- Collaborating with local businesses to reduce retail theft.
- Assisting the HOPE Team with contacts of houseless community members in Troutdale.
- Providing education to community members on city ordinance violations.
- Participating in Enhanced Public Safety Missions.



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Enhanced Public Safety Missions

Metric	2023
Missions	48
Stops/Contacts	1,009
Arrests Made	262
Citations Issued	78
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	65
Crime Connected Firearms Seized	14
Total Theft Recovery	\$4,153



MCSO IN 2024

- Addition of a Mental Health Professional to support the HOPE Team and Patrol Unit.
- Addition of new Logistics Manager.
- Expanded community accessibility of the Chief of Police.
- Continued expansion of Enhanced Public Safety Missions.
- Expansion of Modern Digital Image Management System.



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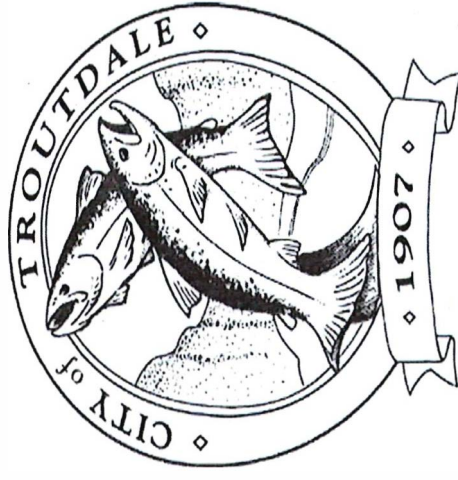


Thank you!

Captain Doug Asboe

Chief of Police

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Oregon Zoo
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Oregon Zoo Update—Mission, Phases I and II Campus Plan

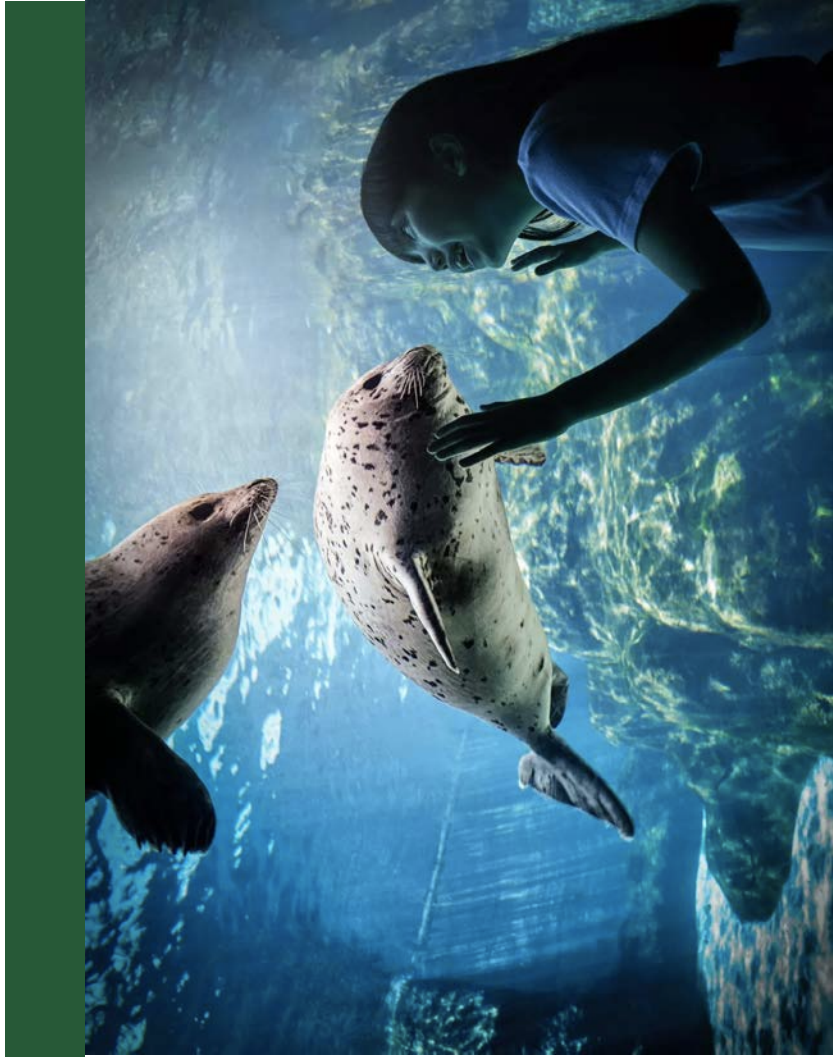
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Mission

Connecting our
community to the
wonder of wildlife
to create a better
future for all.

Together for
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Who we are

We are a hub for science, conservation, education and animal well-being, delivering the highest quality of care.

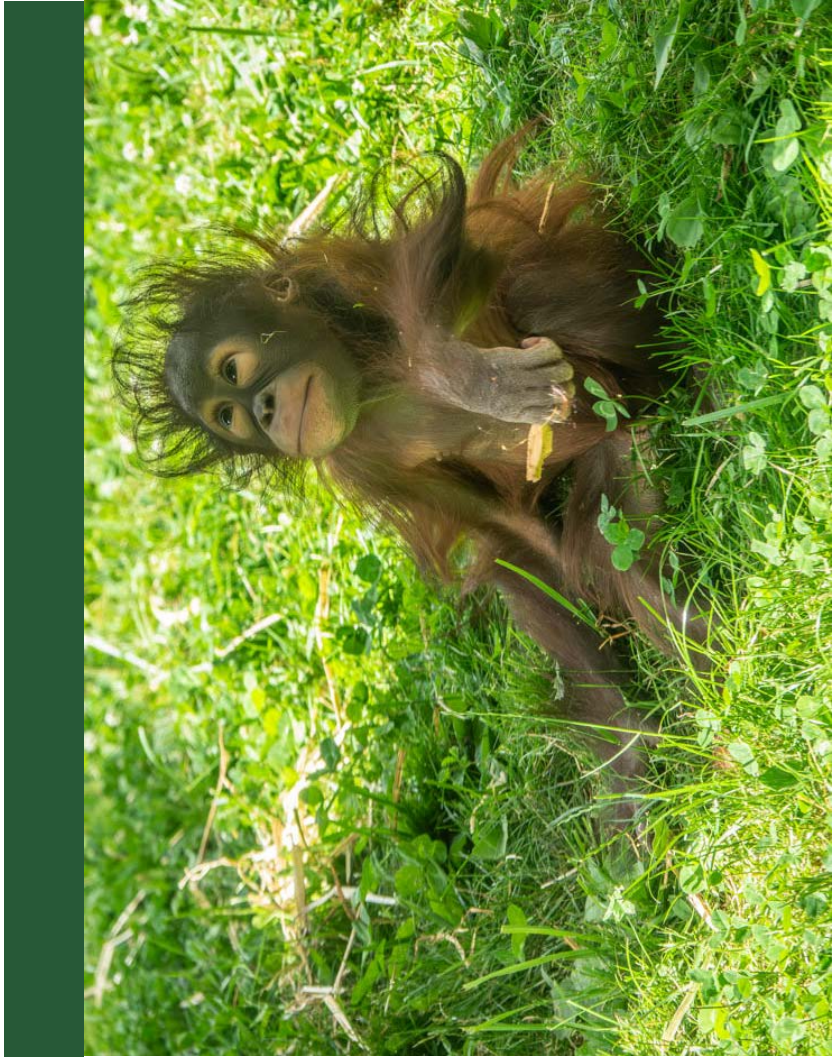


Why our zoo is different

Nearly 150 years of
community support.

50 years of AZA
accreditation.

1.3 million annual
visitors



Our track record

2008 Bond: Nearly 40% of zoo updated.

Focus on animal well-being, sustainability.

All projects completed on time and on budget.



We've come a long way, thanks to you

2008 Bond measure projects

- ✓ Primate Forest
- ✓ Elephant Lands
- ✓ Polar Passage
- ✓ Condors of the Columbia
- ✓ Veterinary Medical Center
- ✓ Education Center

All on time and on budget!



Expanding our Education Mission

- Giving children the opportunity to have firsthand experiences with wildlife
- Empowering students to be active stewards of the earth's wildlife and ecosystems



Oregon Zoo Campus Development

Phase 1: Completed

2008 Bond

40% of zoo upgraded

Future

Oregon Zoo Campus Plan



Developed with community

Portland DART School

Confederated Tribes of
Siletz Indians

Youth Empowerment
Project

Rosewood Initiative

Autism Empowerment

Centro Cultural

Self Enhancement Inc.

CAIRO PDX

Boys & Girls Clubs

Neighborhood House

People of Color Outdoors

Adelante Mujeres

Portland Community
College

ZAP Team

Cascade Forest
Conservancy

Community Advocacy
Council



Oregon Zoo Phase 2 Priorities

Protect animal health and well-being

Provide unparalleled conservation education

Save water and energy

Be welcoming to all

Support species recovery and conservation

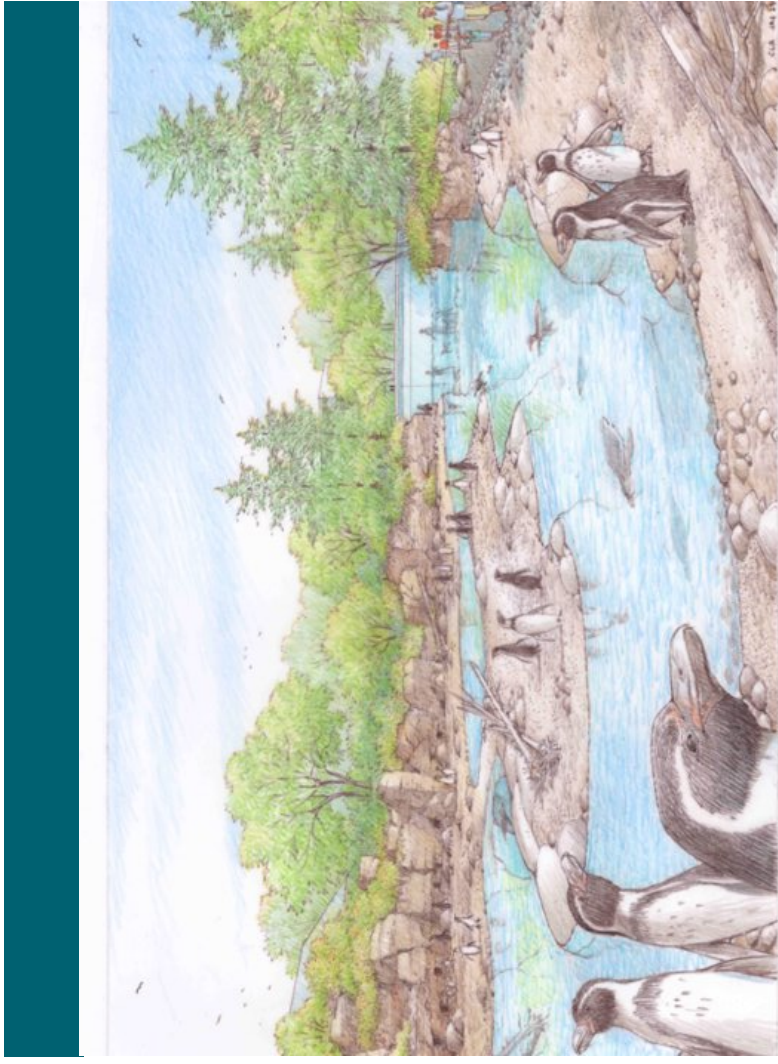


Animal health and well-being

Updated, more natural habitats, including sea otters, penguins, giraffes.

Improved protection from heat, extreme weather.

Continuity of care in case of disaster or emergency.



Unparalleled conservation education

- Engaging and interactive exhibits for youth, families and visitors of all ages
- Inspiring and building support for conservation and science

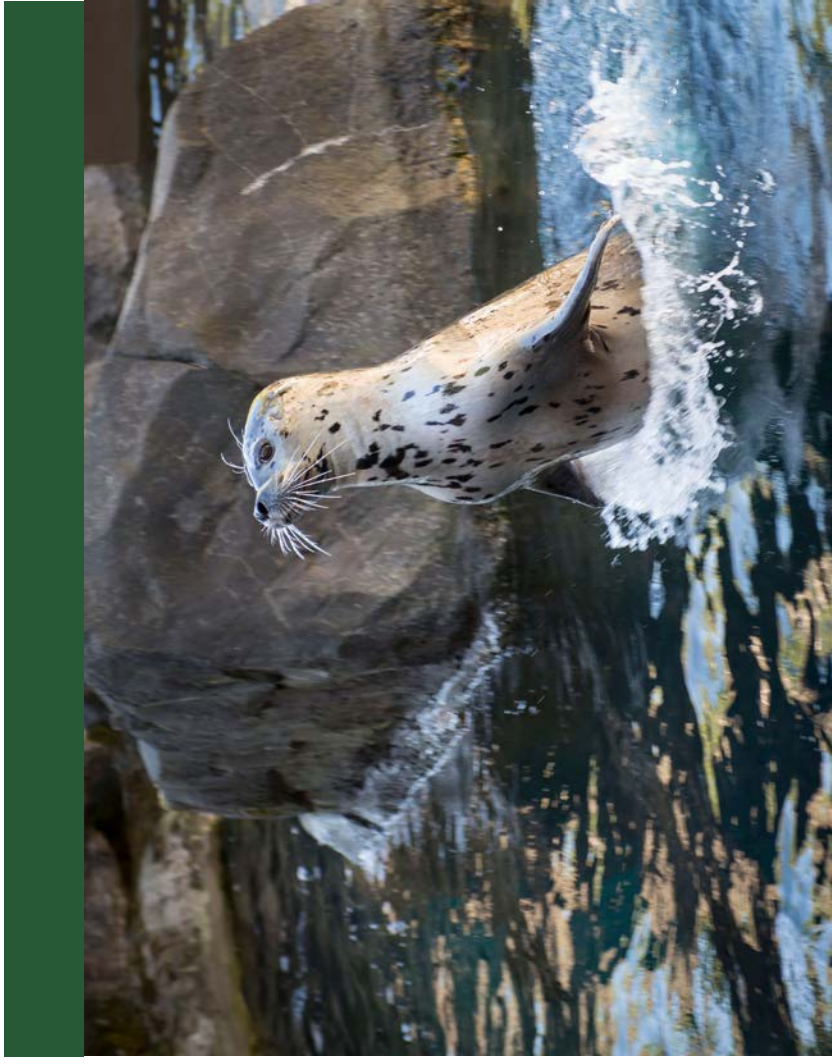


Saving water and energy

Advancing ambitious goals for reducing energy and water use.

Replacing aging infrastructure and aquatic habitats.

Support a fossil fuel-free campus by 2040.



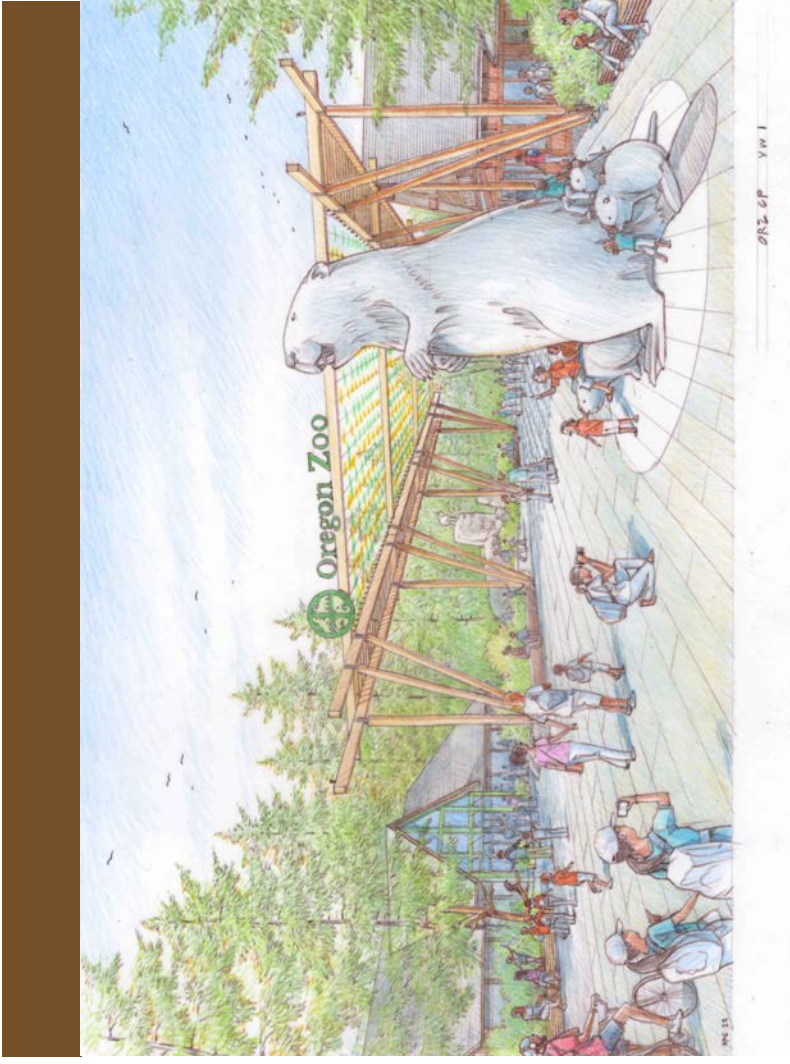
Welcoming to all

An accessible zoo for all abilities and ages

Updated plazas, pathways, rest areas

Easier to get around

Refuge from heat, weather



Species recovery and conservation

Aligning with recovery
needs in the Northwest
and beyond

Working with partners
to protect and restore
threatened and
endangered species



Zoo Phase 2 bond measure

Protect animal health;
provide conservation, education;
increase sustainability.

Authorize \$380 million in
general obligation bonds.

**No estimated increase
in current bond tax rates.**

Estimated rate: 8.5 cents
per \$1,000 assessed value.





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Questions?



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2024
FROM: Sarah Skroch, City Recorder
TO: Mayor and City Councilors

SUBJECT: Emails regarding Agenda Item #7 that were received after packets were distributed

Attached please find 8 emails that were received regarding tonight's Agenda Item #7 – A resolution designating additional on-leash parks:

1. Greg Van Sandt – April 4, 2024
2. Desiree Smith – April 4, 2024
3. Emily Windsor – April 4, 2024
4. Tiegen Shaffer – April 5, 2024
5. Tiffany Long – April 5, 2024
6. Kat Liljegren – April 8, 2024
7. Pete – April 8, 2024
8. Molly Peichel – April 8, 2024

Sarah Skroch

From: Greg Van Sandt <gregvs0309@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:12 PM
To: info
Subject: Leashed dogs in parks comments

Didn't we try this a few years ago? And folks just refused to keep their dogs leashed and clean up after them so the City revoked the idea. What's changed?

I live close to Kiku Park and walk by it almost daily. Not to many day's where someone isn't letting their dogs run loose in the field or in the woods behind the grass area.

True story, since I walk by Kiku Park almost daily I make it a habit to pick up loose trash around the area and drop it in the trash can in Kiku. One time a few years ago I picked up some trash and dropped it in the trash can while someone was letting their three dogs run loose in the park. Two of them charged me and the owner had to run over to get them away. I mentioned to him that dogs weren't allowed in the park and he said "I have lived here for 26 years and paid taxes so I am going to do whatever I want". No arguing with logic like that so I beat a hasty retreat.

My kids have grown up and I/we don't use the parks much any more but it seems like the parks should for be for kids and not loose running dogs creating messes every where.

If you are going to go a head and implement this plan, who is going to monitor it and enforce the rules?

If you do okay this there should be **plain** and **multiple** signage installed in each park stating the rules. There used to be a 'no dogs' sign out front of Kiku but folks just seemed to ignore it or enter from either side and claim ignorance of the rules. Judging from some of the comments I saw on Facebook on this most of the folks didn't even realize that dogs weren't allowed in most parks currently. There seems to be a lack of education on what the current rules are.

Thanks,
Greg..

Sarah Skroch

From: Desiree <elliephante16@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:23 PM
To: info
Subject: Dogs in Parks - City Council Discussion

I would like for leashed dogs to be welcomed at every Troutdale park. They are four-legged family members. My kids and I thoroughly enjoy visiting with a wide variety of dogs when we are at a park.

Desiree Smith
(816) 918-9725
elliephante16@gmail.com

Sent using my tiny iPhone keypad. I type fast and tend to have entertaining fat-finger auto-correct errors. I hope at least you get a good laugh out of it.

Sarah Skroch

From: Emily Windsor <windsorclan8@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:26 PM
To: info
Subject: Dogs in parks

I am against allowing dogs in Troutdale city parks. My home backs to Sandee Palisades Park and I walk through the park nearly every day. There are almost always dogs in the park, frequently unleashed. It is unusual for me to walk by the park and not see an unleashed dog. When my home was built, CCR regulations allowed a maximum fence height of 4' along property lines backing the park. Multiple times, I have had dogs jump the fence into my yard and leave feces.

Many people mistakenly think that dogs are currently allowed in the parks because the city has caused confusion by taking down some of the "No Dogs Allowed" signs and by putting up pet waste disposal stations at the entrances. I think that the city needs to reinstall the "No Dogs Allowed" signs. If dogs are allowed in the city parks, I think that even more people will violate the leash laws and allow their dogs to run loose. I have been bitten by a loose dog while walking in my neighborhood and am aware of some very aggressive dogs in the area. I am already concerned about the safety of those utilizing the park, especially young children.

Sincerely,
Emily Windsor
2738 SE Hicklin Court
Troutdale
503.328.5855

From: [Tiegen Shaffer](#)
To: [info](#)
Subject: Dogs in Troutdale Parks
Date: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:11:15 PM

Hello,

As a new resident of Troutdale (purchased a home in Nov. 2022) I would like to voice my support of expanding the ability to have leashed dogs in more Troutdale Parks.

Dogs are often considered to be a treasured member of the family. The current rule regarding dogs in local parks is outdated and detrimental to the potential of Troutdale. It is widely recognized that more and more young people are adopting dogs before welcoming children into their lives. If Troutdale wants to continue to grow and welcome new residents and visitors it should reconsider how the current rule is not welcoming to a new generation of home buyers, patrons and contributing members of the local economy.

It is in Troutdale's best interest to readdress an outdated rule regarding dogs in local parks.

Thank You,
Tiegen Shaffer

From: [Tiffany Long](#)
To: [info](#)
Subject: Dogs In City Parks
Date: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:31:14 PM

Dear Troutdale City Council Members,

I consider myself a new Troutdale resident even though we've lived here going on 2 years this summer. I'd like to describe my first few experiences visiting the area during our home search and purchase. After finding a house and making an offer, we were very excited at the potential of living in Troutdale. We packed up our family and were planning to spend the day at the Sandy river on a hot July afternoon. When we arrived at the parking lot at Glenn Otto park our family was ready for some fun. We unloaded our 3 kids and all their stuff INCLUDING our family dog and headed down the path to the river. Only to be met with a sign bosting NO dogs allowed in the park. I ended up letting them go play and explore while I waited in the parking lot alone with the dog.

I'm guessing this happens often. Visitors that come to "Explore Troutdale" need to either leave their dogs at home or NOT Explore Troutdale. While I understand why no dogs are allowed at parks like Imagination Station (we don't want dog waste on the mats or play equipment) I don't understand why they are not allowed in neighborhood park green spaces or at the river. I think it's a dangerous issue because people take the time to drive over on a hot day unaware of this "no dog law" and may choose to leave their dog in the car, which on just a warm day can have deadly consequences.

My next experience with ordinance 13.2.160 was right down the street from the home we purchased. I was driving over to meet up with a home inspector. I knew from my research about the neighborhood that there was a park right down the street, not just any park but a green space, with trails! So I brought our dog along thinking: what a great way to get in his walk while exploring the neighborhood. We jumped out of the car on 4th by the lower entry way to Helen Althaus Park only to be greeted ONCE AGAIN with a NO DOGS allowed sign. At that point I thought: am I moving to a town that HATES DOGS?!? I know now that Troutdale does not hate dogs, but as a visitor and new resident, that was unclear.

Since moving I have fallen in love with Troutdale and all it has to offer. We have an awesome new dog park which is an amazing addition to an already beautiful city! I'm so grateful for a safe enclosed space to let our community's dogs run off leash. In the year and a half since we've moved to Troutdale our dog Bob and I have explored much of the area. We walk daily at Sunrise Park, we also frequent the Beaver Creek Greenway and the Strawberry Meadows Greenway all the way down the Robins Way Trail. It's a great walk and the city does a great job making dog waste bags available and keeping the waste bins emptied. I'll admit we've explored Kiku Park (which has a great trail

space in the back area), Weedin Park (which has a tennis court that I've used to play fetch with bob), Harlow House Park (where I've taken great photos of Bob in the Gazebo and under the kissing tree), Depot Park (we walked the trail down to the river), the Disc Golf Course and lastly Mayors Square (which has a dog water fountain!). These are all parks that dogs are not allowed in. It seems silly and counterintuitive to Exploring Troutdale, also no one has EVER said a word to us while we were in these parks other than to say hello or ask to pet Bob.

Allowing leashed dogs in city parks can offer several benefits to both dog owners and the community:

- **Physical Activity:** Dog owners often walk their pets in parks, providing both the owner and the dog with necessary physical activity. This can contribute to a healthier lifestyle for both parties.
- **Socialization:** City parks provide opportunities for dogs to socialize with other dogs and people, which is crucial for their mental and emotional well-being. Well-socialized dogs are generally happier and less prone to behavioral issues.
- **Community Bonding:** Dog owners often form bonds with each other while walking their pets in parks. This can enhance a sense of community and promote social interaction among residents.
- **Safety and Security:** Leashed dogs can serve as a deterrent to criminal activity in parks, as their presence can make people feel safer. Additionally, dogs with their owners are less likely to cause disturbances or engage in risky behaviors.
- **Environmental Awareness:** Dog owners who frequent parks are more likely to be environmentally conscious and advocate for the maintenance and cleanliness of these spaces. I can personally attest to this as I've forged a friendship with a Troutdale parks maintenance worker who I see frequently at Sunrise park. I have kept them informed about issues such as glass on the path, missing garbage can lids, and flipped picnic tables among other issues I see on my walks with my dog. Other dog owners are doing this as well as we pass one another on the path they have warned me about coyotes in the park and the areas to steer clear of.
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Mental Health Benefits: Interacting with dogs has been shown to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression in humans. Allowing leashed dogs in parks can provide individuals with a natural and accessible way to improve their mental well-being.

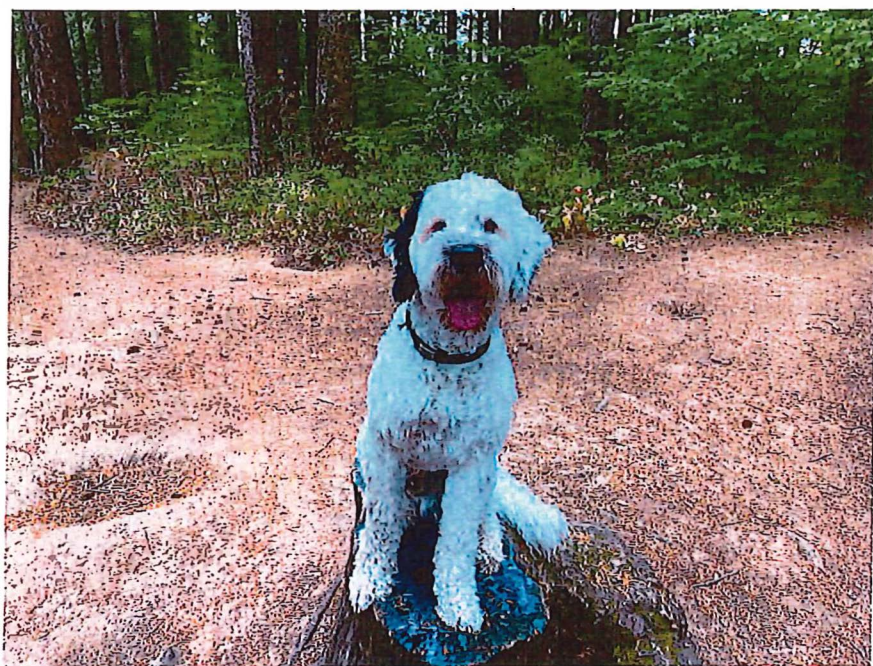
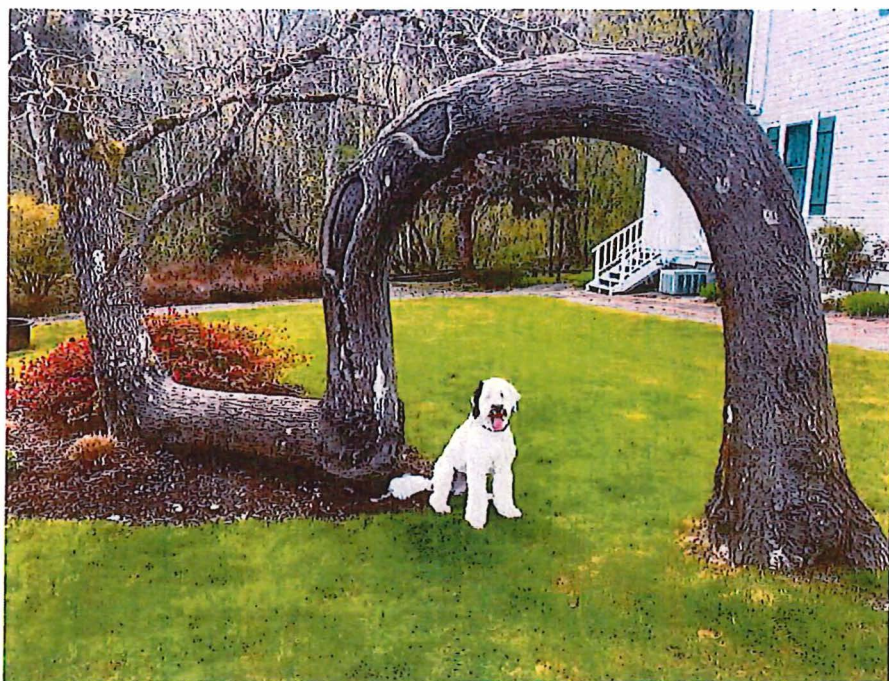
- **Promotion of Responsible Pet Ownership:** Allowing dogs in parks can encourage responsible pet ownership by providing opportunities for training, exercise, and socialization. This can lead to better-behaved dogs and more responsible owners overall.

I do understand that it's important to balance the benefits of allowing dogs in parks with the concerns of other park users, fear of dogs, and potential conflicts with wildlife. Proper enforcement of leash laws and responsible pet ownership practices are essential to ensure that everyone can enjoy the park safely and comfortably. I believe that the majority of pet owners in Troutdale wanting to bring their dogs along with them to a park would be responsible for their animals' waste, keeping it safe, leashed and aware of their pets limitations in relation to other people and animals wild or domestic.

Allowing dogs in all city parks would take away the fear that letting your family pet come along to the park will get you in trouble with the law. It will also eliminate visitors who show up unaware of the current ordinance feeling like their options after a long drive are to leave the parks or leave their dog in the car. I would implore the City to reconsider ordinance 13.3.160 and allow leashed dogs in all the city parks. By doing so you will make Exploring Troutdale even better than it is now.

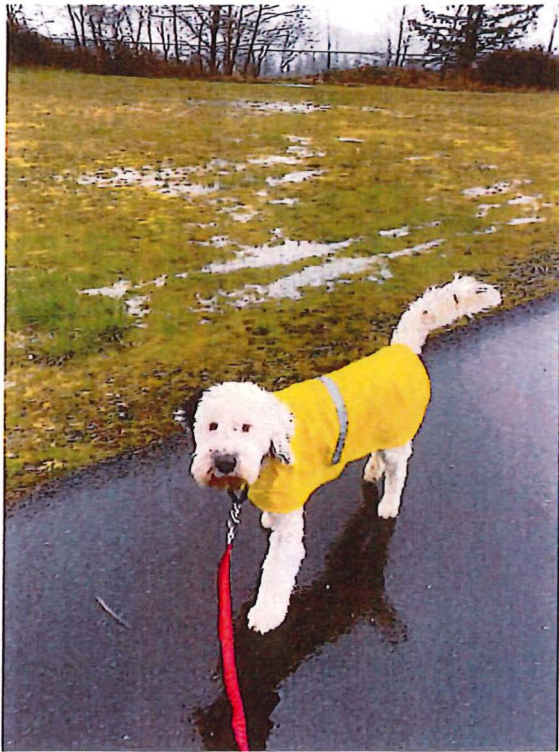
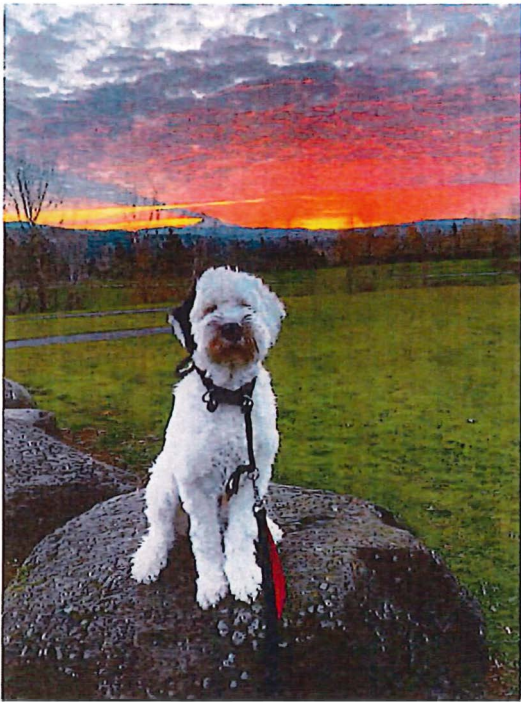
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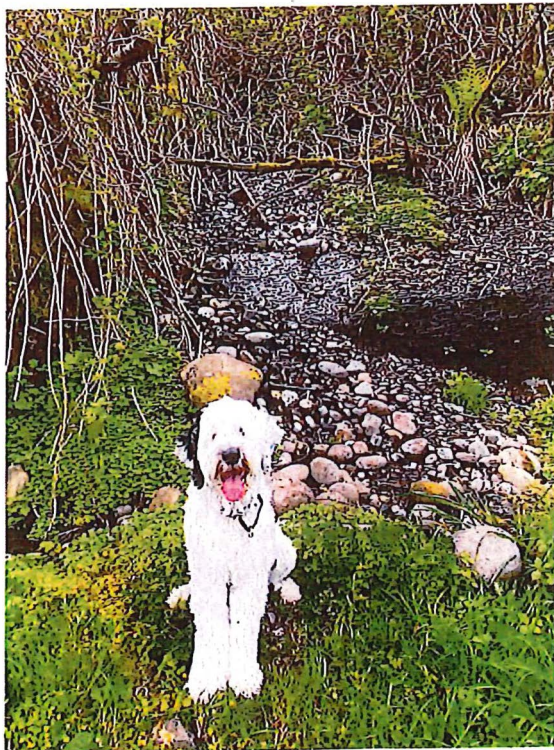
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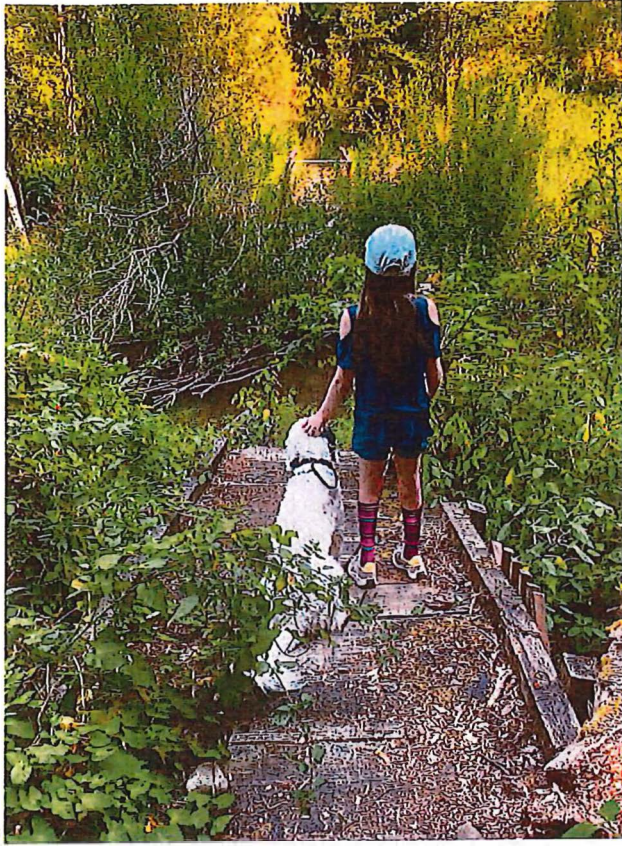












Sarah Skroch

From: Katherine Liljegren <katherine.liljegren@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:07 PM
To: info
Subject: On-leash parks

Members of the Troutdale City Council,

I'm writing to provide public comment on the resolution to designate additional on-leash dog parks. While I wish I could join you in person to share these thoughts, I'm currently traveling out of the country in Albania and with the time difference even joining Zoom is untenable. I hope my earnest passion for this topic comes through in the points below!

As a dog mom to a Goldendoodle named Watson, a Troutdale resident, and downtown business owner I fully support any measure to increase park access for well behaved dogs. There are a number of benefits and implications I hope the council will consider:

- **Dogs are part of the family for many citizens** - Nearly 40% of Oregonians currently own a dog, and a recent statewide survey showed that 93% of Oregonian pet owners consider their pet a part of the family. Oregon also ranks in the top 10 states for pet spending. The data is clear: Oregonians love our fur babies.
- **Dog bans divert Troutdale citizens into neighboring towns** - As a dog owner, park visits are a multiple-times-a-week affair. Since Troutdale parks are by and large not dog friendly, I'm often driving to Fairview or Gresham. Which in turn increases the likelihood of visiting Stomping Grounds instead of Good Coffee, Fred Meyer instead of Safeway, or Hope's Cafe instead of Rivertrails (aka Celebrate Me Home). While I love to support our greater East County community too, it's not in the city's best interest to create a dynamic that encourages citizens to leave just to conduct daily life. Not to mention, it's frustrating to pay taxes to maintain resources that don't fit the needs of my household.
- **Blanket dog bans are an unnecessary infringement of freedom** - There's little reason to support the current blanket dog ban. Most dogs are well behaved and most dog owners are responsible. There are already laws and restrictions in place to ensure owners pick up behind pets and to protect victims in the very rare event of an on-leash altercation. A leashed dog (and even the majority of unleashed dogs!) do not present a significant danger to fellow park users. Litter creates far more of an environmental impact than an uncollected dog pile, but the solution is not to ban picnics. Swing sets, slides, and jungle gyms send tens of thousands of children to the ER each year, yet the solution is not to ban playgrounds.
- **Dog bans overburden dog-friendly parks, straining resources and causing overcrowding** - As anyone who's tried to park at Thousand Acres after 9am on a Saturday knows, the demand for dog-friendly parks is high. But the more dogs in any one spot, the more chances for missed poop piles, the more stress induced on both pet and owner, and the more likelihood of an altercation. Spreading this demand for dog friendly park access over a wider range of locations creates a safer, more enjoyable environment for people, pets, and planet.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kat Liljegren

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From: [P.K](#)
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Subject: On leash parks
Date: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:30:44 PM

Members of Troutdale city council,

I am writing to you as a concerned and responsible dog owner and resident of Troutdale. I wish to address the current prohibition on dogs in our local parks, a policy that I believe is not only detrimental to the well-being of our canine companions but also to the community at large.

Dogs are more than pets; they are family members who require regular exercise and socialization, which local parks are perfectly suited to provide. The ban restricts their natural need for outdoor activities and interaction with their environment and other dogs. This can lead to a host of behavioral and health issues for dogs, which ultimately impacts the owners and the wider community.

Moreover, the presence of dogs in parks can have positive effects. They encourage more people to frequent these public spaces, promoting a sense of community and safety. Additionally, walking a dog is a healthy activity that contributes to the physical and mental well-being of our citizens.

I understand that concerns about cleanliness and safety may have led to the implementation of this ban. However, these issues can be addressed through responsible pet ownership, including the enforcement of leash laws and the provision of adequate waste disposal facilities. Educational campaigns on responsible dog ownership could also be part of the solution.

I urge you to reconsider the dog ban and to work with dog owners to create a plan that allows for the coexistence of all park users, ensuring that our public spaces are inclusive, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am looking forward to your positive response and am open to discussing this further.

Sincerely,

Pete

Sarah Skroch

From: Molly Peichel <mollypeichel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 5:13 PM
To: info
Subject: Dogs in City parks

Hello,

My name is Molly Peichel & I am a Troutdale resident and future dog owner. I know I am a few minutes late, but just learned of the notice today by a friend & wanted to see if I could contribute.

I am in support of allowing safe dog usage of our city parks for the following reasons:

1. It encourages Troutdale residents to stay local & do their shopping local since they do not have to drive to go to other dog friendly parks
2. It decreases the over burden of resources at parks that do allow dogs
3. Dogs are a part of the family & by opening up dogs to the city parks, will allow more families to utilize the space since the whole family may go.

Thank you for allowing input on this & I hope I am not too late!

Molly Peichel