



CITY OF TROUTDALE PARKS & FACILITIES

AGENDA PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kellogg Community room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060
February 21, 2024
7:00 PM

The PAC meeting will be held in person in the Kellogg Room and will also be available as a Zoom meeting.

1. Roll Call
2. Review & Approve (DEC) Minutes
3. Communication from Staff
4. Review of January Ice Storm
5. Update on basketball courts
6. Opening of 40-Mile Loop Trail (tentative June 2024)
7. Upcoming projects & seasonal work
8. Update on Skate Spot project at Columbia Park
9. Public To Be Heard
10. Discussion of current status of Dogs in Parks Ordinance being reviewed by City Council in April
11. 2024-25 Parks & Facilities Budget Discussion; List of planned projects (new and continued) with opportunity for feedback and suggestions from Committee members
12. Committee Concerns and Initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments
13. Hold or cancel next month's meeting, March 20, 2024

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SUMMARY
PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Kellogg Community Room
December 20, 2023

Members Present: Carol Allen - Vice Chair, Jeff Hutchinson - Chair, Zach Andrews, Shelly Reynolds, Victoria Rizzo - arrived late [37:59], Sherilee Winters, Robbie Cantrell, Jim Hill, Michelle Craver (Alternate)

Members Absent: Brenda Austin

Staff: Jona Jacobsen, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

1. **Roll Call** – Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Review and approve September 20, 2023, meeting minutes** – The September 20, 2023, minutes were approved as presented.
3. **Communication from Staff** – Jona reported on Parks crews' fall clean-up, Windy Wonderland's success, skate park news, Columbia Park ADA improvements, hazardous tree removal, the ruts at Sunrise Park, demolition of the old rail car behind the Visitor Center, and the upcoming replacement of the Beaver Creek stairs.
4. **Public to be heard** – None.
5. **Presentation from PW Engineer Scott Waddell on the Beaver Creek Bridge replacement project** – Scott provided an update on the design possibilities and cost estimates for a Beaver Creek Bridge replacement which the PAC discussed.
6. **Review of City Council's process with the Dogs in Parks Ordinance; Discussion of PAC-recommended parks for allowing dogs on-leash in 2024** – The PAC discussed City Council's changes to the ordinance, and unanimously recommended prohibiting dogs from Glenn Otto Park and allowing dogs on-leash in neighborhood parks.
7. **Review of 2022 PAC Council recommendations for Glenn Otto parking** – The PAC reviewed their recommendation of a pay-to-park kiosk at Glenn Otto with an exemption for Troutdale residents and discussed Sugarpine's effect on the park's parking and possibilities for parking enforcement.
8. **Committee concerns and initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments** – Key discussion items included replacing the surface at Imagination Station, adding discussion about kinetic art in the parks, Friends of Trees evaluating the habitat of city parks and updating the PAC, adding replacing the basketball nets as a formal agenda item.
9. **Hold or cancel next month's meeting January 17, 2024** – The decision was made to hold next month's meeting.
10. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

**MINUTES
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Jim Hill
Michelle Craver (Alternate)

Members Absent: Brenda Austin

Staff: Jona Jacobsen, Parks and Facilities Superintendent; Scott Waddell,
Public Works Engineer

1. Roll Call: Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Review and approve September 20, 2023, meeting minutes

Sherilee Winters [1:55] moved to approve the September 20, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Robbie Cantrell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Communication from Staff

Jona reported that Parks had been busy the past few months with fall leaf clean-up duties and fallen debris in the City's open spaces. He extended his gratitude to all the Parks workers, Water and Streets employees, and Public Works employees for all their hard work keeping gutters and catch basins clear, especially in light of the heavy rain at the end of November/beginning of December.

- The Windy Wonderland holiday events during the first week of December were a success. Troutdale saw 7100 visits to the Downtown Friday through Sunday of Windy Wonderland, a 20.7 percent year-over-year increase from the previous year, and a 75.3 percent year-over-year-two increase from 2021. There was a 220.6 percent increase year-over-year-three which was 2020 and the pandemic and the first year of the event.
- 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.
- The ADA improvements to Columbia Park walkways were completed in October and November. The pedestrian walkways around the parking lot, ramps, and concession stands at Imagination Station were widened for increased ease of use. A wheelchair-accessible spectating platform was added to the side of Doust [5:35] Field. A new bike rack would be added near the parking area later this year. Upgraded trash and recycling bins would be added later in the year at Columbia Park. They were Big Belly garbage cans: odor-controlling, closed units with a handle with greater capacity. They would also have sleeves on either side of them which would be ready for promoting City-sponsored events throughout

the city. They would not go in everywhere. They were purchased through a Metro grant the City was awarded. They would be put in the Downtown area, including Mayor's Square and Depot Parks, at Glenn Otto Park, Columbia Park, and Sunrise Park. They would be installed at some point in 2024.

- In response to some homeowners' concerns, a number of semi-hazardous trees and one really hazardous tree were removed and limbed around the perimeter of the Hampton Point Ravine greenway shortly before Thanksgiving. In December Parks workers cleaned up the slash and debris from the tree removal and improved the footpath that runs through the center of the greenway.
- He had emailed the PAC about the ruts [7:37] at Sunrise Park. Parks did some handwork on them. He believed Staff should not wait until the ground dries in the spring. They got as much of it done as possible with shovels and rakes. The matter would be addressed in earnest once the ground dries out.
- He clarified he had spoken with the arborist contracted with the City who was not doing contracted work that day, but had accessed a neighbor's yard from the park's side. While the City liked him and had a long history with the arborist, Jona made it clear to him that the situation could never be repeated again and requested in terms of recouping some costs, that he repair the ground himself or offer the City a few free days of arborist work the next time it were needed. The arborist chose the latter.
 - He explained the arborist came in through the bottom parking lot, and the Parks worker opened the gate for him thinking he was doing work for the City. Jona also made it clear to all the Parks workers under his supervision that they should not do such a thing. If they see the arborist come into a city park, they should first ask him if he called Jona and then call Jona. He was not aware what had happened when he emailed the PAC a couple weeks ago.
- In the last couple of weeks, the old silver rail car behind the Visitor Center was demolished and scrapped, not the caboose, which was a necessary step towards developing the Depot Park and the URA property to make room for additional parking and potentially the construction of a brick-and-mortar restroom facility to serve the Downtown area, as well as the URA property. The City was lucky to find someone willing to do it at no cost to the City and just for the scrap metal.
- Trailkeepers of Oregon would begin the Beaver Creek stairs reconstruction project next week on December 28th. All materials needed to replace the stairs had been ordered and were already delivered or en route to the Parks shop and equipment yard. Trailkeepers would work on demolishing the old stairs and installing the new ones over the course of the winter. The new stairs and improved trail would be another important step towards increasing safe and easy access to the Canyon, both for visitors and the eventual bridge reconstruction project.

4. Public to be heard—None.

The Committee proceeded to Agenda Item 6 at this time.

5. Presentation from PW Engineer Scott Waddell on the Beaver Creek Bridge replacement project

This item was addressed following Agenda Item 7.

Jona introduced Public Works Engineer Scott Waddell who presented an update on the studies of a Beaver Creek Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project as follows:

- Two bridges used to cross the creek in Beaver Creek Canyon. Both were originally constructed by Parks personnel in the early '90s. A few years back due to age and storm events, the bridge had to be decommissioned and taken out. Currently there were no pedestrian bridges across Beaver Creek Canyon which was unfortunate as there were existing pedestrian trails on both sides of the creek.
- He had taken over the project from Tim who had a longstanding effort with consultant Larry McGurragh [1:10:52] to design a pedestrian bridge which came to a conceptual design that was a premanufactured weathering steel truss bridge with a set of stairs at one end, a standard design. Its design life was upwards of 50 years.
- The estimated cost in 2019 of the steel truss design was roughly \$600,000. At the time the cost seemed insurmountable for a bridge in such a location. A lot of the cost was driven just by the fact that it was in a canyon, not an easy place to get to.
- In the last year and a half, Staff had brought Parametrix, another consulting engineering firm, on board to study the previous design package, take a look at what was there, and provide a cost estimate. They were very experienced in doing such pedestrian bridges in a park-plus environment, with additional forest, etc. The City felt good about it but asked for options to consider and what they might recommend. After studying additional geotechnical information, the results of the two pieces were a cost estimate for the original design which had increased from \$600,000 to a million plus due to difficulty in accessing the site, getting the construction materials, etc., in there.
- The alternative Parametrix suggested was, rather than a bridge and a staircase, two bridge sections. They gave a few options on materials: using the weathering steel, the toughest option available, or a wood structure but a larger, more substantial one. A glue laminate wood structure would be the most cost-efficient way to get a bridge of this size in the location to carry people who want to hike around Beaver Creek. Steel would cost more than a million dollars and would require a helicopter to get some of the pieces in which is expensive. Two wood structures would be closer to the original cost estimate, about \$600,000.
- The scope of work and the draft cost estimate for that work was about \$250,000. In order to continue the work, the City would need to enter into an open bidding process.

Questions from the PAC were addressed as follows with comments from the Committee as noted:

- The permits and drawing and applications would cost \$250,000. The number was significant enough that the conceptual drawing could be released to the consulting community at large and solicit bids to ask if it would really cost \$250,000 to design the bridge which could also affect the construction cost estimate of \$600,000 to \$1 million plus.
- Grant money was available, and the City was working on it now. The exact amount of grant money was yet to be determined, but it was not insignificant. The City was pursuing hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Scott understood a fancy bridge was not needed, noting underlying permit requirements for Beaver Creek and adjacent areas that did not previously exist were driving the cost. Beaver Creek was special because it was a fish-bearing stream with recognized wetlands in the area

which makes the overall cost of design high enough that the cost of the bridge specifically would not be insignificant.

- Sherilee asked if the Eagle Scouts could be a source accessed with less cost, adding she liked the idea of a bridge.
- Jeff spoke about a Trailkeepers of Oregon project in Silver Falls State Park in a very remote location where a footbridge across a stream was needed. They used aluminum and fiberglass panels for the actual deck and had volunteer hikers hike them in several miles on their shoulders; the material was lightweight. They built the bridge on-site. He asked if something like that could eliminate the cost of having a helicopter or a difficult manner of bringing in materials.
 - Scott replied it would be an option. The issue with Beaver Creek was it was difficult to access except right in town. The farther an area was outside city limits, additional leniencies were granted.
- Staff displayed the schematics of the bridge Trailkeepers built in Silver Falls for about \$1000 a foot and 65-ft long bridge. Silver Falls did not have the same permit restrictions as in Beaver Creek. One challenge with Beaver Creek was the bridge was far enough downstream that the flood elevation was rather high. The bridge would be about 130-ft long, longer than the previous bridge which was washed out with a flood. It was important for the fish habitat requirements that the bridge not wash out in a flood.
- Sherilee noted the previous bridge lasted 30 years and asked if Troutdale would gain anything by paying more for something that would also only last 30 years. She was sure the PAC could put together a volunteer effort to carry down pieces to build a bridge if the pieces were lightweight. Scott replied that the goal posts had legitimately moved. The rules for building a structure, especially a pedestrian bridge, in the Beaver Creek location, were very different from 30 years ago. The numbers were way outside the bounds of what made sense. The consultants were experts on pedestrian bridges, big and small, and experienced with getting a pedestrian bridge in a difficult location.
- Zach said he appreciated Scott sharing the information with the PAC. He urged more specificity and asked to review the designs and cost estimates. Scott responded that he would pass the documents through Jona.
- Scott clarified the more expensive steel bridge had a lifespan of 50 or 60 years, not 30.
- Scott said he would be happy to include any of the contractors mentioned tonight and would make sure to solicit bids from a number of companies for multiple bids for similar work. He would stay in touch with the PAC on the process.

A member of the public [1:43:58] asked how long the Beaver Creek Bridge had been there. Jeff replied it was built in the early '90s. She asked how many times had it been torn down. Jeff replied twice. [1:44:14] She said the City needed to figure out how many people used the bridge before spending a million dollars to replace it if kids were just going to vandalize it. Jeff replied if it were a steel bridge, kids would not be able to destroy it and added having the bridge replaced would increase the number of users of the trail system. Jona said his office gets many calls about the bridge.

Jeff confirmed with Jona that the Parks crew was responsible for the Canyon and noted if a large tree naturally fell across the creek, Jona's crew could not go in with chainsaws. Jona replied they would not do anything unless there were a safety concern. If he did, he would probably need to

go through the same process Scott described earlier, speaking of legal and environmental constraints as to what could be done in the area as well as common-sense practices.

The Committee proceeded to Agenda Item 8 at this time.

6. Review of City Council's process with the Dogs in Parks Ordinance; Discussion of PAC-recommended parks for allowing dogs on-leash in 2024

This agenda item was addressed following Item 3 Communication from Staff

Jona reported that over the last few months, the Dogs Ordinance has been modified at the request of City Council so that the Director of Public Works no longer had the authority to designate on-leash dog recreation areas in city parks. The authority was held by City Council. In the most recent round of discussion, Council approved Resolution No. 2611, which officially designated both the new dog park at Columbia Park as the City's only off-leash recreation area and included Sunrise Park and Beaver Creek greenway as on-leash dog recreation areas. Public Works had done extensive review of the DEQ stormwater permits to confirm the City could still qualify for the necessary permits and allow the dog recreation.

- He clarified Columbia Park was also designated an on-leash area in order for people to walk their dogs on-leash to the off-leash area and back. Every other park would be subject to review on a case-by-base basis by City Council. College Nature Park was not part of the allowed on-leash dog area in the Beaver Creek greenway, which he believed was leased from Mount Hood Community College; the City did not actually own the property.

Jeff [15:52] said College Nature Park and the greenway connected, and people walked their dogs all along Troutdale Road in the area. Jona replied he would be open to the recommendation of adding College Nature Park to the list of on-leash dog areas, noting he had added the item to the agenda in case the PAC wanted to recommend additional parks to City Council as on-leash areas. The Committee could talk about and review individual parks and add them to a list of suggestions for Council.

Shelly said all the neighborhood parks needed to be on-leash. People would use them. If the Council were to designate them as no dogs, what would the Council do about enforcement.

Jeff [17:11] stated he went to all the parks on Monday, and most have a generic sign "No pets allowed." The same parks had pet way stations, and people were walking their dogs. If responsible pet owners were using the pet way stations, he did not see the issue unless City Hall were receiving a lot of complaints about people walking their dogs in the parks. He was not saying every park should allow dogs as some playground areas have low fences which should be off-limits.

Carol [17:59] spoke about bringing her grandchildren to parks that have signs and the bags. The dogs were not on-leash; they were playing balls with their owners. She was angered about that because she had a one-year-old running in the park. When she walked her own dog, she was on a leash. Her concern and frustration was the PAC spent months talking about the Master Plan about all the parks and dog parks and the off-leash park, sent their recommendations to City Council, and then all of a sudden, there were new ordinances and changes. It was frustrating to her because she wanted to know why she was on the PAC and why did the City ask her opinion. Why does the PAC come up with the agreements they talk about, and then City Council just

changes it. She was curious as to how it worked because the PAC was not the only committee causing her frustration. She served on four committees. When the City Council would talk about parks in the future, she would like a heads-up. If the matter comes up again, she would like to address the City Council and ask why they would change what the PAC spent months coming to an agreement on. She wanted to know the Council's perspective.

Jona said he understood Carol's frustration.

Shelly said she had some time off when the days were sunny but very cold. She paid attention to the residential Llewellyn Park as she worked in her yard. There were 12 visitors, two of which were kids on bikes. One was a couple playing tennis. The rest were people walking their dogs. One family walked their dog off-leash. She knew the dog well, so she was not surprised. He would not give anyone the time of day. The rest of the dogs were on-leash. She would say the park was primarily a park where people walk their dogs. When people are not playing tennis, they will shut the gates and play ball with their dogs in the tennis courts. She could not see designating a residential park like Llewellyn as a no-dogs-allowed park.

Jona believed what Shelly described was reflected in the surveys conducted during the Parks Master Plan process. Most people who live in Troutdale would not drive their dog to Thousand Acres when they have a spare hour.

Sherilee [23:17] said most Troutdale citizens, about 90 percent she had talked with, were responsible owners, picked up after their dogs, kept their dogs on-leash, or asked people if they mind if they want to run their dogs. There was always the percentage that was not responsible, irritating everyone else.

Shelly said she would love to see dogs allowed on-leash, the ordinance posted, and a fine posted. Jona replied the question of enforcement came up frequently and was something everyone was concerned about, the Council included, noting while law enforcement was not something in Parks workers' job description or their union contracts or not something Multnomah County Sheriffs have the capacity to do at all times, it was important piece of the puzzle. To that end, he was searching for solutions. There were options for part of the year, at least for the summers, for contracting private security companies that have employees that are CJIS-certified and are able to issue citations. The cost comparison could be discussed between police doing enforcement or hiring in-house park rangers.

Jeff [25:52] stated the PAC should also discuss which parks should be off-limits to dogs. He believed Glenn Otto was one.

Sherilee noted the problem with Glenn Otto was Sugarpine was right there, asking where the fine line would be.

Jeff [26:30] said there would have to be a boundary between Sugarpine and the park.

Jona stated Sugarpine sat within the boundary of the park. If there were a Parks policy saying dogs were not allowed, then the dogs would not be allowed at Sugarpine. If a change would go on the books saying dogs were prohibited from Glenn Otto, that would need to be communicated to Sugarpine management because in the past Sugarpine has posted on social media that dogs were welcome at their establishment.

Shelly suggested a sign like "no dogs beyond this point." Jona noted that was the situation with the beach, yet dogs were frequently on the beach. He believed such a thing only adds to people's confusion. It made sense to him that if dogs were not allowed on the beach, they should not be allowed in the park or vice versa.

Carol believed dogs should not be allowed at Glenn Otto, and the sign should plainly state so as it was easier to enforce and would prevent misunderstandings.

Jeff [29:00] agreed with Shelly that the neighborhood parks should allow dogs. He believed there should be at least one community park where people can go where there were no dogs. Glenn Otto fit the bill because the City did not want dogs on that part of the Sandy River.

[30:01]

Jeff [30:47] asked if Jona were sure that Sugarpine was within Glenn Otto's boundaries. He had asked Tim Seery who said it used to be part of the park but it had a little offset now. Jona replied that Sugarpine's seating area was within the park and they use Park parking as they have no designated parking spaces. Jeff said the signage would have to be clear. Jona stated he did not know what percentage of Sugarpine's business was people going off of I-84 with their dog in tow, stopping to get a milkshake. It was not his intention to hobble their business, and he would not want to risk people leaving their dogs in a hot car in the summer either. He wondered if there should be a small, enclosed grassy area where people can let their dogs out of their car, at least momentarily.

Sherilee [32:54] said she had talked before about a restroom issue where one must enter even farther into the park to where the restrooms are. It seemed like Sugarpine should provide restrooms for their customers. It would present an issue if one were at Sugarpine and did not want to leave one's dog in the car but one had to use the restroom in an area where dogs were prohibited.

Shelly suggested if the PAC would recommend the no-dogs rule encompass the entire Glenn Otto Park, the City would have to make sure the word gets out on all the City's social media pages, published in The Champion, and put it on the billboard as one pulls into Troutdale so that people would have an opportunity to be informed not to bring their dog.

Robbie Cantrell moved to call to a vote whether to designate Glenn Otto Park as dog-free. Carol Allen [36:39, 37:19] seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Carol Allen, Sherilee Winters, Jeff Hutchinson, Zach Andrews, Robbie Cantrell, Shelly Reynolds, Victoria Rizzo, and Jim Hill. Nays: None. Abstaining: None. The motion passed 8 to 0.

Shelly Reynolds moved that residential neighborhood parks be made available to dogs on-leash. Zach Andrews seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Carol Allen, Sherilee Winters, Jeff Hutchinson, Zach Andrews, Robbie Cantrell, Shelly Reynolds, Victoria Rizzo, and Jim Hill. Nays: None. Abstaining: None. The motion passed 8 to 0.

Jona confirmed he would likely be the one to present the PAC's recommendations to City Council. He welcomed all the PAC members to attend and would remind them of the date of the meeting via email. Travis Hultin likely would be there as well, given how involved he had been in the whole process.

Jeff moved to close debate on the Dog Parks Ordinance talk. [40:16] Shelly Reynolds seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Review of 2022 PAC Council recommendations for Glenn Otto parking

Jona spoke of the July 27, 2022, memorandum with the recommendation from the Parks Advisory Committee for parking control at Glenn Otto Park. He believed he had a good read on how the PAC felt about the matter. It sounded like the Committee was in favor of installing a self-service paid park kiosk with enforcement via code enforcement and community resource officers, that Troutdale residents should not be charged to park in their community park, and that Troutdale residents should be provided a window sticker exempting them from paying to park which would be based upon their water bill and their registered address with Public Works.

- He was bringing the matter back to the PAC at City Manager Ray Young's request to revisit the conversation. He wanted to bring the matter before the Council in the coming months and take action ahead of the busy summer season. The City hit a lot of snags with Sugarpine. The City loved Sugarpine. They were colleagues, neighbors, and tenants. In the busy summer months on weekends, Glenn Otto Park reaches capacity fast, even going over capacity. Frequently the caretaker at Glenn Otto butts heads with Sugarpine management over issues of parking, specifically related to the ability of people who are renting the Sam Cox building from the City for private events having access to places to park their vehicles.
- The pay-to-park would go towards maintaining the parking lot at Glenn Otto. He wanted to discuss the memorandum and had copies available for anyone who wanted to review it. He asked if anyone had additional thoughts about the recommendation before it moved on to review by the City Council.

Shelly suggested, in an effort to maintain the relationship with Sugarpine, designating 15 minutes or 30 minutes parking and have the parking ticket validated. Fifteen or 30 minutes of free parking could be allowed for Sugarpine customers with a purchase. It would not help the parking, but it might keep them moving a bit more quickly than just hanging out.

Zach asked how viable it would be to have a summer park ranger to handle parking and perhaps enforce dog-related ordinance at the parks. Jona replied a summer park ranger would be entirely feasible. Services were offered by a local company, Oregon Patrol [48:04], and he had a meeting scheduled with them January 8th at Glenn Otto Park to show them the park and draft an estimate. It would depend upon if City management would choose to pay for it. He imagined it would be a more affordable option than paying full-time staff, especially when for a large portion of the year there would not be much for them to do. Some details to figure out would include looping in the City's partners at Multnomah County Sheriffs and that no toes would be stepped on in terms of their union contract. He would be able to report back at the January meeting including a cost estimate.

In his mind that was the most viable option for all of the issues. For parking especially if the City was looking at some sort of contract service. If possible, he would like to tie it into an increased enforcement presence in the parks that receive a lot of visitation.

Sherilee noted from sitting on the Public Safety Committee, she knew in the summertime there were so many hours Multnomah County Sheriffs had some presence in the park for sure. She believed it was four days a week. Depending on the weather, they move away from the area.

Shelly asked if pay-to-park would be seasonal as well. Jona believed that would make sense, from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Zach said he would amend the window sticker to another option like a mirror hang that would not have to be applied to the vehicle and would be less intrusive.

Jeff said the City could just issue hangers to people who come into City Hall and request them. It would probably end up being a few hundred people. Jona believed it was a good idea in terms of access for people who maybe are renters who do not pay a water bill. If someone comes and shows a Troutdale address on their ID, they should be able to get a hanger and potentially even have a ticket that they were written dismissed, the first one anyway.

Jim wondered about the load on City Hall to deal with people going there to get hangers.

Shelly noted a lot of people do not get paper water bills.

Sherilee [53:04] said the idea of going into City Hall was good because she would hate to see something sent out if people would not really utilize it. Jeff agreed. Shelly noted the upside would be it was a good opportunity for people to visit City Hall. Every Troutdale resident should visit City Hall at least once. Carol added in her perfect world, City Hall would not have lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 because many people who work 8:00 or 9:00 to 5:00 cannot get to City Hall. She suggested people could call in and City Hall could look them up and send out a pass. Zach mentioned the Visitors Center had parks passes during the season for Multnomah Falls, etc.

A member of the public suggested doing the pass at entry.

Sherilee [56:01] said she would worry about somebody repeatedly getting a pass and profiting from it by handing it out to others. Jona replied the City would have to keep a registry. Doing it at entry would mean keeping a list of who received a pass and sending it to the City. If sharing passes happens a bit, that would be okay and cannot be controlled.

Zach stated the original thought was a decal to stick on the car that is authorized to park. If someone tried to peel it off, it would be destroyed. A hanger should have the license plate number on it.

Sherilee [57:53] said she lived in a neighborhood where some families have many people living together. There could be several adults all with cars living in one household; more than one pass may need issued. Jeff [58:17] added or being able to switch between cars.

Jona clarified for people who were going to Glenn Otto for weddings or similar, the City would have to issue event passes or the like. It would be a great way to get an accurate count of how many parking spaces an event would need which is something that comes up every single busy

weekend throughout the summer and was the source of butting heads between Sugarpine and the Glenn Otto caretaker, knowing how many space to reserve for an event.

Carol [59:39] spoke about former Parks superintendent Tim's conversations with Sugarpine about parking that went nowhere. Jona agreed it was problematic and hard to nail down a plan all parties would adhere to. Staff would continue to work on solutions that met everyone's needs.

Shelly was not maligning Sugarpine, but maybe it was time for them to look for a building or a bigger building. Jona said he did see a natural limit to how much their business could grow in their current location, not any limit any party was trying to impose upon them. Zach said he understood they had acquired a property that burned down across the river.

Jona said the PAC could continue the discussion at the January meeting as he did not believe Ray was planning to take it to the Council immediately.

A member of the public [1:01:38] said, being a resident in that area, she noticed during the summer the property across the street charges for parking and wondered had anyone talked to the art center about utilizing their large parking area as well.

Charmaine, Manager, Sandy River [inaudible 64:19] Park spoke about starting parking passes for any of her residents or their guests and if they do not have one, they will be towed which has cut down the problem a lot. Glenn Otto used to be a community park. It was for the citizens. Now it was not. It has become Sugarpine's parking in the summer. Maybe the City should think about something like a ski pass. She described how the situation was bad and something needed to be done. People parked on the street where it says "no parking." There were signs all over the beach that say "no dogs allowed," but they cannot control the beach. She had people in her park, and she told them they cannot take their dog to Glenn Otto. But she saw dogs over there all the time. The question was how to enforce the rule which costs more money.

Shelly said sometimes the White property was not available, and he had it chained it up. People turned down the chain and went in anyway. People were simply rude. He would rent spaces when he was available, but sometimes he was not.

Jeff noted people were also at Glenn Otto all day, taking their bikes off the rack and going to Mount Hood or whatever. Carol [1:07:38] added or they take the bus to work. Jona noted Tri-Met would decommission that bus line. But the issues would only increase with the insulation of the Columbia River Gorge bike hub.

Carol asked if the topic could be brought back in January or February so the PAC could have their recommendation to the City Council so when Ray was ready to talk about it, the PAC would be there. Jona replied absolutely.

The Committee returned to Agenda Item 5 at this time.

8. Committee concerns and initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments

Jona said at some point the PAC would probably need to discuss some other big numbers related to the replacement of the surface at Imagination Station. The surface was failing due to it being installed incorrectly. Unfortunately, the LLC that installed it no longer existed anymore; there was nobody to sue. It was rubber mulch glued together. Staff would look at cheaper alternatives

and something easier to install. The City would solicit bids, but the cost could be around a million dollars.

Jeff [1:51:13] spoke of a multi-colored material used in a park in Canby that Staff may want to look into.

Carol noticed three or four weeks ago before the rain at Imagination Station, the boat does not move anymore. The bird did not sing anymore. So many things did not work there anymore.

Jona clarified the surface should have lasted if it had been installed correctly.

Zach suggested for a future agenda item to discuss some kinetic art in certain areas, especially the time of year when the wind picks up, to make a more signature Troutdale approach to add to some of the City's parks and features.

Robbie reported he was walking with his wife in Columbia Park. When he pointed out the dog park, she noted there was a "no trespassing" sign and no path. He would not expect passers-by to know that the dog park exists. He had Friends of Trees come out to evaluate his backyard habitat. They looked at the backyard, took public records, and saw if the backyard met certain levels of certification. He wished it could be done for the parks. The butterfly habitat concept could be applied to almost every Troutdale park. It would not take a lot to look at the spaces cleared for humans and give them back in a little way through four to six different criteria. He would like to add to the agenda for either February or March having someone from Friends of Trees walk through a couple of the Troutdale parks, come to the PAC meeting, and walk the Committee through the evaluation.

- He clarified that while Friends of Trees' evaluation was for residential, the PAC would not be necessarily looking for certification. He wanted to establish best practices and implement them in a wider way.

Jona would provide an update on the Friends of Trees' planting event scheduled for February 10th; the staging area and kickoff party would be held at Columbia Park. If any PAC member were interested in participating, they could go to the organization's website.

Robbie said he wanted to make the basketball nets a formal agenda item. Yesterday he had gone to three parks and kids were playing in the cold with no nets. Jona believed he told his crew to put them out. He said he would personally put them up tomorrow.

Shelly [2:02:48] thanked everyone for being part of the PAC. It had been a long debate all year. The Parks workers were doing a great job.

9. Hold or cancel next month's meeting January 17, 2024

The meeting would be held.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Jeff Hutchinson, Chair

Date

Attest:
