

AGENDA

City of Oregon City, Oregon Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**City Hall
Commission Chambers
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045**

**June 23, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes – May 26, 2011
- 3) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
- 4) General business
 - a) Dog park
 - b) 2011 goals
 - c) Pocket parks
 - d) July is National Parks & Recreation Month proclamation
 - e) Other general business
- 5) PRAC member reports
- 6) Staff reports
 - a) Canemah neighborhood park project update
 - b) Carnegie spray park renovation update
 - c) Sportcraft boat ramp project update
 - d) Ermatinger House update
 - e) Recreation update
 - f) Other
- 7) Next scheduled meeting date – July 28, 2011
- 8) Adjournment

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PROCLAMATION

Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Oregon City; and

Whereas, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

Whereas, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

Whereas, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

Whereas, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

Whereas, Oregon City recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

Now, Therefore, I, Doug Neeley, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

July 2011

as

Park and Recreation Month

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of July 2011

DOUG NEELEY, Mayor

From: [Bryan and Shannon Watt](#)
To: [Doug Neeley](#); [Kathy Roth](#); [Rocky Smith, Jr.](#); [James Nicita](#); [Betty Mumm](#)
Cc: [Denise Kai](#); [Scott Archer](#); [Larry Potter](#)
Subject: PRAC Annual Update to OC Commission
Date: Friday, June 10, 2011 7:31:18 AM
Attachments: [PRAC Annual Update Bullets.doc](#)
[ATT00757.htm](#)

Good Morning Oregon City Commission -

The attached document is a summary of the PRAC Annual Update presented on Wednesday May 18th. It includes items for your information and action.

We have a few issues that we may (from your perspective) need direction on so that our actions are most profitable to the community. Please refer to the attached document for elaboration.

- 1. We are going forward with planning the viability of a dog park in Oregon City. Our members that are involved in this process will be meeting with staff and devising ways to connect with the citizenry while developing sound courses of action.**
- 2. We are working with Mr Archer on ways that the PRAC can/will be involved with methodology of determining Parks Maintenance Utility Fee. Thank you for involving us in this process.**
- 3. During our PRAC meeting on the 26th of May, we continued our discussion on the disposal of certain pocket parks in Oregon City. Mr Archer will be bringing information back to committee on June 23rd to continue the process and begin to develop a methodology/rationale for pocket park disposal.**
- 4. We are moving forward with the RV Master Plan - this is the next logical step. Funds have already been identified for the master planning process.**

The remaining issues that were briefed to you are also attached - please take a look.

**Mr. Bryan Watt
Chair, Park and Recreation Advisory Committee**

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Parks Maintenance Utility Fee (PMUF) – PRAC desires to be part of methodology discussion

- Current level of staff manning at or near 50% of national average
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Pocket Parks Disposal – We support creation of ballot issue running concurrent w/PMUF 18-month process, and we are seeking approval from Commission to involve staff to begin formulating methodology for going forward

- Methodology developed and arguments made should compliment rationale for PMUF
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- Project in the Center of Gravity of what is happening to downtown area
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- Linking Riverfront, Downtown area, Promenade, Carnegie Center, and several other parks such as Waterboard, Rivercrest, Canemah & Old Canemah
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Formation of Heritage Committee – PRAC supports formation and sees value in overlap, interface and collaboration with PRAC

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION LEAGUE • OF OREGON

Oregon's Most ENDANGERED PLACES

Every year historic properties across Oregon are rehabilitated and reused, enriching neighborhoods, revitalizing Main Streets, conserving resources, and attracting visitors. Unfortunately there are also scores of properties in imminent danger of being lost to hard times, development pressures, demolition, or neglect. These unique places embody tremendous resources and tell the story of Oregon communities – our heritage, values, industry and culture. Culled from citizen nominations from around the state, Oregon's Most Endangered Places will receive assistance from the HPLO to address immediate threats and develop strategies for long term viability.



Baker City Middle School—*Baker City*

This beautiful 1917 Ellis Lawrence-designed building, like many other historic schools around the state, has been shuttered and is deteriorating from lack of maintenance. Local preservationists believe the building could be reopened or repurposed.



Josiah Burnett House—*Eagle Creek*

Constructed in 1860 for Josiah Burnett and his wife Lucy Foster Burnett, this deteriorating rental property is one of the oldest surviving territorial homes in Clackamas County. Incompatible additions and siding must be removed to preserve its integrity.



Civic Stadium—*Eugene*

This rare Depression-era ballpark is slated for sale by the Eugene School District and current prospective buyers plan to demolish the structure. The stadium's many fans believe this relic of America's Favorite Pastime could be rehabilitated and incorporated into a community sports and fitness complex.



Dr. Pierce's Barn—*Cottage Grove*

Citing repair costs, the owner of this rare roadside advertising barn has applied for a demolition permit to clear the 2.5 acre site for development. The local historical society, City Council, and others hope to save the circa 1900 community icon.

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Egyptian Theater—Coos Bay

One of only 4 Egyptian Revival theaters remaining in the US, this beloved 1925 landmark retains its original decor, including two imposing 8' tall pharaoh statues. In March it was shuttered pending seismic and safety upgrades estimated at \$3.7 million.



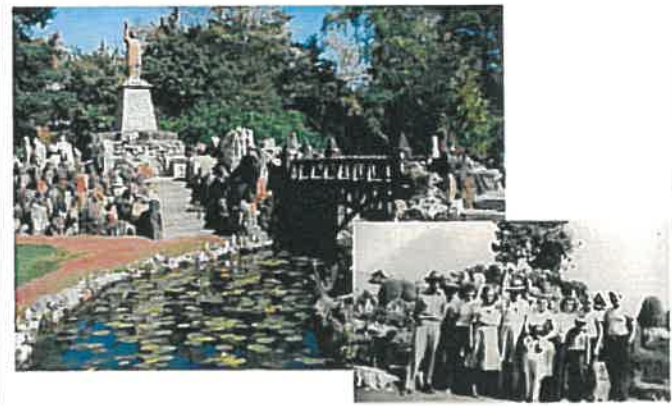
Ermatinger House—Oregon City

This 1845 house was the site of the famous coin toss to choose "Boston" or "Portland" as the name of the soon-to-be incorporated city. It is in imminent danger of collapse without structural reinforcement and other long-deferred restoration.



Tillamook Bay Lifesaving Station—Rockaway Beach

The only Life-Saving Service era station (1871-1915) still existing in Oregon, and the only Peterson Point style building remaining in the U.S., repurposing and rehabilitation are urgently needed to protect against further vandalism and weather damage.



Peterson Rock Garden—Redmond

From the 1930s to 1952 Rasmus Peterson built a unique, delightful example of "roadside architecture" out of obsidian, jasper, agates, and thunder eggs. A favorite of local children and tourists, its fallen into disrepair and is in need of a business plan to ensure viability.



Watson-Price Barn—Philomath

Built in 1848 and prototypical of the earliest pioneer barns, extraordinary craftsmanship includes a massive kingpost truss— tapering from 19" at the ends to 22" in the center— the largest continuous section of hand-hewn timber extant in the Willamette Valley.



Kirk Whited Farmstead—Redmond

Home of the famed botanist, this 1909 lava fieldstone farmstead includes a bungalow and barn. Expansion of the urban growth boundary has placed the 2.8 acre property at immediate risk of being sold and demolished for redevelopment.