



## AGENDA

City of Oregon City  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

City Hall  
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

Thursday, September 25, 2014

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – June 26, 2014 & July 24, 2014 meetings
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
5. Presentations
  - a. Library project update – *Maureen Cole, Oregon City Library Director*
  - b. Pioneer Center update – *Jamie Davie, Pioneer Center Client Services Coordinator*
6. General business
  - a. Glen Oak Road & Filbert Run Parks Master Plan project update
  - b. Willamette Falls Legacy Project – standing update
  - c. Ermatinger House project update
  - d. PRAC member terms
  - e. Other general business
7. PRAC member reports
8. Staff reports
  - a. Pool maintenance shut-down
  - b. Chapin Park new playground
  - c. Off-leash park sites
  - d. Other
9. Next scheduled meeting date – October 23, 2014
10. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, June 26, 2014

Attendance

**Members:** Joyce Gifford, Roger Fowler-Thias, Kathleen Baker, Shawn Dachtler, Bob Burns, Dustin Moyes, Mike Mitchell, Bob Burns

**Excused absence:** Daniel Tupper; Lisa Normand

**Staff:** Scott Archer, Community Services Director

**Guests:** Tom and Marguerite O'Brien

6:15 P.M. – Work Session at Rivercrest Park

1. Met at Rivercrest Park to review items for Park Day Event planning.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 P.M.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes – May 22, 2014 meeting minutes approved as written.
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda: none.
5. General business
  - a. 2014 Park Day event reviewed.
  - b. Willamette Falls Legacy Project – standing update: City working with new owner of property. Land use application will be filed and process begins in the near future. Public partners working with owners and PGE regarding the Riverwalk falls access project.
  - c. Plan parks tour – regular July meeting: Discussed list of sites. Staff will send in advance to committee for review.
  - d. Off-leash park sites follow-up discussion: PRAC recommends adoption of three pilot sites to the City Commission, with trial period of one year with evaluation at the end of

that time period. Shawn Dachtler motion, Mitchell second: passes unanimously. Staff will create rules and management plan to be implemented.

e. Newell Creek Canyon planning process: General update and discussion. Shawn Dachtler would like to make sure that the biking interest is represented.

f. Other general business

i) July Parks & Recreation Month (Commission Proclamation to be read July 2)

6. PRAC member reports

a. Roger Fowler-Thias, Pioneer Center update:

(1) Fire panel replacement

(2) Windows replacement

(3) Ballroom floor repairs

b. Joyce Gifford

i) Attended newell Canyon open house meeting

ii) National night out – could displays be used?

c. Bob Burns:

i) Happy to see park hosts on site – heard positive feedback.

ii) Noted the new playground at Chapin Park.

iii) Mt. Pleasant school site discussion at Neighborhood Associations – would playground become part of the parks department?

iv) Library park – there will be discussion at PRAC.

v) Attended Oregon City School Board to present recognition to Britt Tucker for contributions (High School Construction Program). Mayor Neeley, Bob Burns and Scott Archer attended the meeting.

vi) Attended workshop on conducting public meetings presented by City.

7. Staff reports

a. Projects

i) Glen Oak & Filbert Run Parks Master Plan process update

ii) Ermatinger House update

iii) Chapin Park new playground – OCHS Construction

b. Parks & Cemetery staffing

c. Summer recreation & activities

d. Working with Clackamas County Arts Alliance on a potential public art project at Jon Storm Park.

e. Parks Hosts: All sites now filled, except Wesley Lynn.

f. Clackamette Park boat ramp update

8. Next scheduled meeting date – July 24, 2014 (Parks tour) 5:00 P.M.

9. Adjournment: 8:11 P.M.



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July 24, 2014

Attendance

**Members:** Lisa Normand, Joyce Gifford, Roger Fowler-Thias, Kathleen Baker, Shawn Dachtler, Bob Burns, Dustin Moyes, Daniel Tupper, Bob Burns, Mike Mitchell

**Staff:** Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Jon Waverly, Parks & Cemetery Manager

5:00 P.M.

The committee toured parks as follows:

1. Barclay Park
2. Latourette Park
3. Atkinson Park
4. Abernethy Creek Park
5. End of the Oregon Trail Park
6. Straight Cemetery
7. Park Place Park
8. Old Canemah Park
9. Canemah Neighborhood Park
10. Waterboard Park
11. Hazelwood Park
12. Hartke Park
13. Filbert Run Park
14. Chapin Park
15. Wesley Lynn Park
16. Glen Oak Road Property
17. Mt. View Cemetery
18. Barclay Hills Park
19. Return to City Hall



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

File Number: PC 14-112

**Agenda Date:** 9/22/2014

**Status:** Agenda Ready

**To:** Planning Commission

**Agenda #:**

**From:** Community Development Director Tony Konkol

**File Type:** Planning Item

### **SUBJECT:**

Willamette Falls Legacy Project

Master Plan: CP 14-02, Zone Change and Text Amendment: ZC 14-03, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and amendments to ancillary documents of the Comprehensive Plan: PZ 14-01, and creation of a Multi-modal Mixed Use Area (MMA)

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve this application with the revised Conditions of Approval. These conditions were previously included in the September 15, 2014 Agenda and have been reattached for your convenience.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the September 15, 2014 meeting, the Planning Commission took additional public comment, staff addressed the September 8, 2014 Planning Commission comments and provided updated conditions of approval. The applicant also provided an in-depth cultural and historic interpretation and economic development presentation by George Kramer and Matt Brown. The Planning Commission closed the record and continued the hearing to September 22, 2014.

The Planning Commission additionally requested an electronic copy of the map that identified primary and secondary historic elements. This map can be found on page 21 of the attached Applicant's September 8, 2014 presentation.

The purpose of the proposal is to create a framework for future development of the 22-acre former Blue Heron site. The Master Framework Plan outlines how development will generally occur, identifying key areas for public access, open space, and development. It re-establishes the Main Street grid and creates connections for people to view Willamette Falls. A key element of the plan is the Riverwalk, a walkway that creates continuous public access to view the river and the falls. The Master Plan proposes design guidelines for future development and identifies four key buildings and the woolen mill foundation that are to remain on site as part of the redevelopment. The Master Plan is not a typical Master Plan in that it does not propose any specific development or uses at this time. The applicant proposes a Type III review process for almost all future development on the site. The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment and zone change will take the site from industrial to a new mixed use zone, the Willamette Falls Downtown District, that will allow commercial, residential and employment uses. The creation of a multi-modal mixed use area (MMA) allows the project to take advantage of its location in an existing mixed use, pedestrian-friendly Regional Center.



<http://paloaltoonline.com/news/print/2014/09/23/city-looks-to-unleash-local-dogs-with-shared-use-park>

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## **Palo Alto looks to unleash local dogs with 'shared-use' park**

City's parks commissioners propose an experimental dog run

by Gennady Sheyner

Dog owners yearning for new places to let their companions run free might soon get a little treat from the city.

Responding to years of complaints and requests from local dog lovers, Palo Alto is considering an experiment that would temporarily add a dog park to an existing recreation area. The six-month trial would create a shared-use area at a city-owned location, according to a proposal that the city's Parks and Recreation Commission discussed Tuesday night.

The three likeliest locations now under consideration are the Baylands Athletic Center, Greer Park and Hoover Park. Both parks already have small dog runs; the city's proposal would expand these areas and include new signs and fencing.

Parks commissioners on Tuesday emphasized that the experiment is, at best, a temporary solution to the puzzling problem of insufficient dog recreation areas. The City Council's recent attempt to build a new dog run at the renovated El Camino Park faltered because of the site's proximity to endangered species, and officials hope to come up with new ideas as part of the city's work on the new Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Once completed, the document will evaluate recreational needs and opportunities. In the meantime, the city staff is recommending the pilot program.

Details for the new dog park need to be hashed out, including the exact location and enforcement and outreach strategies. But commissioners, who did not vote on the proposal Tuesday, agreed that the plan is worth pursuing.

"It's really about taking a six-month period of time and looking at it in totality," said Abbie Knopper, member of an ad hoc committee that is refining the pilot program.

The city would measure the costs and benefits of the program and then consider whether it's worth making permanent, Knopper said. The proposal is fairly modest, with the shared-use area open for two morning hours from Monday to Friday. Yet plenty of questions remain unanswered. Commissioners wondered Tuesday whether the new dog run would add to maintenance costs and, if so, who would foot the bill. The ad hoc committee favored asking the city's nascent citizens group, Palo Alto Dog Owners, to coordinate, manage and fund a cleanup service like one used in Menlo Park, where a dog owner's group pays about \$6,000 a year.

Rob De Geus, assistant director of the Community Services Department, said there is a benefit to having local dog users chip in because it would signal to other field users that the group is

"organized and committed and contributing to the field." He also said he has some concerns about using staff.

"We struggle to keep up with athletic fields as they are," De Geus said.

Commissioner Deirdre Crommie disagreed and argued that the dog group should not have to finance this project.

"I think it's setting the wrong precedent here," Crommie said. "I think people who own dogs are fully entitled to services within our city."

Otherwise, she said she was happy to see the trial start.

The parks commission has been considering new dog opportunities for years. In 2009, members held a public meeting with about 100 dog owners. According to staff, many residents expressed a strong desire for off-leash dog recreation areas in all areas of Palo Alto and for possible use of fenced athletic fields during non-peak hours by off-leash dogs. The conversation continued this summer, when the ad hoc committee met with Palo Alto Dog Owners, which has about 300 members.

The city's existing dog amenities are limited to the two small dog runs in Greer and Hoover parks (0.12 and 0.14 acres, respectively) and a half-acre area in Mitchell Park. The new shared-use park would be significantly larger -- at least 0.9 acres.

Howard Hoffman, a member of Palo Alto Dog Owners, said his group is pleased with the commission's proposal and suggested that the new facility be located close to where people live. In other words, not in the Baylands.

"We don't feel this is going to be the total solution, but we're happy to see something," Hoffman said. "We know the city is in the middle of a major effort of doing a new master plan for parks. We hope it's going to include some opportunities for dog recreation, particularly since (the pilot) doesn't address north of Oregon Expressway."

Former commissioner and avowed dog owner Daria Walsh also said she was pleased about the proposed pilot. She noted that it's not just dogs that benefit from the facilities.

"Recreational dog facilities allow a really deep connection between people," Walsh said. "It's just a way you can connect with people that is beyond a lot of other options in the city."