

BOARDMAN PARK COMPETITIONS

Process Outline for City Council Endorsement

Overview

The City of Boardman and the Boardman Park and Recreation District are launching two community-driven competitions to engage the community and students in the park master planning process for **Boardman Park Plan 2035 (PMP)**. These competitions aim to encourage public input, creative problem-solving, and a deeper connection between residents and their parks.

Competitions

1. **Park Design Challenge** – A High School student-driven competition in which participants design a park concept based on community needs.
 2. **Park Naming Competition** – A community-wide contest to select meaningful names for several city parks.
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Process & Implementation

1. Coordination & Oversight

Primary Contacts:

- **Carla McLane (City of Boardman)** – Coordination with City Council and overall project oversight.
- **Brandon Hammond / Mr. Christy (High School Representative)** – Facilitating student participation in the Park Design Challenge.

These representatives will ensure clear communication, engagement, and smooth execution of the competitions.

2. Competition Guidelines & Submission Process

Park Design Challenge

The Park Design Challenge invites local high school students to step into the role of park planners and designers. Participants will develop creative park concepts for a single site using a park program derived from

the community needs assessment. This structured program will outline key priorities, such as recreational amenities, green spaces, and accessibility features identified by the community.

A single park from the following list will be selected for the challenge by the Park Master Plan (PMP) Public Advisory Committee (PAC):

- Zuzu Park
- (4) River Ridge Subdivision Parks
- Hillview Park
- City Park

While following the provided framework, students are encouraged to think critically and innovatively, incorporating additional themes such as sustainability, inclusivity, environmental resilience, and community engagement. Designs may explore elements like nature-based play areas, adaptive recreation opportunities, sustainable plantings and/or materials and multi-use gathering spaces.

Submission Requirements:

- **A site plan** (hand-drawn or digital) illustrating their proposed design.
- **A written narrative** explaining the design rationale, how it meets community needs, and any unique features.
- **A model or rendering** representing the site plan and narrative.

Submission Method:

- Physical drop-off at Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Drive, Boardman OR 97818, Attention: Carla McLane. Alternative submission location at the High School also being investigated.

Deadline: April 11, 2025

Judging Criteria: Creativity, feasibility, alignment with community needs, and clarity of vision.

Revealing & Voting:

- The designs will be showcased at City Hall and the Finalist's will be announced at the May 6 City Council meeting.
- The judging will be conducted by a City Council member, a Parks District Board member, and three (3) members of the PMP PAC.

Recognition & Implementation:

- Winning designs will be recognized at the May 6 City Council meeting.
- Designs may be incorporated into future park development plans and/or used to secure funding for park planning and development.

Park Naming Competition

The Park Naming Competition invites the entire Boardman community to leave a lasting mark on the city by proposing meaningful and creative names for multiple parks. This is an opportunity to celebrate local history,

cultural heritage, natural landscapes, and community values through a name that will shape the park's identity for generations.

Participants will be asked to propose names for the following parks:

- (4) River Ridge Subdivision Parks
- Hillview Park
- Park Blocks
- City Hall Park

Participants are encouraged to consider names that:

- Honor local history (historical figures, events, or traditions).
- Reflect the natural environment (native plants, wildlife, or geographical features).
- Emphasize community spirit (themes of unity, recreation, or shared experiences).
- Incorporate Indigenous or multicultural influences (respecting Boardman's diverse heritage).

Submission Requirements:

A proposed park name with a short explanation of its significance and which current park or space that name is intended for.

Submission Method:

- Online form on the City of Boardman website, location to be determined.
- Paper forms will be available at City Hall, the Boardman Library, and the Rec Center.

Deadline: April 11, 2025.

Voting Process:

- Finalists selected by PMP Public Advisory Committee.

Revealing & Final Decision:

- The finalists will be presented to the City Council at their meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.
- Final selection will be made by the City Council.

Recognition & Implementation:

- The winning names will be formally adopted and unveiled at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.
- The individuals who proposed the winning names will receive public recognition.

3. Public Engagement & Recognition

- **Event to Reveal Winning Entries:** June 3, 2025, City Council meeting.
- **Recognition:** Winners will be honored at the June 3, 2025, City Council meeting where they will receive certificates. They will also be recognized on the City of Boardman website and the City Newsletter.
- **Implementation:**

- The selected park names will be formally adopted.
 - The winning park designs may help shape future park planning and development.
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4. Additional Considerations

- How will the City promote competitions to encourage broad participation?
- Should winning park designs be displayed in a public exhibition?
- Will incentives or prizes be offered to participants?

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