



# Parks/Tree Committee Recommendations

## Pavilion Park Project

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### SUMMARY AND REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Staff and the Committee Council liaison presented two recommendations from the Parks/Tree Committee at the October 28, 2025 Council work session. Council was in general support of the recommendations. This agenda item is intended to formalize the support with official acceptance/approval of the recommendations

#### Suggested Motion

*I move to approve the following recommendations of the Parks/Tree Committee relating to the proposed fountain in the Pavilion Park project.*

*1) Indefinite delay in the installation of the fountain due to financial constraints and request for the installation of a paver surface in the area of the fountain to improve the aesthetics and functionality of the fountain area.*

*2) Support for the use of the fountain/paver area for a “painted pillars” temporary public art installation offered by the Coburg Main Street Arts Committee*

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### BACKGROUND

(from the October 28, 2025 Council Packet Staff Report)

#### Park|Tree Committee Recommendations

An early desired element for the project was a water feature/fountain to function as a focal point near the mounded, urban forest features near the southwest corner of the property. Conceptual designs were considered and communicated by the Park|Tree Committee early in the design phase of the project (2021) and was included as a design element in the grant award.

After several presentations and discussions between the Committee and Staff over the past twelve months, the Park|Tree Committee ultimately unanimously voted to recommend to Council that the fountain element be delayed to an undetermined future date due to both funding challenges and high expected annual operations/maintenance costs. To address the unfinished condition of the area designated for the fountain, the Committee further recommended the installation of a high-quality paver surface to “finish” the space aesthetically and enhance the usability of the space.

At its most recent Committee meeting on October 21, 2025, the Committee received a request from the Coburg Main Street Arts Committee for the creation and placement of a temporary art installation along with the installation of the pavers. The art installation would consist of three to five colorfully painted pillars to provide color and interest to the fountain area while further exploration of options are discussed in the coming months (and possibly years).



### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is supportive of both recommendations (pavers and temporary art installation) and, pending Council concurrence and direction, will continue to work with both the Park|Tree Committee and the Main Street Arts Committee in the integration of the pillars into the paver installation project likely to occur in early spring of 2026. The Council approved Donation policy will guide the final transaction and ownership of the art installation to the City.

### **BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT**

While not yet fully determined, the costs associated with the temporary art installation will be contained within the donation agreement that will be presented to Council at a future date along with final project designs, installation plans and associated maintenance agreements.

The pavers for the fountain area will be funded with General Fund Parks Department operations and maintenance funds. Staff is exploring several at cost/no cost opportunities that may reduce the cost of the materials. Installation is currently planned to be completed by City staff.

### **RELEVANT COUNCIL GOAL, CITY POLICY OR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

- I. Our Community – Community Engagement
- II. Our Natural Resources – Parks and Open Spaces

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

In addition to the most recent discussion of these recommendations at the October 21, 2025 Parks/Tree Committee Meeting, it is anticipated that the Painted Pillars art project will be on several upcoming meeting agendas for the Committee as they work with staff and the Main Street Arts Committee to develop the concept to a donation ready project.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff will work with both the Parks/Tree Committee and the Main Street Arts Committee to help shape the project into a completed projects that meets the criteria of the Donation policy and addresses the needs of the challenging environment that the art is planned to be installed.

With the project fully developed, the Parks/Tree Committee will formally recommend to Council the acceptance of the donation and Council will have the final approval of acceptance at a future Council meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution 2025-18 – Adoption of a Donation Approval/Acceptance Policy