

PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

January 2023

Honorable Mayor Bell and Members of the Council,

The Parks and Tree Committee has had a busy and productive year devoted to preserving and enhancing the beauty and vitality of Coburg's natural treasures and building additional assets for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Considerable time was spent developing a plan for the newly acquired land to Pavilion Park. Upon approval of the Grant funds, much of 2023 will be spent refining the plan and implementing the improvements to the park. Two donated trees have been designated to the park as memorials.

Because of the attention to the Pavilion Park, the improvements to the Veterans Memorial have been put on the back burner temporarily. Funds are available for the engineering design once the engineers have time to work up a professional drawing from our rough draft. This area will recognize the 5 branches of the military. The area around the flagpole will be enlarged to include a circular walkway and roses selected specifically for this memorial. Funding will need to be obtained for the hardscape and roses.

Volunteers in the Park

Work parties were held again this year with committee members and a few additional community members! The number of volunteers were ----- and the hours that they donated in labor to the city totals ----- . Blackberries and invasive plants were cut back along the Booth Kelly Trail and the city added chips to the path.

Pruning and weeding was done multiple times at Pavilion Park and flowers were added to the concrete planter. Weeding was also done multiple times at Norma Pheiffer Park. Jacob Spores looks much nicer with the improvements of trees and plantings around the sign. You may have noticed the addition of planting groups at Trail's End planted by a couple of our committee members. There will additional plants added in the future and continued work on a Butterfly Habitat. This area has become very popular and allows for some great photos of sunsets over Coburg. Work was also done in Johnny Diamond. The grass continues to be a concern.

Perhaps you are a pickleball fan. It has now become the sport drawing more neophytes than tennis. You may have noticed the basketball court in Norma Pheiffer can now accommodate pickleball. Even during these winter months there have been people of different ages testing out their skills on the new court.

Looking forward to 2023

In addition to Pavilion improvements, the committee will be considering what to do with the open space within Coburg Creek. Also, we anticipate working with the Coburg Heritage Committee on the Julie Morneau Historical property.

Other projects we would like to see completed are Historical signs for Johnny Diamond, a bench and sitting area next to Jacob Spores, and additional plantings at Trail's End.

The committee will also be looking at how each of the existing parks and newly acquired land for parks is used. Are they serving our community well currently? What can be improved? Will they meet the needs of our citizens in the future?

Mary Mosier, Chair

Park & Tree Committee