



MEMO

TO: Park & Tree Committee
FROM: Brian Harmon, Public Works Director
DATE: Oct 15, 2024
SUBJECT: October Committee Agenda Overview

Hazards and Issues with Parks

Follow up Items from Prior Meeting

1. Vegetation extending onto the path surface at Sarah Ln/Spores Park was addressed by staff.
2. Street trees on Van Duyn will be monitored over the winter and if no spring growth occurs, will be removed and staff will develop a replacement strategy and present to the Committee.

New Citizen/Staff Identified Issues

1. Norma Pheiffer Park - Pickle ball Court surface. A resident commented that the Court when wet is hazardous and that type of court should have not been selected. Signs have been installed to notify users that the court can be slippery when wet and to report any hazards to Public Works.
2. Street Trees - A hazard tree has been identified on S Skinner and a City contracted Arborist is providing a recommendation on maintenance work to address any hazard that may exist.

Pavilion Park Update

Pavilion Park update is described in the attached City Administrators report. Public Works has removed the light pole that was in conflict with the soft path and picnic table area. Public Works will be working with Wildish who was selected to be the contractor for this Project to complete all "by owner" work identified in the modified bid award and specified in the OPRD Grant award.

Public Works & Parks Reorganization

An overview of this item is also in the City Administrators report. Two long-term Public Works staff members, Burke Hansen and Ty Wilson, are leaving City employment in October to further their professional careers. This change in Public Works represents a 1/3 reduction in staffing. At this time we are looking at many different ideas to help mitigate the work load, both in the short and long-term. Parks management will shift to the City Administrator, with field operations intended to function at existing levels. The City Administrator will be the primary staff liaison to the Park/Tree Committee and will have a more direct involvement in Parks operations and

maintenance while Public Works operations are evaluated and decisions made regarding best utilization of staffing and budget resources to meet all regulatory and service level requirements in Water, Wastewater, Streets and Storm Drain operations.

Coburg Creek Neighborhood Meeting Recap

On October 2nd at 4pm City Staff and the Mayor met with residents of the Coburg Creek Subdivision and went over the public input and engagement process that will guide the future Park development process. Discussion points included funding (lack of), timelines, phasing of construction, desired attributes/amenities from the neighborhood perspective and recognition that the future park design will have full community and Park and Tree Committee input and involvement as it moves forward starting in early to mid 2025.