



## Parks, Trees, and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 17, 2025

**Committee Present** Jan Diamantine, Linda Ziedrich, Rick Barnett, Rodney Sell, and Cindy Kerby

**Committee Absent** City Councilor Dave Workman

**Staff Present** Public Works Operations Manager, Jason Rush.

**Call to Order** Chair Barnett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Community Meeting Room

**Approval of Minutes** The committee approved the meeting minutes from May 21, 2025

### **Discussion**

- Cheadle Lake Update

Jason Rush provided the Cheadle Lake update:

The Cheadle Lake project will start in late October; the project was awarded via CMGC (Construction Manager / General Contractor) to Knife River. At this time groundwork and utilities will be completed. An estimate on the remainder of the design was received, and it was costly, but we will complete what we know we can do with funding available which includes the restroom, paths (now asphalt vs. concrete) utilities, state prep (this can help with the use of temporary stages) and the North parking lot paving.

Kerby asked if there will still be lighting along the paths, Rush said there will be, but it may be scaled back from the original plan.

Sell asked how far the new trail will extend, Rush stated it will go from property line to property line along Weirich Drive and connect once neighboring properties develop.

No trails will be removed at this time.

Barnett stated he appreciates the unground work is getting completed, it is expensive and though people won't see it they need to know it is important.

- City of Lebanon Update

Jason Rush provided the City of Lebanon update:

- The North Shore Trail Bank repair is underway. Albany has submitted drawings to FERC and they have been approved. Lebanon and Albany will be working together on the repair including time and materials. During this repair the trail will be shut down, this repair is expected to take a week. During this time Albany and Lebanon

are also looking into a fencing option or not removing bushes in an attempt to keep people from using the bank. BLT has also offered to have signage made, and this will be kept as an option.

- The city would like to thank Thad & Joanna Nelson and BLT for the donation of a walk behind leaf blower for trail maintenance, this will help significantly.
- New fencing has been installed at Booth Park to keep people from driving into the park.
- The new River Park trail is under construction. Engineering said paving and concrete are to take place shortly. BLT will plant trees in months to come.

- Lebanon Garden Club Update / Street Trees

Linda Ziedrich provided the update:

- The Lebanon Garden Club received a \$2,500 grant from Pacific Power to support the purchase of trees, to be sourced from Blue Heron at wholesale pricing. Letters were mailed to residents on 2nd Street (from H Street to Elmore Street) inviting participation in the street tree program; no responses were received. Door-to-door outreach was also conducted, but no applications have been submitted to date. Interest has been expressed by Four-Square Church and a resident on Williams Street; however, no formal applications have been received.

Ziedrich noted that the grant funding is not restricted solely to street trees and inquired whether the city would be interested in planting trees at Century Park near the ball courts. Rush indicated there would be no objection to this use of funds pending utility review.

- The Garden Club could apply for an additional National Garden Club Grant but would like to ensure that trees may be offered to all residents rather than being limited to select streets. Rush indicated there are no objections to this approach, provided all requests follow the standard application and review process.
- The Garden Club has been working with the North Santiam Water Shed Council regarding the erosion at the Riverview Park bank. They stated 700 cuttings could be planted with a 40% success rate to be expected, workdays will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. There may be an additional planting day in February 2026. Ziedrich asked if there is suggested tree protection during the growth process, and the committee suggested temporary fencing or asking the Water Shed Council what they would suggest using.
- Two shade trees are requested at Riverview Park, one near the river bench and one near the parking lot bench, watering is a concern. BLT stated they could be of assistance.

- BLT Update – Rod / Jan

- BLT contracted with Mammoth to clean the benches at Cheadle Lake Park.
- Work parties have been held and have been very successful; the city has cleared debris after.
- BLT cleaned graffiti at 21 locations.

- BLT requested an update on potential trail developments, Rush stated he would get this information from Jason Williams and Ron Whitlatch.
  - 44 North, who adopted the Eagle Scout Trail, is doing a great job on maintenance.
  - Beaton Lane improvements have been approved with the property owner and will be taking place.
- **Public Comments**

Sharon Franklin:

- Requested a tree at the beginning of Cheadle Lake walk path be removed as it is a cherry tree and cause a mess on the trail.
- Suggested to Linda Ziedrich to check with the high school when looking for volunteers, the students are required to have a number of volunteer hours and assisting with the garden club would help.
- She asked if BLT could help with cleaning up of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, it is messy at Cheadle after the event for some time. Cindy Kerby stated the cleanup is supposed to be done by the firework company, but she will talk to the committee
- Her and her husband were in the initial conversations and approval phases of Porter Park. The original plan was for Porter Park to include a playground. She would like to know what steps need to be taken to make this happen. Rush stated he will investigate this and see what the next steps may be. Jan Diamantine noted that existing parks are costing the city a lot in maintenance fees and vandalism repairs.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

December 17, 2025 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)– Library Community Room

### **Adjournment**

Rick Barnett Adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.