



## Parks, Trees, and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

- Committee Present** Jan Diamantine, Linda Ziedrich, Rick Barnett, Rodney Sell, Cindy Kerby, and Anna Creel
- Committee Absent** City Councilor Dave Workman
- Staff Present** Public Works Director, Jason Williams and Public Works Operations Manager, Jason Rush.
- Call to Order** Chair Barnett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Santiam Travel Station Board Room.
- Approval of Minutes** The committee approved the meeting minutes from February 19, 2025

### **Discussion**

- City of Lebanon Update

Jason Rush provided the City of Lebanon update:

- Four trees were removed; no replacements were necessary as they were situated over utilities.
- Hanging baskets have been installed downtown.
- The play structure at Century Park has been repaired and is now reopened.
  - The replacement of the slides is awaiting the arrival of new components. The new slides will feature walls but no domes to help mitigate vandalism.
  - Willamette Valley Rehab has reached out to the city to discuss a potential partnership for replacing the play structure with an all-inclusive playground. These discussions are still in the early phase, and no further details are available.
- Ralston Park will see the removal of the block walls in front of the restrooms to enhance visibility.
- The construction of Cheadle Lake is yet to be finalized, as the project's expenses significantly exceed the available budget, prompting the exploration of alternative options.

- Multi - Use Trail Development Discussion

Laura LaRoque and Matthew Conser presented a conceptual plan for a development that aims to incorporate a trail, park, and trail loop within a 57-acre mixed-density development.

Committee members posed the following inquiries and comments:

- What is the expected timeline for a project of this nature?
  - Approximately 2-3 years, executed in phases, potentially extending to a total of 10 years
- What type of park is envisioned? What type does the city require or desire?
  - It would be a Neighborhood Park; however, the city can only accept a developed park since funding is not available.
- Consideration of ADA inclusivity is essential during the development of any park.
- Incorporating play structures, trees, and a community garden would significantly enhance the area.
- The addition of these trails presents an opportunity to link them with the existing trails nearby.
- The donation of trails and parks imposes a financial burden on the city that may be unmanageable at present. It is important to consider both short-term and long-term costs.
- North Shore Trail Update
 

Jason Williams held a meeting with the City of Albany to develop a strategy for repairing two segments of the trail. Albany will be handling the permitting process. Currently, the timeline remains uncertain.
- City Street Tree Project
  - Linda Ziedrick has proposed another street tree planning project. This project would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from H Street to Elmore Street, a location that the city has recognized as ideal. City personnel will be seeking a survey locate to identify which properties qualify. The team responsible for this initiative will be asking the Garden Club for \$2,000 to support the street tree planting and an additional \$500 for planting trees in municipal parks. City officials mentioned that there is \$1,000 available from the Arbor Day fund that they would contribute to this initiative and recommended collaborating with Pacific Power and the tree planning program they provide.
- BLT Update – Rod / Jan
  - BLT is continuing to work on an agreement for the Georgia Pacific Mill Race Trail.
    - Jason Williams asked to be involved in this project as the design phase moves forward.
  - A workday will be held on July 12, 2025.
  - A sensor on one of the lights on the Old Mill Trail is failing.
- **Public Comments**

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

**June 18, 2025 (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) AT NEW LOCATION – Library Community Room**

**Adjournment**

Rick Barnett Adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

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