



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Parks and Trails Advisory Board
Meeting Date: October 9, 2024
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Meinig Memorial Park Improvements / Meeting #3

DECISION TO BE MADE:

This is the third meeting regarding improvements to Meinig Memorial Park and provides an opportunity for Staff and Lango Hansen Landscape Architects to review and seek input on the refined improvement and restoration plans. The Parks Board will be updated on the results from the Council's most recent feedback and review refined options for consideration that align with survey results and Council guidance.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

The objective is for the Parks Board to provide input and recommendations regarding the redevelopment and improvements of Meinig Memorial Park, with a focus on the newly refined areas.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

A master plan for Meinig Memorial Park was created in 2011, with a project bid released in 2017; however, the project stalled and has now been revitalized with funding allocated for the 2023-2025 fiscal year. Efforts are concentrated on reimagining the park's accessibility and use for events such as Winterfest and the Mt. Festival, along with enhancing the play experience in Fantasy Forest. Since the last meeting, the focus areas have been further refined based on survey results and Council feedback to concentrate on:

- **Creek Restoration:** Addressing the erosion issues of "No Name Creek," including trail undermining, to restore both the stream and surrounding pathways.
- **Trail and Pathway System Restoration & ADA Accessibility:** Enhancing the trail network to ensure safety, accessibility, and ADA compliance.
- **Restroom Addition:** Considering the addition of a new restroom facility to support visitor needs.
- **Fantasy Forest Redevelopment:** Developing a creative vision for this area to achieve a "wow factor" through public engagement and potentially a custom design unique to Sandy, Oregon.

The Council will review the current options for Meinig Park during the October 21, 2024, meeting.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

Enhancing Meinig Memorial Park is crucial for the community, focusing on safety, inclusivity, accessibility, and event accommodation. The Parks and Recreation Department is tasked with utilizing allocated funds to design and bid the necessary improvements while ensuring that they align with the evolving vision of the park.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding has been secured for the design phase of Meinig Memorial Park for the 2023-2025 fiscal year. This allocation covers both design and bidding, with an emphasis on addressing immediate safety issues and enhancing key focus areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Parks Board review the refined proposed options and provide recommendations for the next steps in the redevelopment of Meinig Memorial Park.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Presentation: Meinig Memorial Park