



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Parks and Trails Advisory Board
Meeting Date: December 11, 2024
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: FY 2023-2025 Parks and Recreation Achievements and FY 2025-2027 Goals

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Provide feedback and direction on the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed goals for FY 2025-2027 and acknowledge achievements under the FY 2023-2025 Council goals.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

To review the Parks and Recreation Department's accomplishments in alignment with the FY 2023-2025 Council goal: *"Invest in our park system for current and future residents of Sandy and continue expansion of recreational opportunities for the community."* Additionally, present proposed goals for FY 2025-2027 to continue advancing the department's mission and vision..

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The Parks and Recreation Department has successfully completed several objectives from the FY 2023-2025 Council goals, while others remain in progress. These achievements and ongoing efforts set the foundation for proposed goals in the next biennium (2025-2027), emphasizing community engagement, sustainable development, and operational efficiency.

FY 2023-2025 Achievements

1. **Community Campus Park Improvements** – Completed.
2. **Deer Pointe Park Improvements** – In progress.
3. **Research for Park Land Acquisition** – In the research phase.
4. **New Facility Use Agreement with Oregon Trail School District** – Currently strategizing with Administration and Council.
5. **Aquatic Opportunities** – Completed; swim lessons and water safety programs reinstated.
6. **Volunteer Program** – Reestablished and expanded.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

Proposed FY 2025-2027 Goals

1. **Deer Pointe Park Construction**
 - Complete construction efforts to enhance community accessibility to this neighborhood park.

- **Alignment:** Supports the mission by developing safe, clean, and accessible parks.
- 2. **Meinig Park Renovation**
 - Continue public engagement and secure funding for construction in 2025-2027.
 - **Alignment:** Promotes inclusivity and community engagement, advancing our leadership in park planning.
- 3. **Staffing to Support Parks Growth**
 - Hire an additional parks maintenance staff member to support increased park acreage and event demands.
 - **Alignment:** Ensures quality and safety of parks, meeting community needs.
- 4. **Facility Maintenance Plan Development**
 - Create a comprehensive plan and advocate for funding for ongoing care.
 - **Alignment:** Promotes sustainable and high-quality facility management.
- 5. **School District IGA for Shared Use**
 - Finalize the agreement to maximize facility use for the community.
 - **Alignment:** Expands inclusive recreational opportunities.
- 6. **Aquatic Opportunities**
 - Maintain and expand programs, exploring partnerships and funding.
 - **Alignment:** Supports inclusive recreational programs and community enrichment.
- 7. **Tickle Creek Restoration and Planning**
 - Secure funding for environmental restoration and explore alternative resources if needed.
 - **Alignment:** Upholds environmental stewardship and community engagement.
- 8. **Future Park and Natural Space Acquisitions**
 - Continue researching properties to meet growing recreational needs.
 - **Alignment:** Ensures accessible and inclusive parks for a growing community.
- 9. **WinterFest Expansion**
 - Assess resource needs to support event growth while maintaining park services.
 - **Alignment:** Fosters community belonging and festive, inclusive spaces.
- 10. **Trail Construction and Enhancements**
 - Prioritize trails at Sandy River Park and explore renovating the Sandy Ridge Marcy Trailhead.
 - **Alignment:** Encourages engagement with nature and diverse recreational services.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The proposed goals for FY 2025-2027 will require additional funding for staffing, park development, trail enhancements, and WinterFest resources. Funding will be sought through grants, partnerships, and budget allocations, and system development charges.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Trails Advisory Board acknowledge the achievements from FY 2023-2025 and provide input and recommend to council the proposed goals for FY 2025-2027 to guide the department's strategic direction.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

"I move to acknowledge the Parks and Recreation Department's FY 2023-2025 achievements and approve the proposed FY 2025-2027 goals as presented."

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

1. Summary of 2023-2025 Council Goals / Park & Recreation Achievements and Draft 2025-2027 Department Goals.