

City of Sandy
Parks & Trails Advisory Board
38348 Pioneer Blvd.
Sandy, OR 97055

September 10, 2025

Dear T-Mobile Hometown Grant Committee,

On behalf of the City of Sandy's Parks & Trails Advisory Board, we are writing to express our strong support for Sandy Parks and Recreation's application for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant to help fund essential improvements at Meinig Park.

As an advisory board dedicated to supporting the development and maintenance of Sandy's parks and trails system, we recognize Meinig Park as one of the city's most important and well-loved public spaces. It serves as the backdrop for a wide variety of community events, programs, and recreational activities throughout the year. The City proudly hosts its annual **Winterfest**, featuring festive lighting displays and numerous holiday events, as well as the longstanding tradition of the **Sandy Mountain Festival**. This festival is a beloved summer tradition that brings residents and visitors together in Meinig Park for a weekend of music, art, food, and community connection. Celebrated for its welcoming spirit, the festival strengthens local pride while supporting artisans and small businesses.

The proposed improvements—including resurfacing park pathways for better accessibility and installing a fully ADA-compliant shelter and restroom—align directly with our goals to ensure all Sandy residents and visitors can enjoy safe, inclusive, and accessible outdoor spaces. These upgrades are not only necessary but long overdue, as they address long-standing issues within the park's infrastructure.

We believe these improvements will benefit a wide cross-section of the community and enhance the usability and sustainability of Meinig Park, both for recreation and programming, for years to come.

We fully support this grant application and encourage your favorable consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Don Robertson
Chair, Parks & Trails Advisory Board
City of Sandy