



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	City Council
Meeting Date:	November 3, 2025
From:	Tiana Rundell, Interim Parks and Recreation Director
Subject:	Meinig Park Improvements Update

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Provide any further review and feedback on refined design options and preferred concept

APPLICABLE COUNCIL GOAL:

- **Goal 5.1.1:** Complete Meinig Park renovations.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

Consistent with Council direction, Sandy Parks and Recreation is advancing phased improvements to Meinig Park. Phase 1 included schematic design, community engagement, conceptual planning, and preliminary cost estimating. This phase involved multiple meetings with staff, stakeholders, and community members, along with online surveys and open houses to ensure broad and meaningful input.

Through this process, priorities were identified with guidance from the Parks Board and City Council, focusing on restoring aging infrastructure and improving park accessibility. As a result, improvements were prioritized for the City Hall parking lot, ADA pathway connections, lighting, and hillside seating.

On April 21, 2025, the contract for Phase 2 design refinement was awarded to Lango Hansen. Since then, staff have worked closely with the consultant team to refine the design based on community feedback, accessibility needs, and budget considerations while preserving the park's tree canopy and natural character. A meeting with accessibility specialist Will Cortez on May 30, followed by a July site walk with an arborist, helped clarify trail accessibility guidelines and informed design adjustments that enhance accessibility and protect sensitive root zones. Refined plans were presented to the Parks and Trails Advisory Board on August 13 and received broad support.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

Over a year of community engagement, Parks Board input, and Council direction has helped prioritize the following park improvements: reconstructed pathways, upper parking lot upgrades, hillside seating through renovated picnic structures with decks and accessibility updates, lighting and electrical upgrades, and a new ADA restroom near the lower parking lot.

Following the meeting with accessibility specialist Will Cortez and a site walk with the arborist, staff gained a clearer understanding of how accessibility standards can be met while protecting the park's extensive root systems and preserving its natural character. Through this review, it became evident that adding a new restroom would enable the project to achieve accessibility compliance without disturbing sensitive areas or introducing elements that detract from the user experience.

Tentative schedule from LHLA's scope:

- 50% DD / Land Use Submittal: November 2025
- 90% CD / Permit: January 2026
- Submit for Permits: March 2026
- Post Bid Documents: April 2026
- Bid Opening: May 2026
- Council Approves Contract: June 2026
- Bid Award: June 2026
- Construction begins: July 15, 2026
- Substantial Completion: October 2026
- Final Acceptance: November 2026

BUDGET IMPACT:

The Parks and Recreation Department has earmarked \$1,000,000 in Parks SDCs in the 2025–2027 budget for Meinig Park. In addition, staff were successful in securing \$791,146 in grant funding from Travel Oregon and the OPRD Local Government Grant Awards. During the budget process, \$800,000 was allocated from the Sandy Urban Renewal Agency to be targeted toward improvements located within the boundary—specifically the City Hall parking lots, ADA access from the lower City Hall parking area into the park and select shelter upgrades—for a total project budget of \$2,591,146.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that City Council review and provide any remaining feedback on the refined design options and the preferred concept for the Meinig Park improvement project, to guide completion of the design and preparation for construction.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

n/a

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Presentation slides