



ST HELENS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

PRESENTED June 15, 2022

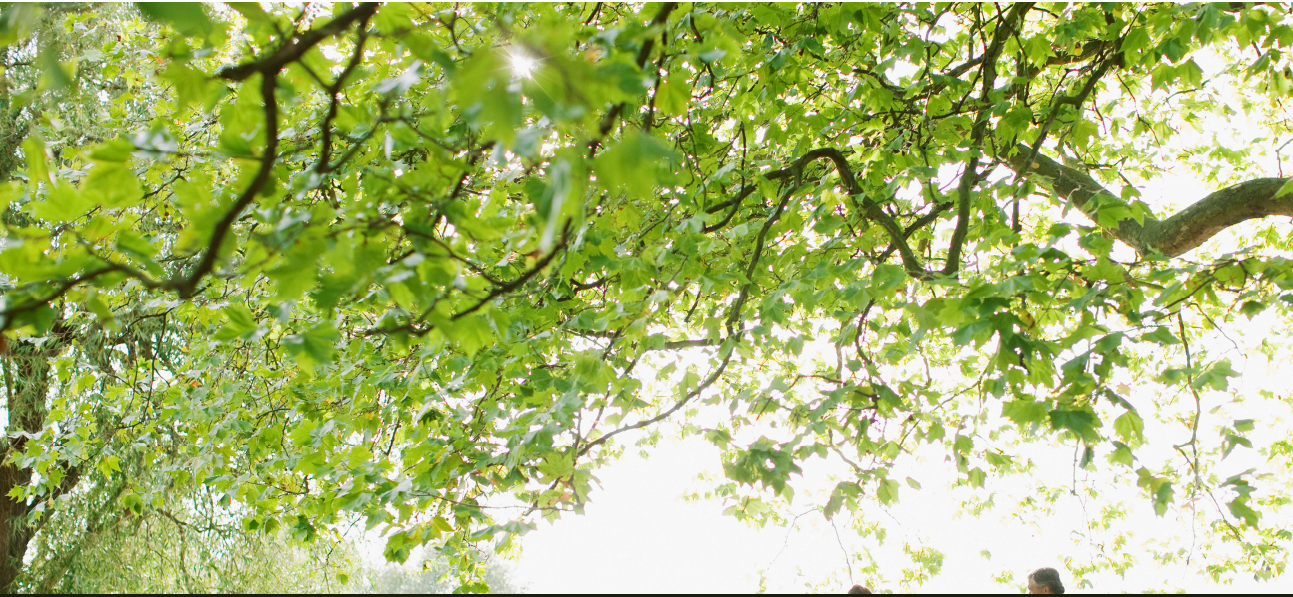


2022
COMMISSION
MEMBERS
AND PARKS
ASSIGNED

- ▶ Lynne Pettit, Chair - Dalton Lake Nature Preserve, Walnut Tree Park
- ▶ Brandon Sundeen, Vice Chair - McCormick Park, Civic Pride, Heinie Heumann Park
- ▶ Carmin Dunn, Past Chair - Godfrey Park, Civic Pride Park
- ▶ Jerry Belcher - Grey Cliffs Park, Columbia Botanical Gardens
- ▶ Jacob Woodruff - McCormick Park, 6th Street Park, Sand Island
- ▶ Howard Blumenthal - Nob Hill Nature Park, Sand Island
- ▶ Paul Barlow - BMX and Skate Park
- ▶ Dana Lathrope - Campbell Park, Grey Cliffs Park

▶ NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR:

DANA LATHROPE
SCOTT JACOBSON



COLUMBIA VIEW PARK
GREY CLIFFS PARK
HEINIE HEUMANN PARK
BMX AND SKATE PARK
SAND ISLAND
6th STREET PARK
CIVIC PRIDE PARK

NO NEW IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE LAST YEAR





DISCUSSION
ON
CHANGES
WANTED
FOR THESE
PARKS

- **SAND ISLAND:** Possible purchase of a boat large enough to carry equipment and citizens to the island.
- **6th STREET PARK:** The fields need to be smoothed out and redone.
- **GREY CLIFFS PARK:** Needed is a barrier of some type at the cliff for safety, and handrail at the steps. A proposal was given by Planning for a new dock designed for paddle craft launching and fishing at the Park.
- **COLUMBIA VIEW PARK:** On hold until Waterfront Development is finished in that area.
- **CIVIC PRIDE PARK:** Plant native trees and shrubs, install picnic table, historical kiosk, and sign at Columbia Blvd. saying where the park is located. Water is not available at the Park.



McCORMICK PARK

All abilities Playground equipment, Disc Golf, Exercise trail, BMX track and Skate Park, Picnic tables, walking trails, the Veterans Memorial Wall, and Milton Creek meanders through the Park.

PARK UPDATES



- ▶ New playground equipment installed in August 2021.
- ▶ New sign installed for the trail entrance of the Lion's Club exercise stations.
- ▶ Disc Golf group had a work party to clean the area.
- ▶ Scappoose Bay Watershed Council volunteers had a work party in May.
- ▶ Private family submitted an application for a memorial bench to be put in the Park.
- ▶ Veterans Memorial Wall entrance was weeded for Memorial Day and Wreath bought for the occasion by commission members.

GODFREY PARK COLUMBIA BOTANICAL GARDENS

- ▶ **GODFREY PARK:**

Work parties were scheduled for November and April.

A private donation of \$500.00 to remove invasive species or to plant native species will be used in the coming year for either purpose.

- ▶ **COLUMBIA BOTANICAL GARDENS:**

A name change is still in the process, considering history of the area and a final decision should be made soon.

November and June work parties were scheduled.





NOB HILL NATURE PARK

- Three benches will be installed by this Summer.
- The Portland Community College (PCC) map-making program, made a single map of the trails that will be done in June.
- A project has been set-up in an app called iNaturalist, and it's already up to 100 observations in the Park.
- Nob Hill received a \$600.00 grant from the Portland Garden Club.

CAMPBELL PARK WALNUT TREE PARK

- ▶ **Walnut Tree Park:**

A concrete slab was poured to secure the picnic table in one area of the park. There has been no graffiti or damage. The weeding is maintained by other volunteers, and the Little Library is used extensively by members of the community.

- ▶ **Campbell Park:**

Concrete slabs were poured in October for new sport courts. Several new benches will be installed when the soil isn't so wet. Tennis nets were installed in December.





One of our local engineers at the Preserve.

DALTON LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

PRESERVE UPDATES

- Second kiosk and bike rack were installed at the South entrance, at the beginning of the Rutherford Parkway off Oregon Street.
- A private donation provided an opportunity to order signs. Some indicating private property and boundaries of the Preserve.
- The St Helens Police Department started patrols of the Preserve in July resulting in a significant absence of garbage, and homeless camps.
- Three benches have been installed at viewpoints overlooking the Columbia River and the Overlook.
- Two maps were created by the Planning Department for the kiosks. A QR code for both maps will be available to download on your phone.
- Specie signs were completed for plants and trees. QR codes were added to show the specie in bloom with a description, on your phone.
- Brochures were made and available on the kiosks of Bird species found in the Preserve and a list of plant species.
- Volunteer works days, in Summer months, were conducted for invasive specie removal.
- A private donation enabled an herbicide application for invasive blackberries.
- ODOT hired a contractor to apply an herbicide and cut Ivy in the Preserve.
- Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) will be starting work in July to create a resting place for Salmon smolts from their Columbia River migration to the ocean.




ST HELENS URBAN TRAIL – MOVING FORWARD

The Trail was walked, marked and mapped by the Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee on April 21, 2022, and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 9, 2022. Sub-Committee team members are Carmin Dunn, Jerry Belcher, Dana Lathrope, Howard Blumenthal, and Lynne Pettit.



THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Public Works staff and Director for being committed to their work, prepared, and professional always, with any of our requests.
- Members of the public who come forward with suggestions and improvements for our parks.
- City and Park staff who help keep us running and provide us with regular updates, are always prepared, and knowledgeable.
- All the volunteers, including the Garden Club, Kiwanis, and Lions Club who support and weed our City parks, and other public spaces. We couldn't do it without you!
- The Parks and Recreation Commissioners who donate their time to enhance the livability of this City, and for all who visit here.

A scenic landscape photograph of a large body of water, possibly a lake or reservoir, under a dramatic, overcast sky. A vibrant rainbow is visible in the distance, arching over a line of trees and buildings on the far shore. The foreground features a green lawn with a white wooden railing on the left, a wooden picnic table, and a tall, dark brown post with a white top. A chain-link fence runs across the middle ground. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME!

ANY QUESTIONS?