



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2021, 8:30 AM
Santiam Conference Room
3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

The Park & Tree Committee will hold a meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. Individuals attending public meetings in person will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, (6-ft.) and be free of symptoms related to COVID-19. The City of Sweet Home is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. To view the meeting online visit live.sweethomeor.gov. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to +1 971-203-2871 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID: 715 039 904#. This video stream and call in options meet the requirements for Oregon public meeting law.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

Chairman Wally Shreeves
Nanci Curtis
Bob Dalton
Debra Sue Northern
Nancy Patton
James Curtis, arrived at 8:40

ABSENT

Lena Tucker

STAFF

Dave Trask, City Council
Blair Larsen, Community and Economic Development Director
Greg Springman, Public Works Director
Dominic Valloni, Operations Manager
Kevin Makinson, Facilities and Park Crew Lead
Angela Clegg, Associate Planner

Time Reports

No reports were turned in.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The location of the meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, advanced notice is requested by notifying the City Manager's Office at 541-367-8969.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Dalton, Seconded by Northern.
Roll Call Voting Yea: Dalton, Northern, Curtis, Shreves, Curtis, Patton

Absent: Tucker

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Public Comment. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Park and Tree Committee on topics that are not listed on the agenda.

No Comments

Old Business

Sankey Park Project Update

Valloni gave an update of the work being done.

Dalton had a discussion about providing RV space.

Councilor Trask suggested a sign on Main Street pointing to Sankey Park.

Beautification Committee Update

Dalton gave an update. They meet in Sankey Park and are working with the Chamber of Commerce to advertise for volunteers.

Pocket Park Naming Update

Chairman Shreves will continue with the public input process once the Upper Sankey Park meetings are completed.

Tree Inventory Update

Chairman Shreves will continue with the inventory once the trees are removed in lower Sankey Park.

Hobart Park Update

Valloni reported that the logging is complete. They are hauling the logs out, and the slash will be burned at an appropriate time.

New Business

Arbor Day Celebration

Start at 4:00 PM on Friday April 30th in lower Sankey Park.

Sankey Park Public Input/Gathering

Chairman Shreves gave an overview of the events. Associate Planner Clegg asked for volunteers from the Committee members.

Friday, April 30th from 4:30 Pm to 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 31st from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Dog Parks/City Hall Park Proposal

Associate Planner Clegg introduced the proposal to the Committee. Public Works Operations Manager Valloni stated that the Public Works department is short handed, but would be ok with the opportunity. There was discussion regarding the prep work and maintenance that would need to be done at City Hall and at Northside Park for the dog parks. Dalton stated that the dog parks add value to the area, and they could start out with basic accessories.

The Committee expressed concerns about a playground at Clover Park. There is limited parking and it is a dangerous intersection. There was discussion about Clover Park being a small neighborhood park similar to Ashbrook park. Community and Economic Department Director Larsen will touch base with the staff engineer about a bulb out with ODOT. Valloni feels that the southwest corner of Clover Park would be the ideal location for a small playground.

The Committee voted to recommend to City Council a dog park at City Hall, a small playground at City Hall, a dog park at Northside Park, and the recommendation to move the proposed Clover

Park playground to Strawberry Park.

Motion to recommend the above to City Council made by Dalton, Seconded by Patton.

Roll Call Voting Yea: Shreves, Dalton, J. Curtis, Northern, N. Curtis, Patton

Absent: Tucker

Weddle Bridge

Public Works Director Springman discussed the need to give Weddle Bridge a facelift. There are dedicated funds for the bridge, but additional funds will need to be sought to complete the job.

Dalton states that he will reach out to the covered bridge society. The Committee will reach out to the Community for funding, labor and/or materials. It was recommended to put the current funding toward an inspection. It was discussed to involve the New Era with advertising and allocating the fees collected for renting Weddle Bridge towards a maintenance fund.

Round Table Discussions (Committee comments about topics not listed on the agenda)

Associate Planner Clegg asked if the Committee would like to go back to monthly meetings. There are enough projects going on to justify the additional meetings.

Motion to approve moving back to monthly meetings made by Dalton, seconded by Patton.

Roll Call Voting Yea: J. Curtis, Northern, Patton, N. Curtis, Shreves, Dalton.

Absent: Tucker

Associate Planner Clegg informed the Committee of the approval to get the Committee shirts and jackets. Clegg will send out an email with style and size options.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

The Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee welcomes your interest in these agenda items. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting; however, the Committee may consider additional subjects as well. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend.

If you have questions, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113.