

City of Sandy

Agenda

Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Location: Remote Via Zoom

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM



1. MEETING FORMAT

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2. WORK SESSION

Parks and Trails Master Plan - Chapters 5 & 6 Review.
6:30-8:00pm

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Meeting Minutes

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6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

7. NEW BUSINESS

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9. STAFF UPDATES

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MINUTES
Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Virtual Via
Zoom 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Robertson, Board Member, Makoto Lane, Board Member, David Breames, Board Member, Sarah Schrodetz, Board Member, Will Toogood, Board Member, and Rachel Stephens, Board Member

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2. Work Session

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Makoto Lane asked if there was a danger in the city becoming too lax in acquiring land for future parks. The city has a requirement to update plans for all kinds of things and Parks and Trails are part of it. The plans should cover incremental growth and acquisition. It is part of the responsibility of the Parks and Trails board to bring things forward to advance the Parks and Trails Master Plan.

Makoto Lane doesn't believe the city can ever have enough open space. Tracy noted that usually the natural/open space is acquired primarily by donation and there is nothing keeping the city from exceeding the plan goals. Finding funds to purchase open space for preservation when you have deficiencies in more active park types can be tougher.

3. Roll Call

4. Public Comment

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Eric Walland attended to talk with the board about issues with dogs at Bornstedt Park.

Eric has lived in Sandy for about 16 years. They love Bornstedt Park.

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Eric stated in the last month there have been more dog attacks from off leash dogs to dogs on leash. Stated that children are getting hurt. The neighbors have come to Eric to talk about the concerns.

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Biggest concern is dogs out in the park that are unsupervised. They are let out of their front doors without anyone going with them to the park. Neighbors have talked with these neighbors and Code Enforcement has given warnings but they continue to let their dogs out. Neighbors are afraid to walk their dogs in the park out of concern for the safety of their on leash dogs. There has been a decline in the use of the park to walk, to have picnics, baseball and soccer practices etc.

There is a sign with a dog station and the city ordinance but it is only at one entrance.

Common sense should dictate behavior, but it is not at this park. How do we address this issue? We need enforcement, more signs, communication? How do we involve the neighborhood?

Sarah Richardson noted that she had not had a chance yet to follow up with officer Moody and had talked with Eric about the possibility of additional signage. Sarah intends to follow up with Officer Moody about where he is with the issue. More signage that lists the fines for off leash and at large dogs could be added.

Eric mentioned that some neighbors have suggested a fenced dog park in the neighborhood but understands that there may not be the budget to build and maintain a dog park.

Don Robertson noted that the city is looking at building another dog park closer to the SE end of town. Notes it will not solve the problem of the at large dogs who are not supervised. Don noted enforcement is the likely solution and not something the Parks Board can do. Notes that Code Enforcement is aware and working on the problem. The board can recommend additional signage and thinks it could be appropriate in additional locations.

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Don suggests we register this as a regular agenda item and talk about education and other solutions. Agrees the issue is not isolated to Bornstedt Park.

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Don Robertson suggests we schedule it for the May or June meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

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