



City of Sandy

Agenda

Parks & Trails Advisory Board Meeting

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

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Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Virtual Via Zoom
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David Breames, Board Member, Sarah Schrodetz, Board Member, and Rachel Stephens, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie Smallwood, Councilor and Sarah Richardson, Community Services

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Board discussed the Ten Eyck Rim proposed development. Developer proposed Fee in Lieu. Development is about 1.2 acres. Discussion about future trail connections proposed in the area of the development and about sidewalk improvements on the north side of this development providing access to the trails and assisting with connection.

Moved by Mary Casey, seconded by Makoto Lane

Motion to accept the Fee in Lieu of land dedication for the Ten Eyck Rim proposed development.

CARRIED. 4-0

6.2. Bee City Information - Shelley Denison

Shelley Denison attended to discuss the city's recent Bee City affiliation and to invite Parks and Trails Board members to learn more at a meeting on Tuesday, June 15th. Opportunity to advocate for pollinator species. Councilor Exner and Shelley will be taking the lead and are forming a committee. Interested in members of the Parks Board participating and in having pollinator gardens considered for city parks. Will be back in July to provide a more comprehensive presentation. Shelley Denison noted Council is in support, and it is in line with the councils biodiversity goal. Currently estimating costs for project ideas, pollinator gardens, and having a coupon program with local nurseries etc.

6.3. Sustainable Park Design Discussion

Makoto Lane was at Bornstedt Park and noticed that the park is high maintenance. Lots of trimming, spraying etc. Is there a way to lower maintenance needs of our parks? Don Robertson shared that these are issues that can be addressed during the design process. He has noticed things in Bornstedt Park that could have been designed differently. Discussion about spraying, and clarifying that the Splash Pad should be considered a playground in terms of the new Pesticide Policy. Don Robertson prefers that they not spray at this time of year when there are lots of children and other people in the parks. Makoto Lane interested in

knowing if there is some cost savings if we let the parks be more natural and less high maintenance. Don noted that it really depends on the public's desire and perceptions of how a park should look. As we move forward and start building new parks Don would like to see the board more involved in the design process and helping to identify ways to reduce cost and ongoing maintenance. It is expensive to build a park but even more expensive to maintain them. Spending more money up front can save money in the long term. Would like to see the board help develop some design standards.

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Sarah Richardson, staff liaison, provided the board with an overview of the elections required annually by the board.

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Moved by Makoto Lane, seconded by Mary Casey

Move to elect Don Robertson as Chair for the 2021-22 board term.

CARRIED. 4-0

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Motion to nominate Mary Casey as Secretary for the 2021-22 Board term.

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7. Old Business

7.1. Tickle Creek Trail

Discussion about Tickle Creek Trail.

Makoto Lane understands the fire hazard concerns but that is a bigger issue than just the trail being maintained. Fallen trees are supposed to provide habitat. Don Robertson agrees.

Don Robertson is concerned about the explosion of berries on one section of the trail. Looks like trees coming down have led to more sunshine on the trail and that has given growth to the berries. That is a dry area and of some concern with regard to fire danger. Shade is the best defense but the loss of the shade is creating this issue. Will Toogood noted that Parks Maintenance has been there recently to trim back the berries.

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39250 Pioneer Blvd.,
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Agenda Date: July 14, 2021

To: Parks and Trails Advisory Board

From: Carol Cohen, City of Sandy Events Coordinator

Subject: Pickleball courts in Sandy Parks

Attachments: None

Background:

How Pickleball Came to Be:

Pickleball is a game for the whole family. The game got its start back in 1965, in Bainbridge Island, just a short ferry ride away from Seattle, WA

When Congressmen Joel Pritchard, William Bell and Barney McCallum came home from a game of golf one day to find their kids bored and restless, they set out to create a game that would engage them through the lazy days of summer.

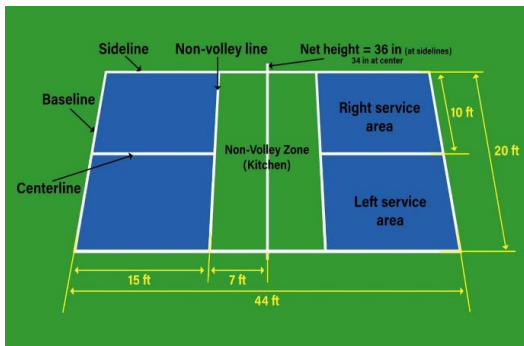
They wanted to create a game that would be challenging, but still accessible. They handed the kids table tennis paddles and a whiffle ball and lowered the net on their badminton court. In the coming days both kids and adults alike fell in love with the game, and as they played the rules evolved (to include the non-volley zone, for instance) and solidified to their present incarnation. Pickleball is a game for all ages.

Pickle-ball Today:

Today Pickleball is played all over the world—through community groups, PE classes, YMCA, retirement communities and more. According to a recent article there are more than 2,000,000 people playing Pickleball in the US alone, and the game is growing exponentially.

The Court Layout:

The dimensions of a pickleball court are 20 x 40. The minimum recommended play area is 30 feet wide by 60 feet long to allow for MAXIMUM safe play area. The court consists of left and right service areas (10ftx15ft) and a 7ft non volley zone (kitchen) on each side of the net. The nets can be permanent (most desirable) or portable and should measure 36" at the sidelines and 34" at the center of the net and should extend approx. 1 foot past the sidelines.



How much does it cost to build a Pickleball Court?

The general cost to build a pickleball court would be between \$11 to \$22 per square foot. This would total around \$30k for a 30' x 60' pickleball court.

As with anything, there are quite a few variables that can affect the overall price of a new pickleball court construction project.

Why do we want more Pickleball Courts in Sandy?

In addition to the growing popularity of Pickleball, new outdoor courts in Sandy would allow the city to offer Pickleball tournaments, clinics, and recreation programs. This would provide a wonderful amenity for area residents while adding revenue to the Parks and Recreation Department. Fees from tournaments and other events would support local business and help pay for court maintenance. There is a local club in Gladstone that recently raised approx. \$80,000.00 to contribute towards the rehab of their 6 courts. This was a joint effort between the club and the city in which the courts are located. They are a large club, but with enthusiasm already growing in Sandy it is likely there would be similar fundraising success. Currently, courts are located at Cedar Ridge Middle School. This was a great collaboration with the school district, but it would be ideal to add more courts in a city owned park. The courts now have limited use due to camps and school activities and will be more limited when school is in session.

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Agenda Date: July 14th, 2021

To: Parks and Trails Advisory Board

From: Sarah Richardson, Staff Liaison Parks and Trails Advisory Board

Subject: Memorial Benches, Sandy Bluff Dog Park

Attachments: None

Background:

A Sandy resident has requested to purchase two Memorial Benches for the Sandy Bluff Dog Park, and staff would like board member input.

The Dog Park is currently lacking in seating in shaded areas of the park, an on seating near the entrance for those who experience mobility challenges.

The resident will cover all costs for purchase and installation of the benches and is interested in potentially funding other improvements to the park.

If the board approves, staff will work with the resident to select appropriate benches and locations for the site.

We do not currently receive many requests for memorials in parks, but as the community grows it may require the development and adoption of a policy to guide these decisions.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the purchase and installation of two benches for the Sandy Bluff Dog Park and establish an updated policy to govern future requests for Memorials in city parks.

Staff Contact:

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