



City of Central Point  
Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda  
September 15, 2022

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Parks and Recreation Commission - Regular Meeting - May 19, 2022 6:00 PM
- IV. CHANGES TO AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES
- VI. BUSINESS
  - A. Open House - Central Point Little League Fields Restoration Project (Samitore)
  - B. City of Central Point - Park Memorial Donation Policy (Jacob)
  - C. Central Point - Bear Creek Greenway Update (Jacob)
- VII. UPDATES
- VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATE
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF CENTRAL POINT  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2022

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Patricia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Eden Foster	Parks Commissioner	Present	
Patricia Alvarez	Parks Commissioner	Present	
Dennis Browning	Parks Commissioner	Present	
Fran Cordeiro-Settell	Parks Commissioner	Present	
Stephanie Hendrickson	Parks Commissioner	Absent	
Lee Orr	Parks Commissioner	Present	
Ron Woodhead	Parks Commissioner	Present	

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Parks and Recreation Commission - Regular Meeting - Feb 24, 2022 6:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lee Orr, Parks Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fran Cordeiro-Settell, Parks Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Foster, Alvarez, Browning, Cordeiro-Settell, Orr, Woodhead
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Stephanie Hendrickson

IV. CHANGES TO AGENDA

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Zack Sutton said that he would like to advocate for a second community garden in the city. He feels there is not enough room at the existing garden to meet community needs. He would like to be able to grow vegetables and give them to the community's homeless population. Dave agreed that an additional community garden is needed and staff will add it to the next budget if possible. We receive multiple requests from those who would like garden plots each year but all plots are reserved each year by returning gardeners. Staff has discussed various locations on the west side of town.

VI. BUSINESS

A. City of Central Point - Central Point Little League Use Agreement

Matt reported that RH2 Engineering has been hired and is developing plans for the Central Point Little League Field Restoration project. Due to the Central Point Little League season, work on the project will be done two phases. Related to funding, the city has secured \$3.1 million of the estimated total cost of \$3.8 million project. \$1.5 million has been committed by the Noel Moore Family and \$1.6 million from

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 19, 2022 6:00 PM (APPROVAL OF MINUTES)

American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Once the final plans are complete, the consultant will provide a more precise cost for the project.

The city had initially requested that \$10 from each player registration go to the city to cover site maintenance costs. Because the CPLL Board are unsure of their costs for managing the new facility, they requested this fee be reduced to \$5. The city agreed to this change but will meet with CPLL Board annually to review fees and overall site finances to ensure that these are fair to both entities. Additionally, the Little League Board agreed to pay a \$1000 per year license fee for exclusive operation of the concession facility during their season. The CPLL Board was also concerned with giving up ownership of the property so they requested that the use agreement be for a 100 year period which the city agreed to as well. The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and has put in safeguards to protect both the City and the CPLL. Staff recommends approval of the use agreement as submitted.

Ron Woodhead commended the staff on their work on this agreement and how well it was put together. Eden asked if it would be possible to reduce registration fees for low income families and suggested that the Park and Recreation Foundation could offer scholarships to assist with this program. Matt said that once the complex is completed these types of programs could be implemented. Lee Orr said this project is long overdue and asked if the city would completely gut the existing facility and start new. Matt said that for the most part the facility would be completely demolished and replaced.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ron Woodhead, Parks Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lee Orr, Parks Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Foster, Alvarez, Browning, Cordeiro-Settell, Orr, Woodhead
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Stephanie Hendrickson

**B. Central Point Baseball Complex Construction Donation Program**

Dave presented a draft of a Construction Donation form for the Central Point Little League Baseball Complex. Although a firm construction cost has not been provided yet, the expectation is that at least \$700,000 will need to be raised from private sources. Donations would be available for individual field naming rights, signage on fencing or turf, scoreboards, etc. Once we have a finalized form, the plan is to send out to everyone through the water bill, our website, and newsletters. All donations will go through the foundation. Chris Clay, City Manager, would like this to go to Council as soon as possible.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lee Orr, Parks Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dennis Browning, Parks Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Foster, Alvarez, Browning, Cordeiro-Settell, Orr, Woodhead
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Stephanie Hendrickson

### C. My Veteran / My Hero Tribute Trees Program

Dave introduced Ron Woodhead, Park and Recreation Commissioner, to present the My Veteran / My Hero Trees program. Ron said that he helped start this program in Centre County, Pennsylvania in 2013. The program goals were as follows:

- To share and honor the individual stories of veterans with a living tribute.
- To add welcomed shade to the designated park(s) per the landscape plan.
- To provide funds to assist special projects at the host park(s).
- To serve as a premium, park-specific program to supplement their successful “Remembrance Tree” program (500+ trees since 1992).

Essentially, families purchase trees to honor a veteran in their family, and the tree is planted in a local park. Each tree has a post-mounted, aluminum plate with a QR-code which accesses a specific webpage providing information about the veteran, their tree, and the donor. If implemented, this program would require developing a long-range plan which would include where trees are needed, types of trees, how long to guarantee a tree, plaques design, and website management. Central Point would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> community in the country to participate. The original program would need to be acknowledged and the city would need seek permission to use the copyrighted logo. Ron thinks this program could be done on behalf of the Parks Foundation with a portion of donated funds going to support park and recreation projects. Ron asked if the commission if there was interest in adapting this program for the City of Central Point.

Eden asked if trees used for this program would be those that are already planned for and also would watering be an issue. Dave said that we would consult with park master plans and the city arborist to select parks that needed trees. Most park sites have ready access to water. Mike thought it would a great addition to the upgraded Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial and the new Dennis Richardson Memorial. Fran Cordeiro-Settell suggested as a cost savings option for families that a plaque could be added to a pre-existing trees. Motion to approve the concept for the My Veteran / My Hero Tribute Tree Program and request that city staff work with Mr. Woodhead to further develop a program specific to the City of Central Point.

### D. Central Point Cemetery Updates

Dave reported that the city is required by the Oregon State Mortuary and Cemetery Board to have a license to operate the Central Pont Cemetery since it is an active

cemetery with burials still taking place. The city has received temporary authority to operate and the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board is meeting in July and will hopefully approve a permanent license. A new cemetery map has been completed by Benchmark Maps. It shows the original cemetery and the three additions. The map and a listing of burials is now accessible online. Siskiyou Ecological Survey did a vegetation survey in April. Since the area has been virtually untouched since 1868, the survey found a lot of interesting native plants. Due to this vegetation, the report state the cemetery "is currently functioning as a small scale urban nature preserve".

#### VII. UPDATES

Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial and Dennis Richardson Memorial Project: Dave reported that Knife River had been awarded the contract for construction of the Richardson Memorial and the restoration of the landscaping of the War Memorial. The proposed start date for the project was September 12, 2022 with completion expected by the end of October 2022. The goal was to have the project completed and have an opening ceremony on Veterans Day.

Robert Pfaff Park Restroom Replacement Project: Dave reported that the old restroom at the park had been replaced with a CXT prefabricated model. Funds for the project had come from the Central Point's Urban Renewal Program.

Plant a Thousand Daffodils: Eden reported that the first year of the project had been a great success. This spring there had been an art and a poetry contest with prizes provided by the Table Rock Kiwanis and the Central Point Friends of the Library. Plans are underway for next year's program.

Special Events: Nikki reported that Made in Southern Oregon had been held on May 7 and had been a great success with approximately 120 attending. The Easter Eggstravaganza had been held on April 16 with several thousand folks attending. Due to the condition of the War Memorial, the Memorial Day commemoration had been canceled. Movies in the Parks would start on June 3 and run through August 19. Plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were well under way.

Recreation Program: Elizabeth reported that planning for the summer recreation guide was well underway. Winter recreation classes had been successful with limited covid-19 impact. As always, the recreation program is on the lookout for folks who would be interested in teaching classes.

#### VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is August 18, 2022.



## City of Central Point Staff Report

### ISSUE SUMMARY

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission      **DEPARTMENT:**  
Parks and Recreation  
Commission

**FROM:** Matt Samitore, Parks and Public Works Director

**MEETING DATE:** September 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Open House - Central Point Little League Fields Restoration Project

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Information/Direction      **RECOMMENDATION:**  
Not Applicable

The goal of the Central Point Little League Fields Restoration Project is to completely restore the existing facility with new fields, utilities, and amenities. The project is currently in the design phase. The purpose of the open house is to provide information on project background, review site designs, discuss construction phasing, and review next steps.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Little League Open House - September 2022 for Packet

# BASEBALL COMPLEX UPDATE

Central Point Parks and Recreation Commission

June 2022





# OPEN HOUSE/FEEDBACK

- How we got here
- Revised Drawings
- Phasing of construction
- Next steps





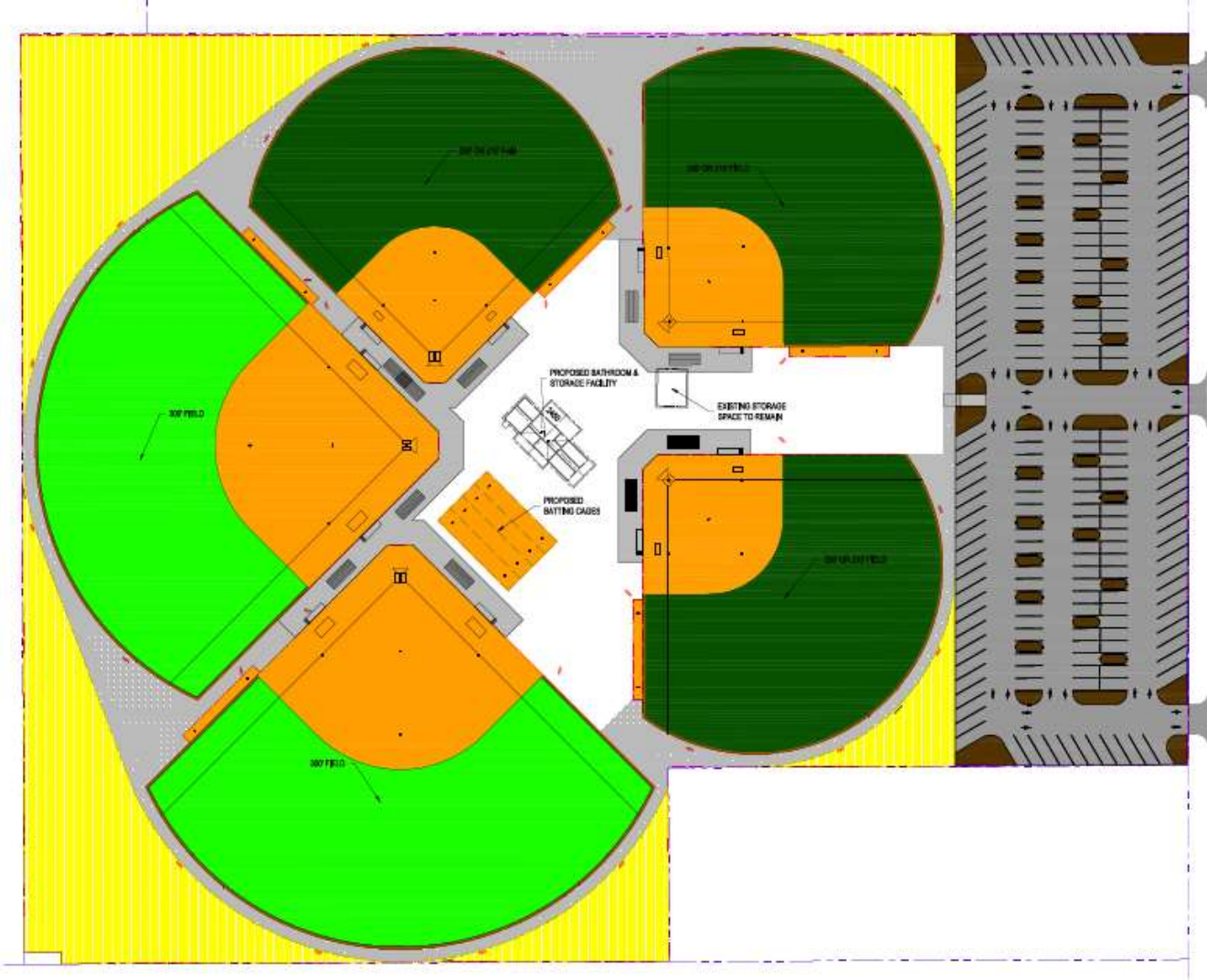
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# CITY OF CENTRAL POINT

## HANLEY BASEBALL COMPLEX - PHASE 1 (UTILITIES)

SUMMER 2023

### PROJECT VICINITY MAP





### CONTACT PERSONNEL


CONTACT	AGENCY	PHONE
JEFF BALDWIN, EA	NO SUBMITTALS	313-697-4300
JANDREW TAYLOR	NO SUBMITTALS	313-698-0360
CAROL DOWNS	CITY OF CENTRAL POINT	313-698-0321 (EXT. 205)
MIKE BIRCH	NOI	313-698-0460
ERIC SHAW	NOI	313-697-0301
STEVE HARRIS	NOI	313-698-0304
DAVID McROBERTS	NOI	313-697-4338
CANDICE BECTLA	CITY OF CP	313-698-0466

### SECTION AND DETAIL REFERENCES

THE FOLLOWING CONVENTIONS HAVE BEEN USED IN THESE DRAWINGS TO REFER TO THE PLANS FROM WHICH THE SUBSURFACE AND THE PLAN FROM WHICH IT IS DERIVED, OR SECTION, SUBSECTION, OR SHEET.

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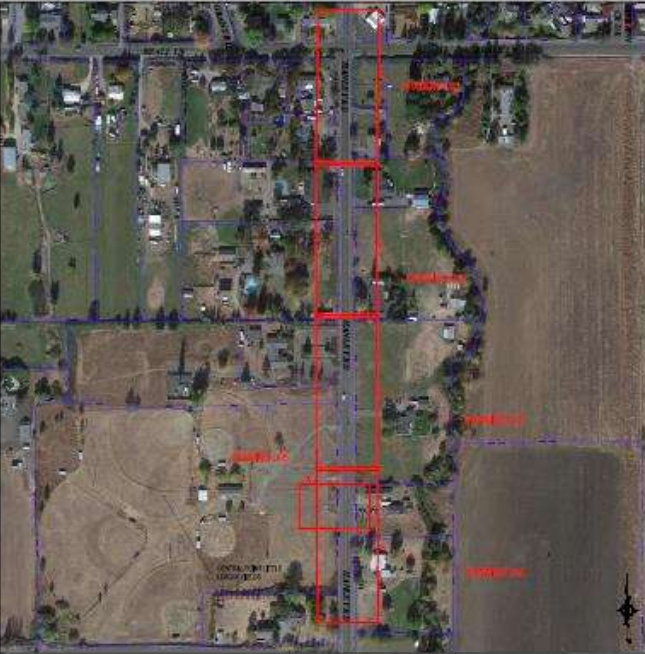
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### SURVEY NOTES

1. THE SURVEY WAS PERFORMED BY MEYER SURVEYING, INC. THE DRAWINGS COMPLETED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023.
2. THE RANGE OF VERTICAL CONTROL FOR THIS SURVEY IS COORDINATE TRANSFORMED STATE PLANNED BY NAD 83 DATUM.
3. THE RANGE OF VERTICAL CONTROL FOR THIS SURVEY IS NAUTIC.
4. THE CALL NUMBER IS 202300000.

### PROJECT LOCATION MAP





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01	UTILITY PLAN - PHASE 1 - PART 1 (P)	1"=100'
02	UTILITY PLAN - PHASE 1 - PART 2 (P)	1"=100'
03	UTILITY PLAN - PHASE 1 - PART 3 (P)	1"=100'
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10	UTILITY PLAN - PHASE 1 - PART 10 (P)	1"=100'

### SUBSURFACE UTILITY LEGEND

THE CLASSIFICATION FOR SUBSURFACE UTILITIES ARE OBTAINED AND OBTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

 UTILITY QUALITY LEVEL 1 - INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF GEOPHYSICAL SURFACE GEOPHYSICAL METHODS TO DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE AND APPROXIMATE HORIZONTAL POSITION OF SUBSURFACE UTILITIES.

 UTILITY QUALITY LEVEL 2 - INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF GEOPHYSICAL SURFACE GEOPHYSICAL METHODS TO DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE AND APPROXIMATE HORIZONTAL POSITION OF SUBSURFACE UTILITIES.

 UTILITY QUALITY LEVEL 3 - INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH RECORDS OR ONE RECORD SECTION.

NOTE: THE USE OF THE LINE TYPES PROVIDED HEREIN WILL BE A MINOR REFERENCE TO THE ACCURACY OF THE UTILITIES SHOWN HEREIN. THESE LINES, WHEN THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION AND THE METHOD OF LOCATING THE UTILITIES WAS UNAVAILABLE, QUALITY LEVEL THREE SHOULD BE USED AS THE DEFAULT.

### CALL 48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG



ONE CALL 811

ATTENTION: COUNCILMAN REQUESTS YOU TO FOLLOW RULES ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT. THESE RULES ARE SET FORTH IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT ORDINANCE 15.00.000. YOU MAY CONTACT THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT AT 313-698-0300.

### REPORT SPILLS

ATTENTION: COUNCILMAN REQUESTS THAT SPILLS BE REPORTED TO THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:

CRITICAL RESPONSE RESPONSE CENTER: 313-698-0300  
 THE NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER: 800-424-9293

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Attachment: Little League Open House - September 2022 for Packet (1574 : Open House - Central Point

# PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION

Estimated to start Phase 1 in Fall of 2022

Waterline Extension from Hanley Road to the Fields

Extend Sewer from Boy Scout area to Fields.

Looking for Feedback from area residents on if they would like hookups, where on their property, fees.

Estimated Cost \$400-700k



# PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION

Estimated to start Phase 2 in Summer of 2023

Complete Renovation of the Site Including:

- Fields
- Concessions/storage buildings
- Lights
- Restrooms

Looking for Feedback from area residents on concept and concerns.







# City of Central Point

## Staff Report

### ISSUE SUMMARY

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission      **DEPARTMENT:**  
Parks and Recreation  
Commission

**FROM:** Dave Jacob, Park Planner

**MEETING DATE:** September 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** City of Central Point - Park Memorial Donation Policy

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Motion      **RECOMMENDATION:**  
Approval

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent guidelines for the decision-making process related to the acceptance, placement and long-term maintenance of memorial donations in city-owned facilities, parks, natural areas and trail systems. Historically, the Central Point Parks Department has accepted donations without a formal written policy. Although the city has policies that outline the criteria and conditions for the naming of parks and facilities and the donation of real property, these policies do not apply to memorial donations within the city's park and open space system. Guidelines are needed for sustainable management of site-appropriate amenities to ensure that the integrity, natural and architectural features of parks, natural areas and facilities are preserved.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Central Point Park Donation Policy - Park Commission Review 9-15-22

**City of Central Point  
Park Memorial Donation Policy  
September 15, 2022 - DRAFT**

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent guidelines for the decision-making process related to the acceptance, placement and long-term maintenance of memorial donations in city-owned facilities, parks, natural areas and trail systems.

Background

Historically, the Central Point Parks Department has accepted donations without a formal written policy. Although the city has policies that outline the criteria and conditions for the naming of parks and facilities and the donation of real property, these policies do not apply to memorial donations within the city's park and open space system. Guidelines are needed for sustainable management of site-appropriate amenities to ensure that the integrity, natural and architectural features of parks, natural areas and facilities are preserved.

Donation Procedure

- As a first step, the donor will meet with Park Department staff to discuss the donation and then submit a completed Park Memorial Donation Agreement Form to the Parks Department for review.
- Park Department staff will review and determine the appropriateness of the proposal as measured by approval criteria below.
- The Park and Public Work Director's approval must be received prior to ordering and/or installation of the memorial may proceed.
- Park Department staff will notify the donor, in writing, within 20 business days of the review decision and will identifying any final conditions of approval.
- In the case of large scale memorial donations, Central Point Park and Recreation Commission and/or Central Point City Council review and approval will be required. A longer review period will be required and additional planning documents may also be required.

Memorial Tree, Table and Bench Donation Policies

It is the policy of the City of Central Point to accept donations for the purpose of planting trees and installing tables and benches within city parks to memorialize a departed family member or friends, or to commemorate a special occasion. All donations shall be in compliance with the following:

- Tree, table, and bench donations shall be self-supporting, e.g., all costs related to purchase and installation shall be at the expense of a donor(s), including repair or replacement, if necessary.
- Any tree that is mutually agreed upon by the donor, the city arborist, and Park Department staff is acceptable.
- Park Department staff will provide donor(s) with a list of approved tables and benches.
- Memorial trees, benches, and tables are permitted at any park site, provided that the location is mutually agreed upon by the donor, Park Department staff and meets the requirements of a specific park plan, if applicable.

- Memorial trees, benches, and tables are permitted to memorialize a departed family member or friend, or, at the discretion of the City, to commemorate a special event.
- A memorial plaque may be attached to benches and tables and located near donated trees if a donor chooses. Park Department staff will provide examples of approved memorial plaques in order to promote consistency in cost, size, type, and mounting. Plaque language must be approved by the City. Cost of the plaque and installation is the responsibility of the donor.
- A ceremony or gathering related to any donation is permitted, but must be arranged in advance with Park Department staff.
- The City does not guarantee tree survivability.
- Park Department staff shall maintain a record of each donation. The record shall contain all pertinent information such as the donor's name, person's name who is being memorialized, tree location, and type of tree, etc.

#### Approval Criteria

All memorial proposals will be evaluated by Park Department staff according to the following criteria:

- Placement of enhancements in the Parks and Recreation system must be compatible with the existing City of Central Point Parks and Recreation Master Plan, individual park plans, and/or the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requirements.
- Memorials shall not detract from or overpower the scenic or architectural values of the existing natural environment.
- All memorials will be constructed of materials that meet the design and maintenance considerations of the Park Department.
- The final decision as to location will be determined by the Parks Department staff and, if appropriate, the Central Point Parks Commission and the Central Point City Council.
- Approval of large scale donated memorials will be considered on a case-by-case basis, as they relate to park planning processes and the CIP process. Review by the Central Point Parks and Recreation Commission and/or City Council will be required.

#### Donation Conditions:

- The City does not guarantee permanency of any memorial. If a memorial must be relocated, Parks Department staff will attempt to notify the donor, in writing, at the address shown on the completed Memorial Donation Agreement Form.
- The City takes no responsibility to replace stolen, vandalized plaques or for maintenance or replacement of trees that are not watered by automated irrigation system, and/or where a donor has agreed to accept responsibility for watering the tree.
- Memorial gifts to the City of Central Point are considered outright and unrestricted donations.
- Non-designated monetary memorial donations will be made to the Central Point Park and Recreation Foundation, a 501(c) 3 organization, will be used to help meet current needs of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Installation of donations will be done October through March of each year.

**CENTRAL POINT PARKS MEMORIAL DONATION AGREEMENT FORM**

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Description (who is it for?): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Park for Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Location within Park: \_\_\_\_\_

Bench, Table, Tree, Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Tree Species \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (Tree, benches, and tables may include plaque if desired)

Inscription:

\_\_ I have read and understand the donation policies: \_\_\_\_\_



# City of Central Point

## Staff Report

### ISSUE SUMMARY

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**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission      **DEPARTMENT:**  
Parks and Recreation  
Commission

**FROM:** Dave Jacob, Park Planner

**MEETING DATE:** September 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Central Point - Bear Creek Greenway Update

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Information/Direction      **RECOMMENDATION:**  
Not Applicable

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Staff will provide an update on City and County on current and proposed activities related to managing the Central Point-Bear Creek Greenway.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Central Point - Bear Creek Greenway Update Report for Park Commission 9-15-22

**Central Point – Bear Creek Greenway Update  
Central Point Park and Recreation Commission  
September 15, 2022**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): FEMA provided fire recovery funds for the elements below:

- Espy Pond Gazebo: Gazebo has been delivered and site has been prepped for installation. Building permit application has been submitted and approved. Contractor has been hired and will begin project on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Expect to have this element complete by late August or early September.
- Park Benches: Six concrete benches have been purchased and delivered. Park maintenance crew will install them at various locations along the Central Point section in October. Work will be completed by late October.
- Old Equestrian Path: FEMA provided funds to improve the pathway which is located on east side of Espy Pond. Park maintenance crews graveled and compacted the trail. Work was completed this spring.
- Elk Creek Culvert: FEMA funds will replace a failed culver located at the juncture of Elk Creek and Bear Creek. Design is complete and environmental review is nearly finished. Expectation is that the project will be begin and be completed summer 2023.

Maintenance & Wildfire Preparation Programs: The Parks Department maintenance staff has develop a regular maintenance program for the Greenway area:

- Dead Trees: All those dead trees that were located near the Greenway trail and considered potential hazards were removed following the fire. Park Maintenance has scheduled removal of all dead trees under 15 inch DBH for this fall. For the short term, larger dead trees will be kept in place to provide shade and habitat. If a decision is made to remove more of remaining large trees, staff will work with ODFW to select those that are best suited to provide needed habitat and shade to remain in place.
- Invasive Plant Species Management: A spray program has been developed to manage and control Himalayan Blackberries, Poison Hemlock and other invasive species. Blackberries are being sprayed with herbicides in the fall since this is the most effective time of year to treat them. Poison Hemlock is being sprayed as it emerges each spring. It will take several treatments in order to eradicate completely. We also continue to mechanically remove both Hemlock and blackberries via mowing and hand removal where needed. We are in the process of developing a strategy for removing dense growth in the riparian areas of Bear Creek and Elk Creek.
- General Maintenance: Park crews have a regular mowing schedule for accessible areas and will mow as needed through the summer months. A contract crew was hired to clear the east side of Bear Creek earlier this summer in order to allow for implementation of a spray program.
- Wildfire preparation:
  - Fire hydrant added near Espy Pond.
  - Fire break created on north side of property.
  - Large vehicle access point created north of Holiday Inn Express which will allow for fire vehicles quick access to the project site if needed.

### Master Plan & Construction Schedule:

- **Conceptual Plan:** A conceptual plan for the Central Point-Bear Creek Greenway was developed by Covey-Pardee in 2021 and reviewed by Central Point City Council, Park and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Citizens Advisory Committee. Comments were collected and will be used for the development of a Master Plan for the project area
- **Master Plan:** Request for Qualifications will be go out early in 2023 with the expectation that a consultation will be hired by early spring 2023. We expect development of the Master Plan will take approximately a year to complete.
- **Construction:** As soon as the Master Plan is approved and in place, various smaller elements of the plan may be funded through a variety of state and federal grant sources. Construction of the large project elements will begin in 2027 when Urban Renewal Program funds become available. Since this will be a relatively complex construction project, approximate completion date is unknown at this time.

### Envision Bear Creek

After the Alameda and Central Point fires affected over half the Bear Creek Greenway, Jackson County created the Envision Bear Creek project. This planning process provides the Bear Creek community with a timely process to shape the future of the Greenway. Envision Bear Creek will explore recreation and economic development opportunities, natural resources enhancement, transportation connectivity while also informing its maintenance, security, funding, and overall governance.