



CITY OF TROUTDALE PARKS & FACILITIES

AGENDA PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kellogg Community room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060
March 27, 2024
7:00 PM

The PAC meeting will be held in person in the Kellogg Room and will also be available as a Zoom meeting.

1. Roll Call
2. Review & Approve February Minutes
3. Communication from Staff
4. Continued discussion of 24/25 FY Parks budget allocations
5. Detailed breakdown of current funding sources for the Beaver Creek Bridge replacement project (total amounts available from various City funds and grant awards)
6. Discussion of opportunity / improvement fund access & availability for use on PAC-approved Parks projects (NOT a "slush fund")
7. Discussion of creation and implementation of a PAC guidance framework for future Parks budget items, as described in the 2023 Parks Master Plan
8. Committee Concerns and Initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments
9. Hold or cancel next month's meeting, Thursday, April 18, 2024

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SUMMARY
PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Kellogg Community Room
February 21, 2024

Members Present: Jeff Hutchinson - Chair, Brenda Austin, Zach Andrews, Shelly Reynolds, Victoria Rizzo (arrived late), Sherilee Winters, Robbie Cantrell, Michelle Craver (Alternate)

Members Absent: Carol Allen - Vice Chair, Jim Hill

Staff: Jona Jacobsen, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

- 1. Roll Call** – Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.
- 2. Review and approve (DEC) Minutes** – The December 20, 2023, minutes were approved with corrections.
- 3. Communication from Staff** – Jona updated on the Trailkeepers' work in Beaver Creek Canyon, the canceled Friends of Trees event, and Parks preparations for spring.
- 4. Review of January Ice Storm** – Jona reported on Parks' focus to maintain the Police Community Center and updated on fallen trees and the damage to a few Troutdale parks.
- 5. Update on basketball courts** – Jona reported on replacement of the nets in some parks following the ice storm in addition to other expected basketball court-related repairs.
- 6. Opening of 40-Mile Loop Trail (tentative June 2024)** – Jona said the Port asked for Troutdale's input on the Ch'akch'ak Trail's grand opening tentatively on June 17th.
- 7. Upcoming projects & seasonal work** – Jona spoke of planting native plants for Earth Day and installing a drip irrigation lines at Sunrise Park's butterfly gardens.
- 8. Update on Skate Spot project at Columbia Park** – Jona reported the City was in preliminary contract negotiations with Spohn Ranch to build the skate park.
- 9. Public To Be Heard** – Paul Wilcox was glad budget items were coming before the PAC; Dave Tibbils was disappointed in lack of communication about building the skate park.
- 10. Discussion of current status of Dogs in Parks Ordinance being reviewed by City Council in April** – Jona reported on Council's discussion of the PAC's recommendations on the dogs ordinance. The PAC asked about a designated dog area for Sugarpine.
- 11. 2024-25 Parks & Facilities Budget Discussion; List of planned projects (new and continued) with opportunity for feedback and suggestions from Committee members** – Jona reviewed the list of projects and recommended budget allocations, addressing questions from the Committee.
- 12. Committee Concerns and Initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments** – Discussion regarded the new pickleball facility and gravel left on city streets after the storm. Jonah would inquire about Mollie presenting a quarterly Recreation report to the PAC.
- 13. Hold or cancel next month's meeting, March 20, 2024** – The March meeting was rescheduled to March 27th.

**MINUTES
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1. Roll Call: Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Jeff said that Public Comment would be moved to after Agenda Item 3.

2. Review and approve (DEC) Minutes

Jona clarified that on Page 5, he was mistaken when he said College Park was leased from Mount Hood Community College as the City has an intergovernmental agreement to lease College Park from Metro.

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

- On Page 10, "~~Shelly~~ **Carol** was not maligning Sugarpine, but maybe it was time for them to look for a building or a bigger building."
- On Page 10, "~~Shelly~~ **Carol** said sometimes the White property was not available, and he had it chained it up."
- On Page 9, "~~Zach~~ **Jeff** stated the original thought was a decal to stick on the car that is authorized to park."

Shelly urged the PAC members to state their names before speaking for the recording.

Jona confirmed he would add a notation on Page 11 that the January meeting was canceled due to the winter storm.

Shelly Reynolds moved to approve the December 20, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Robbie Cantrell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Communication from Staff

Jona stated that many agenda items tonight would include communications from Staff. He updated on the Parks Division's current activities as follows:

- Trailkeepers of Oregon were removing and replacing the wooden stairway leading down to the fallen Beaver Creek Canyon Bridge and the boardwalks. He was impressed with their work so far, describing some of the hurdles. He anticipated the stairway would be completed by the end of April/beginning of May but certainly before June.
- This week, Parks had the or its new John Deere tractor delivered that replaced the 30-year-old Kubota tractor, which was still functional and in good shape and would be going to auction.
- He had sent out an email about the cancellation of the Friends of Trees planting event on February 10th. Parks was continuing to work with the organization to plan future events and plantings. They had an excellent program which with the right amount of outreach would enable the City to replace some of the street tree inventory lost year after year. Registration for the event was low, probably because of the winter storm making people nervous to plant trees then.
- The Earth Day event would be held on April 20th. He planned on Friends of Trees having a table at the event.
- After the storm and the clean-up efforts, Parks was switching into planning for the change into spring, starting the vegetation management programs, and ordering products and supplies, such as, for the season.

Robbie noted he had tried to sign up for the Friends of Trees event, but his address could not be found in the database, which could have also been a contributing factor to the low registration. Jona replied that every address in Troutdale proper should have been admitted into that system.

Jona clarified that per the City's memorandum of understanding, Friends of Trees was responsible for all outreach, and they had sent out targeted mailers to everybody on a list Jona provided that was generated from Community Development's permit database for where street trees had been removed in the last five years. Signs were put out around town, most of which he believed were destroyed or lost in the storm. Another contributing factor was a staffing change at Friends of Trees.

Paul Wilcox mentioned he was glad to see on the agenda that budget proposals would come before the Committee.

4. Review of January Ice Storm

Jona reported on the ice storm, noting Public Works Director Hultin had presented an in-depth update on Public Works' storm response to City Council on January 23rd and offered to answer questions. He reviewed the work and clean-up efforts made by over the last six weeks with key comments as follows:

- The winter weather event lasted from January 12th through the following week. Parks' primary assignment was to maintain the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office ability to operate out of the facility in which the PAC was currently meeting. Parks' crews worked almost around-the-clock shifts plowing and de-icing the lot, the gates on the building, and the streets surrounding the police station, applying close to two tons of de-icing salt over the course of the storm just on this block, in addition to many more tons of gravel on city streets. Parks/Public Works made it through the storm without any injuries to any personnel and without any considerable damage to any City property or vehicles. He expressed his gratitude

for the hard work through the week of the storm from his staff, Public Works workers, and Incident Command.

- As things began to thaw, they dealt with a lot of fallen trees caused partly by a mild winter prior to the hard freeze event. Many trees did not have time to acclimate to such cold temperatures and build up cold hardiness. Tissue shock in addition to the wind and the weight of the ice caused many trees to break. There was a lot of debris to clean up. There were a few moments in the weeks following the storm when Parks considered reaching out for outside help through nonprofit organizations that deal with storm response and disaster relief. The City was in the process of applying for available state and federal grants to reimburse the City for those costs.
- There was not a huge amount of damage to Troutdale Parks infrastructure through the storm; probably the worst damage was at the Columbia Dog Park where the gate and a 80-ft section of fence were destroyed by multiple fallen fir trees; quite a few trees also fell near Imagination Station. The Sunrise Park sign and barrier gate were smashed by a truck that could not stop when making the curve on Hensley Road. A section of fence was also destroyed near Sugarpine at Glenn Otto Park.
- Now, after about five or six weeks out from the storm, Parks' clean-up efforts were making a visible difference, and some clean-up remained like in Llewellyn Park.

Jona confirmed he would like to replace the Sunrise Park sign with something as nice as the previous sign; the gate would also be replaced, which could be done in-house. He confirmed the de-icing for the Sheriff's was done by Parks specifically, as a division of Public Works but more on the facilities side of things. Public Works' resources were used, not Parks' specifically.

Zach said he appreciated all the work City workers did. Going back to Communication from Staff, he asked for a follow-up on the PAC's prior discussion about a summer park ranger for parking. Jona reported he did meet with the private security firm, which had interesting things to say, but the meeting was not conclusive. Following the meeting, he felt it was important to make sure that the City hiring private security ~~that it~~ would not step on any toes or infringe upon any union agreements with the Multnomah County Sheriff, which did not seem terribly interested in contracting private park security. Jona could revisit the matter in the future. Currently, the City was not proceeding with private park security, and he did not add a budget allocation in next year's budget for it.

Zach asked for a follow-up on the break-down in pricing layouts Scott had for the Beaver Creek Bridge. Jona replied he had sent ~~out~~ an email with a packet of schematics he received from Scott and apologized for not including it on tonight's agenda. He would be happy to invite Scott back for an update in the near future and offered to resend the email.

5. Update on basketball courts

Jona reported following the ice storm Parks replaced some of the basketball nets in some parks. Repairs were made to the fence around the courts at Kiku Park which included spot welding the gate after repeated vandalism incidents where the door was ripped off and thrown on the court. Nets should be reinstalled on the Kiku Park hoops this week. He was not certain the crew had gotten to every park at this point, but they had been working on that this week.

- While replacing the nets, they Parks crews also discovered a few places where the hoops had rusted out and the loops for the nets had been ripped off. Crews would replace those hoops in

the coming year as well as any backboards where necessary. Updates to the tennis courts would be done this year as well.

- He thanked Robbie for bringing the matter of the missing basketball nets to his attention.

6. Opening of 40-Mile Loop Trail (tentative June 2024)

Jona reported about some chatter between the Port of Portland [27:09] and Metro about a tentative opening date of June 17th for the Ch'akch'ak Trail, the section of the 40-Mile Loop Trail that the PAC was involved in naming. The Port was in the beginning stages of planning a grand opening event and had specifically asked for Troutdale's input. He would discuss the matter with the PAC as the date drew closer.

7. Upcoming projects & seasonal work

Jona stated in preparation for April 20th Earth Day event, which would be held at Columbia Park, he would put in a nursery order for several native plants. He would like to improve some of the trails and the inside edges of the dog park to make Columbia Woods look a bit more like the foothills of Mount Hood or the Sandy River. The community planting event would be a fun day for friends and neighbors to help improve their parks. He believed there would be food and music and would keep the PAC updated.

Jona clarified some of the native plants he would order were the more prolific rhododendrons seen in the forest, vine maple, madrone, ground cover like salal, and huckleberry; native plants that were easily recognizable and seen in the Western Cascades.

Robbie spoke about how in his consultation with [inaudible 30:31] the City of Portland authorized a list of Columbia noninvasive [30:42] native species which could be used for research, including a list of nurseries.

Jona confirmed that he would cross-check that all the plants would be safe for dogs.

Jeff recommended [inaudible 31:52]. Robbie seconded [inaudible 31:56].

Jona said that other spring projects included installing drip irrigation lines at the butterfly gardens at Sunrise Park, noting crews had been using the watering truck to water the gardens previously. A faucet to serve irrigation lines was installed last year. He believed the current irrigation line [faucet?] survived the freeze, adding Parks winterizes all the City's irrigation lines.

8. Update on Skate Spot project at Columbia Park

Jona reported the skate park was moving forward preliminary contract negotiations with a reputable California-based company called Spohn Ranch who had built skate parks in Bend, Tilamook, and Umatilla. They were doing utility locates yesterday, measuring to provide a mock-up and some preliminary designs. He had no mock-ups or graphics to share yet. Spohn Ranch had been contacted through Sourcewell [35:12] Cooperative Purchasing Program. The total budget amount would likely be around \$440,000 which would not come entirely from the Parks budget. Public Works/Engineering hoped to have a final signed contract by the end of this week. He would likely have more to report at the next PAC meeting.

Jona believed the plan was to have the skate park at the entrance to Columbia Park on Imagination Way, near the park's sign in the northeast corner of the soccer field, immediately west of Reynolds High and directly across from the theater building.

9. Public To Be Heard

Dave Tibbils, Troutdale resident of 29 years, spoke about living in Cherry Ridge, adjacent to Cherry Park Road and the soccer field. He had always been impressed by the City's communication with residents about projects and provided specific examples. This last Tuesday, he spoke with a locator service man who was in his front yard marking the utility lines and going on the side of his house and found out a skate park would be built next to his house. He asked the PAC to put themselves in his shoes, adding maybe there had been a big announcement, or someone knocked on his door wanting his input, and he missed it. But he did not think he did.

Shelly replied there had been several open houses about two years ago at Columbia Park with several members of this Committee, Mayor Lauer, and a couple companies interested in putting in a skate park over several weekends. The skate park had been under discussion for at least two years. Victoria added it had been talked about for more than two years.

Mr. Tibbils said he would have appreciated somebody knocking on his door to ask his feedback and providing information on dealing with sound pollution, etc. It would be great if someone could meet with the residents in the immediate area and get some feedback, such as would there be signage about where to park. He and his wife were very disappointed, and he hoped the PAC could turn them back into Troutdale raving fans. He also hoped the skate park would not disrupt his view of Mount Hood. His address was provided on the sign-in sheet.

Victoria said she did not think parking would be a problem because they would just drive [inaudible 44:04]. She did not envision a lot of people coming in from other areas. It would probably be mainly Troutdale kids. The basketball courts were another matter. She lived near Kiku, and kids came to the court there which was packed in the summer. The kids were not from the neighborhood.

Sherilee disagreed, noting Imagination Station drew people from many different places. She imagined one more activity might draw even more people. Zach [45:39] added it would also draw a different age group.

Jona thanked Mr. Tibbils for voicing his concerns, assuring him no projects would happen in a vacuum or overnight. He provided Mr. Tibbils his card, urging him to feel free to reach out. He would be sure to include him and his wife in any information or outreach efforts as Public Works entered negotiations with Spohn Ranch. He apologized on behalf of the City that Mr. Tibbils did not feel he had received communication about the plan.

Sherilee [47:16] told Mr. Tibbils to feel free to attend any future PAC meeting to provide his input; the meetings were also available via Zoom.

Mr. Wilcox questioned what the utility locator was doing so far west as he understood the skate park would be in the far northeast corner right by Imagination Way, so the soccer field should intervene between Stella Way and the skate park.

Jeff believed the skate park would be on the corner next to the roadway. Victoria believed so, too. Jona acknowledged that was the northeast corner and everyone was talking about the same thing. He also wondered what the utility workers were doing near Mr. Tibbils' house. To the best of his knowledge, the skate park was not going in at the cul-de-sac at Stella Way.

10. Discussion of current status of Dogs in Parks Ordinance being reviewed by City Council in April

Jona reported that the PAC's recommendations for permitting on-leash dog access in neighborhood parks were presented and discussed at City Council on January 23rd. In the meeting, some Councilors changed how they viewed permitting dogs into parks. There was more support than there had been in the fall for permitting dogs in the neighborhood parks the PAC recommended. There was some concern around Sweetbriar Park, given that the school was adjacent to the park. The PAC's recommendation that Glenn Otto Park be dog-exclusionary was also presented to the Council. The Council would vote on the dogs ordinance in April. He encouraged the Committee members to attend pertinent City Council meetings.

Jeff noted even if the City did not want dogs in Glenn Otto Park, customers would bring their dogs to Sugarpine. He asked if it would be possible for the City to have an area around Sugarpine where dogs were allowed. Jona believed a perfect, small, and semi-enclosed dog relief area would be between the lifeguard statue, trailhead, and the Sugarpine shed with the mural. The idea could be discussed, and the details ironed out.

Michelle pointed out that Glenn Otto already had a sign stating "No dogs allowed" at the park entrance. Jona replied that harkened back to the mixed messaging confusion around the current status of the dogs ordinance and needing the messaging clarified in order to change signage in city parks.

Sherilee said the matter also went back to the fact that Sugarpine did not provide a bathroom. People at Sugarpine with their dog, they could not leave their dogs unattended, and ended up in the park with their dogs. All the signage in the world might not help if there were no bathroom relief areas for dogs and humans.

Jeff stated that maybe Sugarpine would need to provide portable toilets, noting that as a restaurant, it was required to have a restroom.

11. 2024-25 Parks & Facilities Budget Discussion; List of planned projects (new and continued) with opportunity for feedback and suggestions from Committee members

Jona shared a curated list of new and ongoing projects he hoped would be continued to the next fiscal year, noting all the projects would still need to go to the Budget Committee for approval. The list was based on the recommendations he and the Public Works Director had for the 2024-25 fiscal year. No print copy was available for the PAC because nothing on the list had been finally approved, but the Committee would see the list in print once the projects went to the Budget Committee and City Council through the budget approval process. He reviewed key proposed projects for the year with key comments as follows:

- He wanted to continue the work with Trailkeepers of Oregon in Beaver Creek Canyon to repair the trail system between Kiku and Weedon Parks. Last year, \$40,000 was in the Parks

budget for Beaver Creek Canyon repairs, and he included \$40,000 again for this next fiscal year.

- The Beaver Creek North [58:01] Bridge replacement project would have continued funding in the budget; whether the funds would be used remained to be seen. He would continue to work with the PAC towards a solution for the bridge replacement. A \$250,000 budget allocation was recommended for the project.
 - He clarified allocated funds would not be automatically carried over into the new fiscal year; they must still go through the approval process.
 - He did not know if grants for the bridge had been applied for, noting that was a better question for the Public Works/Engineering team who were managing the project. The City had not currently secured any grant funding. Victoria noted if the project had a big grant, it might be more likely to get funds approved. He confirmed the project did have a note "if grant funded," which meant everybody knew the \$250,000 would not be sufficient to cover the entire project cost.

The PAC discussed the \$250,000 estimated cost for the Beaver Creek Bridge project draft and scope of work for the initial permitting and whether the funds would be better spent on other projects the PAC wanted that were more likely to be accomplished within the fiscal year.

Jeff suggested getting Trailkeepers of Oregon involved with figuring out a way to build the bridge to specification using aluminum, fiberglass, and materials that could be brought in by volunteers on foot to eliminate the exorbitant cost of a helicopter. Materials were stockpiled for the Silver Falls project, and he understood vandalism or theft of materials would be a concern. A container for materials could be set on the empty lot next to Brenda's home which had access to a trail that went down to the bridge.

Jona stated that it would save a lot of money in theory, but he could not suggest bypassing the information Scott provided on the process and legalities involved. He was willing to talk to Public Works about involving Trailkeepers in the construction portion of the project.

Robbie agreed that \$250,000 was a lot of money considering the current budget allocations and wondered if the project was even worth pursuing right now with the permits having an expiration date.

Jona agreed it was important to temper expectations about the bridge being completed in the coming fiscal year. That being said, everybody was still talking about the project and would continue to do so. He suggested the PAC not think about the money being locked out from other uses, as it was all part of the General Fund.

Sherilee noted that when she had gone into Beaver Creek, she had come across people who want a bridge there, adding if the bridge went away as a line item, people would be upset.

Shelly added that historically, it had been pretty agreed upon that a bridge was needed and wanted in Beaver Creek.

Jeff believed that part of the plan for Troutdale was to complete the Beaver Creek Trail as part of a tourist destination, which would be a benefit to the city. The City needed to keep seeing which grants were available and get it out there that Troutdale was trying to complete the bridge in case someone would be a generous donor. A \$250,000 permitting fee was outrageous.

Jona acknowledged the situation was disheartening, but professionals had their fingers on the pulse of why things cost what they did. The engineers were not lying; they wanted to see the bridge built. With the PAC's permission, he would like to gather more information and add this item to next month's meeting agenda.

Victoria suggested the City keep writing grant applications.

Jeff agreed that with so many other priorities in the city, he did not want to focus on the bridge all year, but at the same time, he did not want to just drop it.

Jona clarified Parks staff levels were good, but that would change with an increase of acreage. For the coming fiscal year, the only proposed change to FTEs was approved last year: the additional of a full-time custodian on the Facilities side. He explained how there was no large slush fund for the PAC to decide projects on the fly, but there were improvement funds. The Parks budget as a whole had an allocation for projects, but there were some line items for things specifically named.

Robbie described his experience being on the Fairview Community Engagement Committee, which had a slush fund and asked if such a thing could be created for the PAC or PAC-based projects. He spoke about how stifling it was to bring up ideas, only to have them discussed for months, in addition to funding, etc. Even choosing plants for the Columbia Park event could take an unspecified amount of time.

Jona replied that the scale of something like a windar [1:22:27] project was doable within the budget versus the scale of something like the Beaver Creek Bridge, which had a large capital outlay. Planting plants in the park would not be a capital outlay expenditure or a project necessarily but would fall more under Grounds Maintenance and could be written into the Materials and Services section in the Parks budget.

Jona continued reviewing key projects from list as follows:

- Resurfacing Imagination Station had been allocated at \$300,000. He had met earlier this month with Ross Recreation, a local company that built outdoor equipment, playgrounds, and sports equipment all over the country, to discuss using Astroturf, which was sturdy. \With the excavation needed of the sub-surface, the estimated cost was essentially \$600,000 which he could not request of the Budget Committee. He would keep the PAC updated.
 - He had recommended a \$40,000 allocation for some sun sails for shade at Imagination Station and Ross Recreation said the installation price for a 30-ft by 30-ft by 30-ft sun sail on 18-ft steel posts was around \$20,000. He confirmed that the sails were removable, so they would not get destroyed in the wind. He did not believe they were vulnerable to vandalism because they would be 18 ft in the air.
- Another allocation was \$15,000 for Glenn Otto pay-to-park kiosks, which he needed to do more fact-finding on as Travis and Public Works believed it could get done for a few thousand dollars.
- He had not requested funding for additional Parks FTEs but had proposed a couple other projects at the Parks headquarters building, one of which was building a brick-and-mortar restroom for \$120,000. He explained that Parks workers did not actually have a restroom but used a porta-potty.

- Parks' parking was currently shared with Community Development, so another recommendation was to grade and pave the area between Parks headquarters and the dog park. The allocation he requested was \$80,000, which would provide a covered carport awning in the new parking area as well.
- He also requested a \$10,000 allocation for additional park security cameras. He would like to expand the Rhombus camera environment, specifically to Sunrise Park after the vandalism there, to aid in criminal investigations.
- On the Facilities side, he had an allocation to repave the parking lot of the CCB building, the recreation headquarters.

Robbie asked about the cost associated with repairing the basketball hoops. Jona replied he was not certain but imagined it could be done for probably \$10,000 or \$15,000 or less and would likely be an item in Materials and Services. He explained the allocations were made with the idea of coming in under budget for his year-end expenditures rather than over. He anticipated about 85% of this fiscal year's allocations would be used.

Zach noted language the Planning Commission added to the Park Master Plan, making the PAC the overseeing body to a prioritization system for implementing many of the projects the PAC discusses for each year. The ordinance stated, "Create a priority system for the Parks Advisory Committee to evaluate new and improved park facilities that considers available funding sources as recommended in the Parks Master Plan."

- He wanted to add an agenda item for the next meeting to formalize that discussion in a more official capacity, so the PAC would have more weigh in and support traction on how the items were submitted to the budget [Committee?] to ensure things were being done in the best interest of the input and feedback received from the community. As things change year to year, the PAC would be able to flex to shift focus and have those discussions and be more active in contributing to the project process.
- Jona appreciated the language that was added to the Master Plan and supported the suggestion.

Regarding the sun sails, Jona clarified he asked Ross for a quote for the most versatile, pre-made, not custom sized, most popular sun sail installed in most parks that would also lend itself best to adding more sails year to year. Custom sails of any specific size or shape would be more expensive. He explained the company came highly recommended by other municipalities and was a local, veteran/vetted distributor of the Astroturf product. He added that the laws governing competitive procurement had recently changed, requiring him to solicit three bids for any project exceeding \$25,000. The Ross estimate was sufficient to provide a ballpark idea of what the sails would cost. [1:40:00]

Michelle asked if the Master Plan called for any future plan to improve pathways in the parks. Jona confirmed there were plans to improve the pathways both in the Parks Master Plan and in the ADA Transition Plan. He clarified there was a \$100,000 recommended allocation to replace and widen the trail at Sandee Palisades Park, which was completely buckled with tree roots and was not usable by anyone in a wheel chair.

Jeff confirmed there were no public comments.

12. Committee Concerns and Initiatives, future agenda items, closing comments

Shelly reported Vision Stages had left its building and a 12-court indoor pickleball facility would be installed there.

Victoria thanked Jona and his crew for their work during and after the winter storm.

Sherilee asked when the streets would be cleared of the gravel put down during the storm. Jona noted if the gravel had migrated from cars driving over it, then it might not be on the streets crew's radar. The crew worked from maps where gravel was applied during the storm and worked outward from the Public Works facility and especially where the most gravel was laid down. He invited PAC members to email him about any trouble areas and he would pass it along. He clarified the City did recycle some of the gravel.

Jeff asked why not leave the gravel where it was since February was always a snow month. Jona noted the decision to put out the gravel was delayed until absolutely needed and in balance to the benefits and harm to the City's infrastructure, cars, etc. After the snow and ice melt, the gravel can become a slipping hazard, clog storm drains, etc. The City did not want to let the gravel sit there given liability issues.

Zach said he went to the Troutdale Play Park the last couple weeks with his little girl, and Mollie was doing a great job with the program. He would be interested in continuing to loop in Recreation quarterly. Mollie had mentioned a passive reporting structure to update the Committee on activities and enable it to see how PAC could continue to partner with the department. Jona would invite Mollie to the next meeting if she had the time and ability.

13. Hold or cancel next month's meeting, March 20, 2024

Jona noted he would be out of town on vacation on March 20th and was happy to postpone the meeting or have someone facilitate the meeting in his absence. Victoria noted the Budget Committee would meet in April, and the PAC may want to review the budget allocation proposals again. The Committee decided to hold meeting but rescheduled it for March 27, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Jeff Hutchinson, Chair

Date

Attest:
