

MINUTES
Park System Master Plan Advisory Committee
Meeting #3
Newport City Hall Council Chambers
November 8, 2018

Committee Members Present: Ryan Bancroft, Bob Berman, Al Gilhuly, Mark Saelens, Jody Stecher, Nancy Steinberg, Preson Phillips, Beatriz Botello, and Veronica Willemin.

Committee Members Not Present: Chuck Forinash, Julia Howell, Tim Kaufman, Nicole Fields, Jason Nehmer, Bryn McCornack, and Tomas Follett.

City Staff Present: Community Development Director, Derrick Tokos; Park and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva; and Executive Assistant, Sherri Marineau.

Consultants Present: Matt Hastie, and Jennifer D'Avanzo.

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** Meeting started at 4:06 p.m.
2. **Welcome and Introductions.** Introductions were done and Hastie gave an overview of the agenda of the meeting.
3. **Community Workshop Highlights.** Hastie reviewed the highlights from the community workshop held on November 7, 2018. He noted that the goals and vision statement had been updated from the last meeting. There were comments from the Advisory Committee (AC) that weren't included in the goals but would be a part of the Park System Master Plan (PSMP). He listed the changes and updates that had been done. Saelens complimented the consultants on how the flow of the joint meetings and public workshops were following what the decision makers wanted.

Berman asked if the parks, trails and beach access inventory that wasn't included in the opportunities would be included. Hastie said as they reviewed the opportunities, the AC should note areas that were not included and they would add these if the AC thought they should be included. Protiva was concerned that Newport didn't have designated standards for parks and trails. Hastie said this was something they were tasked to do. He noted that December 13th would be the next AC meeting and the consultants would do a briefing with the Planning Commission and City Council beforehand. He reviewed what the remaining steps would be to implement the PSMP document. Berman asked if the final document would include the standards or the criteria for the standards. Hastie said they would be giving something as close to this as they could consistent with the team's scope of work and budget.

Hastie covered highlights from the November 7, 2018 workshop. He noted that priorities from the workshop and from the AC meeting would be put together for updates to the plan. Hastie noted there had been poster boards posted in four different locations for people to put dots on to show what they were interested in for park amenities in Newport. Botello asked if there was a Spanish version. Hastie said the boards were in both English and Spanish. Botello asked if the online survey was in Spanish. Hastie said it wasn't. He would look at getting it updated online if there was an ability to translate the questionnaire into Spanish. He also noted that other activities could be undertaken to reach Spanish speakers. The online survey would be posted by noon on Friday, November 9, 2018. Tokos requested a hard copy or PDF of the document to coordinate with Botello to get it translated.

4. **Alternatives Analysis Review.** Hastie reviewed the improvement strategies report organization. He asked the AC to identify existing parks that they didn't identify and the areas they missed. Stecher asked if Betty Wheeler would be turf or grass. Hastie thought the plan was for it to be grass. Stecher suggested it be in the report because of implications for challenges for funding. Berman thought that dog rules, access, and regulations was important and wanted an overall approach for where dogs were allowed.

Steinberg asked about adding permanent bathroom facilities and what formulas they would use to decide when to add them. Protiva noted there needed to be formulas or guidelines to make these decisions. Hastie said they had been reacting to what they were hearing from everyone but it was not quite to the level on exact locations for specific types of restroom facilities and how to make the decisions on where they would be placed. Bancroft asked why Betty

Wheeler “Little Betty” was included. Hastie said that they were looking at the current proposed plan to improve the large field. Protiva said they should look at it as one whole area. Stecher said that S-08 (Airport Community Garden) was confusing because it said it was looking at a community garden, but it was also adding wayfinding signage, trailheads, and potential pump tracks. He felt that clustering these geographically would make more sense for the public, or they should find something that tied them together. Saelens said Sam Moore Park should be listed after Big Creek Park because it was only noted when talking about trails. He liked the Sam Moore Park diagram that showed what the improvements were. D’Avanzo said these were concept plans. The existing parks didn’t have park improvements which is why it was only listed with the trails. Saelens said there were some improvements that needed to be included and he would share this with Cotton for her to include. Tokos noted that Don and Ann Davis Park would be moved into existing parks because of the expansion to include the piece abutting Cliff Street.

Steinberg noted the opportunities for pump tracks (bicycle skills course) and thought neither place was ideal for pump tracks. She thought 7th Street would be a better spot because of the proximity to the school and accessibility for kids. Protiva said the reservoir property had been in consideration for bike trails and asked if it was included. Hastie said this was under new trails. Berman noted that Frank Wade Park didn’t include the existing community garden. Hastie said the icons were just for proposed parks, not existing, and that was why it wasn’t shown. Botello thought there needed to be a community garden in the south. Hastie noted one was identified at the Airport property.

Follett asked about the concept map for the County Commons and who it came from. Hastie said it was from the County and what they were proposing at that time.

Hastie reviewed new parks next. Gilhuly asked if the thought was that the City would be acquiring properties for new parks. Hastie said the areas proposed were areas that weren’t well served with parks. Gilhuly said the land across from 40th Street should be included for soccer fields. Hastie said he would look into this. The AC could identify the general areas for new parks and identify specific sites if they had conversations with property owners. Berman noted that Longview Hills wouldn’t need a playground because it was a retirement village. D’Avanzo said they would take off the name Longview Hills for the park and would revise the name. Hastie noted that area is expected to see future population growth and that non-senior households will likely need a park in that area in the future. Berman said the photo on that page didn’t make sense because it couldn’t be taken from that spot in Agate Beach. He was confused by P-B (mini park south of Agate Beach State Recreation Site) and asked if it was many miles or adjacent to. Hastie said the marker was south on the map of where it is. He said they were saying the area had a gap in services. Stecher asked about the Wolf Tree Destination Resort. Hastie said they were only saying at such time it would be developed there needed to be a park there.

Follett said since there was already a park at P-K (Wilder Neighborhood Park), did they think there needed to be another park added there in the future. Tokos said yes and noted the development on the other side of Harborton Street would be substantial and why they would need another one to serve future residents as that development occurs. Botello said the Agate Beach Park didn’t have any connections to Agate Heights and there was a lot of kids there. She thought there should be consideration to do a tunnel or bridge for walking there. Hastie said this would be part of the trail connection discussion and may also be a topic of the City’s Transportation System Plan. Follett asked if anyone has spent any time at P-L (Wastewater Treatment Plant) and felt no one wanted to be up there because of smells, wind and temperature changes. Hastie said multiuse fields were what was being considered. Protiva noted that Tim Gross in Public Works would oppose anything happening in that area because of the wastewater plant in the area. Berman asked what the pocket park on P-F on SW 9th Street was. Tokos said it was on the west side of 9th Street between Alder and Hubert Street, near the School District building. Stecher noted that the area was frequented by recipients of social services and transients.

Follett asked about the P-E area location. Hastie said that area was generally underserved by a neighborhood park and was the location general. Tokos noted that the Highway 101, 9th Street, and 7th Street corridor would be looked at in the TSP process for a couplet with 101.

Hastie reviewed beach access, noticeable gaps, and existing access next. He noted the ADA accessible areas. Gilhuly asked about putting in a wide wooden bridge to cross the water area pictured in the Agate Beach Wayside photograph. Phillips said this was ocean shore and they were looking at putting something moveable there. Gilhuly asked who would build there. Phillips said if it could ever be built it would be the State to because it was ocean shore. It would most likely only be a temporary structure and would be removed seasonally. Protiva suggested something floating that could adjust. Phillips stated anything built there could be washed away by the ocean.

Hastie asked for comments on trails next. Steinberg asked if the yellow dotted lines on the map showed what didn't exist and was conceptual. Hastie said yes. Steinberg noted there was a trail between Newport Middle School and Forest Park. She asked about T-E (trail on west side of 101 between Ernest Bloch Memorial Wayside and Oceanview Drive) and if the intent was to take it from the Agate Beach area to Yaquina Head. Tokos said it was to take it from Yaquina Head to Oceanview Drive.

Saelens pointed out that the San-Bay-O Trail was rather steep and asked how it would connect to the neighborhood. He thought they should revisit whether it was ever intended to happen or not. Protiva added there also needed to be consideration on whether it was intended to connect into the concept of turning Big Creek Road into a walking trail. Saelens said that parcel was given to the City with the understanding that any park access by trail would be allowed there. A discussion ensued regarding the best way to create a trail in this location. Saelens commented that enforcement needed to be added at this point. Hastie said this document would be a living document and things could be added. Steinberg suggested adding the LCCFA. Saelens would send written text on this to Hastie.

Tokos noted that under Funding Strategies, SDCs needed a check mark by capital projects. Ticket sales and admissions should have more generic user fees. Urban Renewal needed to be added as a potential for capital projects.

5. **Park System Priorities.** Hastie asked the AC to put dots on the display boards for the areas of improvements they felt were most important and needed be undertaken in the short term. Hastie reviewed the priorities that the AC chose.

Top Ranked Improvements (Advisory Committee Votes (number))

- Big Creek Reservoir New Multi-Purpose Trail System (9)
- Trail Connections from Mike Miller Park to Newport Municipal Airport and Areas to the South (9)
- Ocean to Bay Trail Completion (8)
- San Bay-O New Trail Connection (7)
- Forest Park Trail Improvements (7)
- Yaquina Bay Beach (Coast Guard) New Trail Connection (5)
- Nye Beach Turnaround Beach Access Improvements (4)
- Big Creek Park Improvements (4)
- Frank Wade Park Improvements (4)
- Marine Science Drive Non-Motorized Boat Launch (4)
- Sam Moore Park Improvements (3)
- Lincoln County Commons new Multi-Use Field (3)
- New Pocket Park on NE 7th Street (3)

Hastie asked the AC to put dots on the list of proposed improvements for what they thought should be the subject of conceptual diagrams prepared by the consulting team. Hastie reviewed the priorities that the AC chose:

- a. Don and Ann Davis Park Grassy Area adjacent to Cliff Street
- b. Big Creek Reservoir Multi-Purpose Trail System
- c. Pocket Park at 7th St
- d. Newport Airport
- e. per Derrick: Yaquina state park community space to be considered

6. **Public Comment.** None heard.

7. **Next Steps.** Hastie reviewed the next steps with the AC. There would be a shorter list of priorities created. The consultants would prepare concepts and would come back to discuss this with the AC on December 13th.

8. **Adjournment.** Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Marineau
Executive Assistant