



Parks Manager's Notes for PAB: "What's Happening In Parks"

April 8, 2016

- The staff report for proposed new off-leash area and use agreement with DOGPAW was approved by the BOCC on March 29, 2016. DOGPAW is working on a site plan and hopes to start making improvements by June.
- We were very fortunate again this year to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Parks Foundation to construct a Children's Garden at Felida Community Park. It will be a nice addition to the park.
- Jeremy is working on the demolition of the house at the entrance of Felida Park to make in preparation for a new overflow parking lot. The work should begin next week.
- Consultant hired by the Washington Timbers interviewed Eric Christenson and myself to seek our vision and support for future expansion of the site. They are proposing an indoor sports center, a third synthetic soccer field & parking improvements.
- The Hill family are preparing for a counter offer by the end of April for the Prairie Fields property in PIF 6. The appraisal came in much lower than what they were offering.
- We found a 5 acre property in PIF 10 off NE 184th Street North of the Fair Grounds and have a signed Option & Sale Agreement. We're waiting for an appraisal before taking the next step
- Still working on getting an option agreement signed for the property SW of Hazel Dell Park.
- Eric Christenson and I are working with our attorney to update the agreement with Vancouver Lake Crew to include University of Portland who will fund the Boat house Facility. At Vancouver Lake Park
- Heritage Farm – Mark McCauley would like parks to manage the farm. It's simply a matter of when. He thinks that parks can best manage the site.
- Spring Supplemental is next Tuesday April 12th. We are hoping to receive funding support for parks admin. Our budget is currently too low to operate on a biennial basis.