



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

May 12, 2017

- The Austin Heritage Property closed last week marking the official end to our PIF concurrency issues. Jeremy will start the level 1 cleanup as a next step and it will be a green space until the property is developed.
- The Egger property purchase process is continuing. It may take some time for this to move toward closing. We'll need this piece to support the Buckmire Slough culvert to bridge replacement. Columbia River Estuary Stewardship Team (CREST) in conjunction with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and the Corps of Engineers are combining this project with the Shillapoo Wildlife Area Restoration Project. I'll try to bring in some speakers from WDFW & CREST next month to talk about this collaborative project.
- Jeremy and I attended the Pre-construction meeting in the city of Camas on the sewer line that runs from Green Mountain, through Camp Currie and Lacamas Park to downtown Camas. The sewer line will eventually promote a round lake trail that will connect our parks and satisfy a portion of our regional trails plan. We have 7,000 square feet of park land that will have to be replaced via a grant conversion due to a new sewer pump station being placed at Camp Currie. We and the City of Camas are working with Myra Barker of RCO on this task.
- Dianna Kretzschmar held a well-attended meeting on March 27th with several stakeholders regarding the Lewis & Clark trail that we proposed to the Intertwine last year. We are setting up a special project account in the Parks Foundation to help fund efforts toward the planning and eventual development of the trail. Dianna scheduled another meeting for July 11th. Three senators, all the city mayors and several councilors have been invited. We hope Kelly and Kelsey can attend.
- North Vancouver Mall Annexation. We are still working with Julie Hannon and Monica Tubberville on an inter-local agreement to address impacts of the annexation. Kelly Meadows will go over to the City of Vancouver Effective 1st. We will also be responsible for paying the ongoing maintenance of that park which is currently undeveloped.
- The Parking Fee program update – We have sold over 900 park passes to date.
- Karen Llewellyn, folks from Camp Hope and I - held a pre-application conference for Camp Hope on April 19, 2017.
- The Parks Foundation luncheon on May 9th was a great event. I apologize for not being able to meet with you at the event. It was great to see Glen Lamb receive the Florence B Wager Award. He is truly deserving of the recognition. Dianna did a great job.
- The Vancouver Senior Softball Association ball field Dedication ceremony at Pacific Community Park has been delayed with no update on a new time. (*Update included in events on agenda*)
- We have an opportunity to purchase a 5 acre parcel for a future NH Park. The property is located at

4316 NE 131st Street. The property is in PIF District 8 and we have \$576,000 in the Acquisition account. I talked about this in February but at that time, we didn't have enough to funding for the purchase. Estimated appraisal amount: \$1,200,000. We now have funding and would like to approach the idea of pursuing the purchase in June. I would like to seek your vote of support in the June meeting. *(NOTE: Map and property information included in the PAB meeting packet)*

- The Chelatchie Trail Grant may still have a chance of being funded by RCO. They asked us for a letter certifying our grant match which we are sent to them last week
- We may start construction on Otto Brown NH Park this Fall with the intent to finish in 2018. It was designed and permitted to 100% in 2011 and then shelved due to the great recession. The permit expires on December 31, 2017 and we need to complete at least one development function before the end of the year to preserve the permit.
- Councilor Boldt would like to set up several booths at the Clark County Fair this year to spotlight several departments throughout county government so folks can get a more in depth understanding of what we do. We intend to have a display and will be looking for volunteers to help staff attend the booths. The Fair is 10 days long and goes from 10:00AM-10:00PM. This is still being discussed but the current plan is to have three shifts per day. Each volunteer will get free parking and two fair passes.