



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2024 Meeting**

IV. PRESENTATION

- 1. Pickleball Courts in Ridgefield: Impact, Placement, and Planning Considerations**

V. BUSINESS

- 1. Waterfront Park Master Plan - Proposed Plan Consideration for Recommendation -**

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VII. STAFF REPORTS

VIII. FROM THE BOARD

IX. ADJOURN

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2024 Meeting

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

STAFF CONTACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 8.14.24 Minutes - Parks Board



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2024**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Board Member Brigid Taylor
Chair Rian Davis
Board Member Sandy Schill
Board Member Sarah Scott
Vice Chair Beth Bicknell
Board Member Alex Earl
Board Member John Rafanelli

Absent:

3. Late changes to the agenda

Waterfront Park Master Plan - Preferred Concept Review moved into Presentation.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the June 12, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024, meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Board Member Sandy Schill
SECONDER:	Board Member Sarah Scott
AYES:	Board Member Taylor, Chair Davis, Board Member Schill, Board Member Scott, Vice

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Boyse Park - Pump Track Operations & Maintenance Impacts

Maddie Ferson of American Ramp Company shared information with the Parks Board regarding the various types of pump tracks along with the pros and cons of the types of surfaces that are available. Corey shared aspects of maintenance requirements and life cycle costs per track surface, and benefits the community may experience from having an asset like a pump track. The parks board members thoughtfully weighed the options put before them.

V. BUSINESS

1. Waterfront Park Master Plan - Preferred Concept Review - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

Brian Bishop with Walker Macy reviewed the preferred master plan for the Waterfront Park after conducting multiple surveys and open houses with the community. The plan represents a step forward in realizing the vision for a vibrant and accessible Waterfront Park. The Waterfront Park master plan has been a collaborative effort between the Port of Ridgefield and the City of Ridgefield.

2. Davis Park Improvements Proposal - Ridgefield Garden Club Native Plants Project - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

The Ridgefield Garden Club has proposed a series of permanent improvements to Davis Park, one of the city's most frequently visited parks. The Garden Club's proposal includes replacing two western flowerbeds with native plants, and plans to install interpretive signage and small plant-designation signs for each plant. The Garden Club has agreed to carry out these improvements and provide two years of maintenance at no cost to the City.

A motion was made to send forth the proposal for Davis Park improvements to City Council for review.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Board Member Sandy Schill
SECONDER:	Board Member Brigid Taylor
AYES:	Board Member Taylor, Chair Davis, Board Member Schill, Board Member Scott, Vice Chair Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli

3. 2024 Parks Board Work Plan - Quarter 2 Report - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

The Parks Board is tasked with providing a quarterly report on the progress of their Work Plan. The Parks Board made a motion to approve the second quarter 2024 Parks Board Work Plan.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Board Member Sandy Schill
SECONDER:	Board Member John Rafanelli
AYES:	Board Member Taylor, Chair Davis, Board Member Schill, Board Member Scott, Vice Chair Bicknell, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli

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VII. STAFF REPORTS

Corey reported a contract had been awarded for the construction of a fieldhouse at the RORC, and there was an approved purchase of land at Abrams Park surrounding the Onslow Nature Play area.

VIII. FROM THE BOARD

None.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Kim Zurcher, Parks Board Clerk

Rian Davis, Chair

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Pickleball Courts in Ridgefield: Impact, Placement, and Planning Considerations

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

This presentation will discuss the rising popularity of pickleball and its potential addition to Ridgefield's park system. It will provide an overview of the sport, its benefits for community health and engagement, and key considerations for facility placement, including space, accessibility, and impacts on nearby properties. The objective is to inform the Parks Board about the feasibility and value of incorporating pickleball courts into local parks and to offer guidance on how to address potential concerns related to noise, traffic, and maintenance. The presentation aims to support future decision-making regarding pickleball facility development in Ridgefield.

STAFF CONTACT: Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Pickleball in Ridgefield - PB 2024.09.11



Pickleball in Ridgefield: Impacts, Placement, and Planning Considerations

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Division

September 2024



Introduction

Overview

- What is Pickleball, and Why is it Growing?
- Placement and Planning Considerations
- Potential Impacts on Neighbors and Nearby Properties
- Exploration of Key Planning Factors for implementation.

Why?

- To Better Understand Impacts
- To Prepare for Upcoming Growth
- To Inform Decision-Making Process.



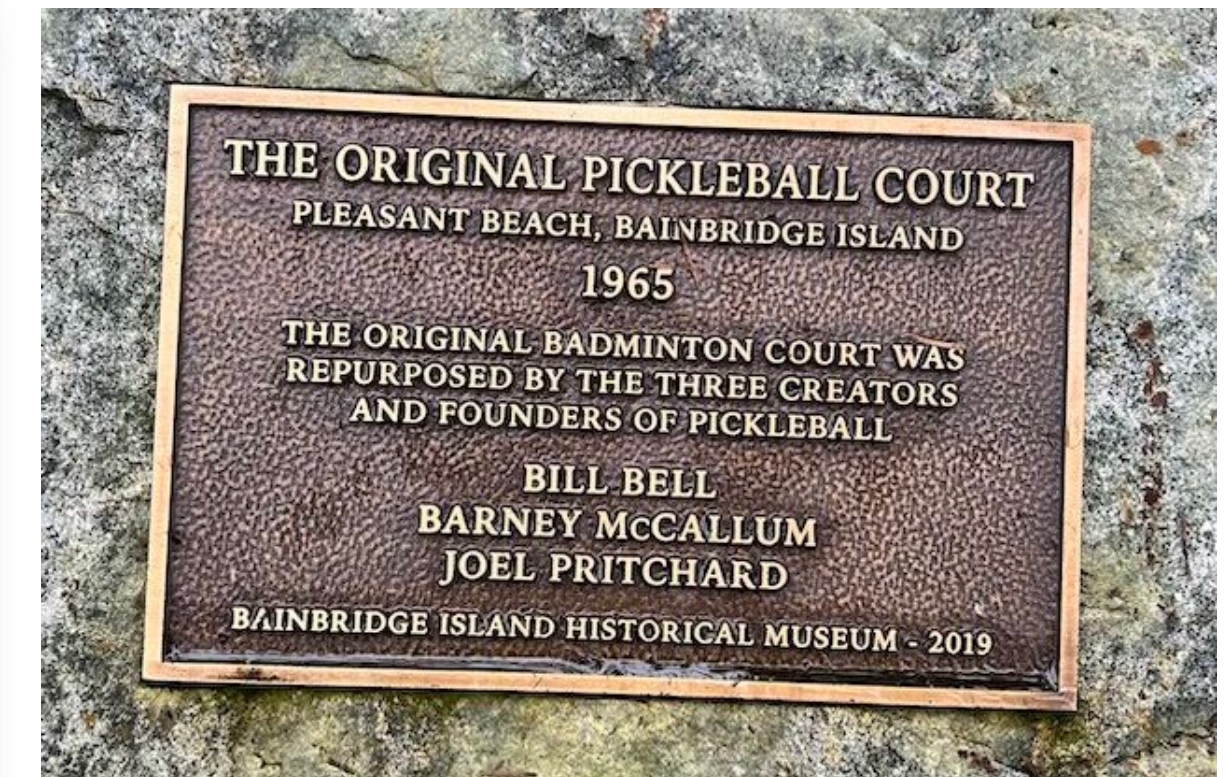
What is Pickleball?

Brief Overview

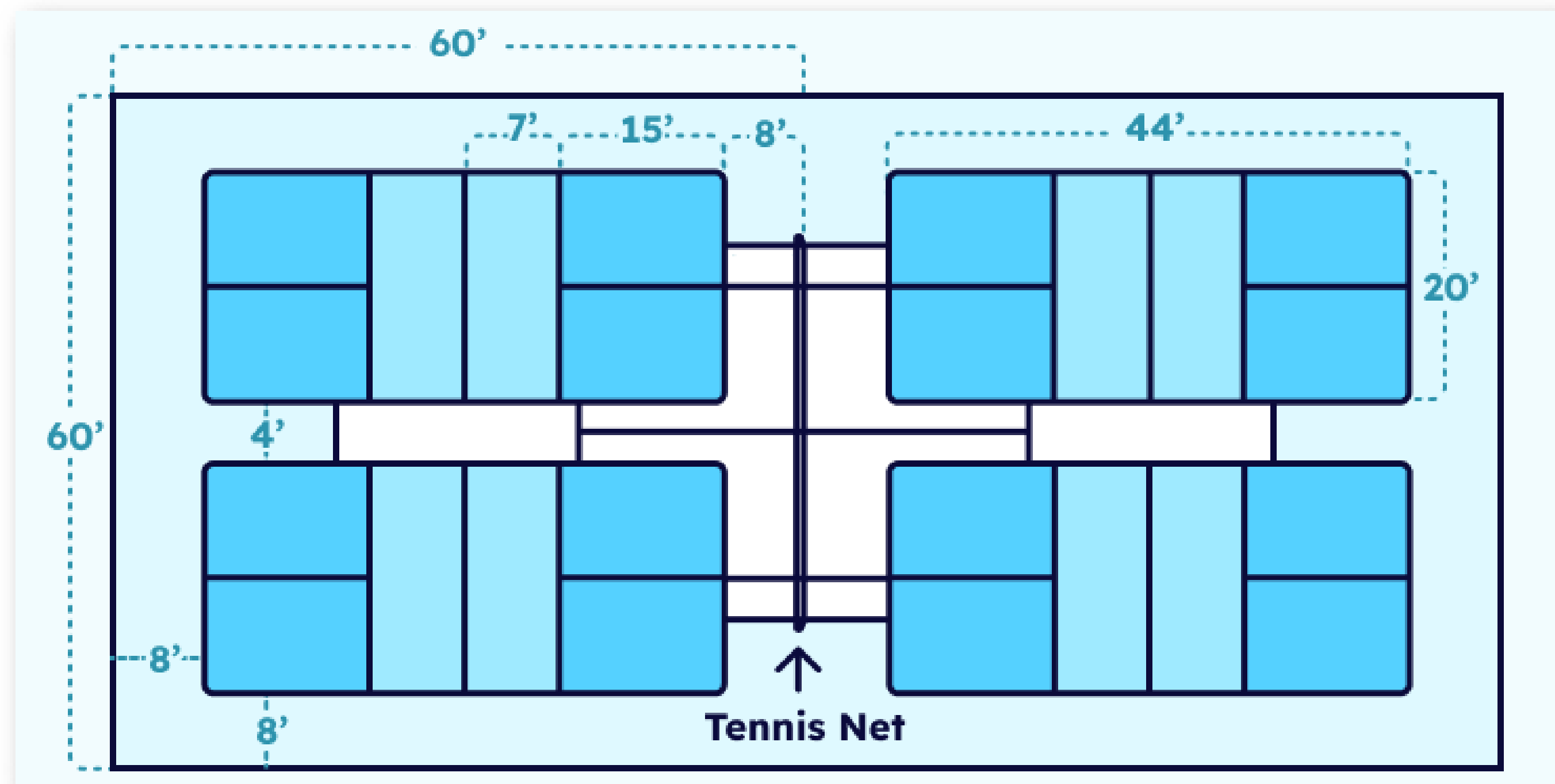
- Paddle Sport blending tennis, badminton, and ping-pong.
- Court Size: 20' x 44' (880 sqft)
- Popular among senior citizens and youth due to lower impact and easy learning curve.

Washington State History

- Birthplace of Pickleball (Bainbridge Island, 1965)
- Named Washington State Official Sport in 2022



Gov. Jay Inslee at the signing of SB5615 officially recognizing Pickleball as the official state sport of Washington





Cornwall Park – Bellingham, WA



Mountain View Park – Ellensburg, WA

Impacts on the City and Neighboring Properties

- **Noise:** Pickleball generates about 60-70 dB, which is louder than tennis (measured at 30-50 feet).
- **Traffic and Parking:** Increased popularity can lead to more foot and vehicle traffic.
 - *Data: National Park & Recreation Association (NRPA) survey shows communities with new courts see a 20-30% increase in park usage.*
- **Property Values:** Close proximity to well-managed courts can increase property values.
 - *Data: A study by the American Society of Landscape Architects found that access to recreational facilities can boost property values by up to 20%.*
- **Lighting:** If courts are used in the evening, adequate but non-intrusive lighting is necessary to avoid disturbing nearby homes.



Placement Consideration

- **Location Proximity:** Ideal to place courts away from residential to mitigate noise issues.
- **Shared Spaces:** Update already developed city property for dual-purpose pickleball.
 - *Examples: Storm Water or Water Utility Locations, Existing Park Property, etc.*
- **Accessibility:** Courts should consider ADA accessibility with easy access to parking, restrooms, and seating.
- **Noise Mitigation Design:** Consider barrier options such as plant/shrubbery placement, walls, etc.



Pickleball facility in Seattle, WA



Multisport Court Options



Planning Considerations



Metro Parks Tacoma, WA



Mill Creek Sportsplex – Walla Walla, WA

- **Current Demand:** Data from surrounding areas, including Vancouver and Clark County, show a 40% increase in pickleball participation over the last 5 years.
 - **Example:** *The Vancouver Pickleball Association reported a backlog for court time during peak hours.*
- **Population Growth:** Ridgefield's population is projected to grow by 30% over the next decade, increasing demand for recreational spaces.
- **Maintenance Costs:** Estimated \$2,000-\$4,000 per year for resurfacing courts every 5-8 years, plus regular upkeep.
- **Funding:** Grants available from organizations like the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) for building new courts.
 - **Example:** *Cities like Tacoma have received USAPA funding for court expansion projects.*



Addressing Concerns and Opportunities

- **Noise Mitigation:** Sound barriers (e.g., acoustic fencing, landscaping), scheduling restrictions.
 - **Example:** In Beaverton, OR, pickleball courts were located in parks with large green buffers to manage noise.
- **Community Engagement:** Get feedback from neighboring residents before choosing locations.
- **Economic Boost:** Hosting tournaments or leagues could attract visitors and boost local businesses.
 - **Example:** Bend, OR, and Spokane, WA, both host annual pickleball tournaments that attract hundreds of participants and spectators.



Noise Mitigation Options



Picklefest 2024 - Spokane, WA



Thank You / Questions?



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**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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AGENDA ITEM NAME: Waterfront Park Master Plan - Proposed Plan Consideration for Recommendation

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The City and Port of Ridgefield have long envisioned developing a community waterfront park, a project that is finally coming to fruition. With the completion of the Pacific Wood Treating cleanup and the construction of the railroad overpass, as well as the impending redevelopment of port-owned waterfront land, the time is ripe to commence detailed planning for the Waterfront Park.

The Waterfront Park Master Plan is a collaborative effort between the Port of Ridgefield and the City of Ridgefield. To guide this initiative, staff have engaged Walker Macy, a renowned firm specializing in landscape architecture, planning, and urban design. Walker Macy has been tasked with organizing and drafting a comprehensive Master Plan, which will be reviewed for potential adoption by the City Council and Port Board of Commissioners in late April 2024.

Throughout the summer, Walker Macy conducted a series of community engagement activities to gather input and insights from the public. These activities included surveys, open houses, and participation in local events such as the Big Paddle in June. Based on the feedback collected, several alternatives were developed. Tonight, we are set to review the proposed master plan and considering recommendation to the City Council for formal approval. This plan represents a significant step forward in realizing the community's vision for a vibrant and accessible waterfront park.

STAFF CONTACT: Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Concept Consideration - PB 2024.09.11



Ridgefield Waterfront Park Master Plan

Proposed Concept Update
Sep 11, 2024

Proposed Concept



Proposed Concept

Key

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| 1. Path to Overlook | 9. Pedestrian overpass* | 17. Waterfront Pavilion |
| 2. Enhanced access to Refuge | 10. Boat Lockers, Outdoor Showers, and Boat Wash | 18. Future shared parking by Port of Ridgefield* |
| 3. Pump House | 11. Boat Slide | 19. Play area |
| 4. Art Walk | 12. Street-end Seat Steps | 20. Beach |
| 5. Overlooks | 13. Hand Launch | 21. Future Day Dock* |
| 6. Passive Lawn | 14. Restrooms | |
| 7. Picnic Shelter and Potential Future Restroom | 15. Street-end plaza | |
| 8. Water Access | 16. Event Lawn/Amphitheater | |

*Not in project scope, shown for illustrative purposes only

North - Natural / Passive Zone



Meandering
Paths



Art Walk

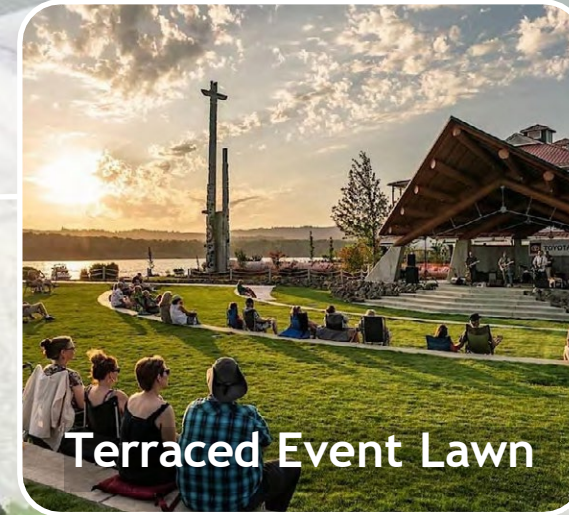


Overlooks



Picnic Shelter

South - Active Zone



Terraced Event Lawn



Play Area



Pavilion



Beach

Next Steps

Cost Estimate
September 2024

Final Master Plan Document
Fall 2024

Port Commission & City Council Approval
Fall 2024

Parks Board Consideration

- What items in the proposed master plan does the Parks Board want to include, remove, or adjust?
- **Request for Action:** Consideration of Recommendation to City Council

