



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019
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

Anyone requesting to speak to the Board regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 9/11/19 Meeting**

IV. MEMBER REPORT

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Outreach Summary, Bryan Kast**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Canyon View Parks Update, Bryan Kast**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Public Works Update**

IX. FROM THE BOARD

- 1. Board Member Updates**
- 2. Council Update**
- 3. Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings**

X. ADJOURN

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CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2019

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:30 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Absent	
Darrin Class	Board Member	Absent	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Chair	Present	
Rachel Coker	Board Member	Present	
John Rose	Board Member	Present	
Marie Bouvier	Board Member	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:35 PM](#)

Sandra Day Resident:

Sandra is a member of the Ridgefield's Lions Club and they received a \$10K grant to proceed with plantings around the duck pond at the middle school. In addition, they will be joining the science teachers who want to build a trail on the school's property that has science materials for students and teachers. Sandra will be coordinating these two projects.

Bruce Carpenter Resident:

Bruce expressed concerns about two small parks in his Canyon View neighborhood. He shared photos and detailed concerns about each one and asked that the City enhance them so they are useful. He also would like to see them maintained to the same standard as their subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:40 PM](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 11, 2019 6:30 PM (CONSENT AGENDA)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rian Davis, Board Member
SECONDER:	John Rose, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Stenbak, Coker, Rose, Bouvier
ABSENT:	Bicknell, Class

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 8/14/19 Meeting

MEMBER REPORT - [6:40 PM](#)

None

OLD BUSINESS - [6:41 PM](#)

1. Park Naming, Bryan Kast, Presentation - [6:41 PM](#)

Bryan reviewed the section of Ridgefield's Municipal Code that addresses Park Naming Standards. He asked the Board for ideas on naming the new park by the Ridgefield apartments across from the Rosauers Grocery Store. One possible idea is to call it Gretsck Park after the family who previously owned the property.

NEW BUSINESS - [6:50 PM](#)

1. Dog Park Enhancements, Bryan Kast, Presentation

Bryan gave a quick update on the two projects underway at the Dog Park. The storm water project should be completed around the first part of October. Landscape improvements are estimated to be completed in November. These improvements include a permanent water station, bicycle racks, shade trees, tree replacements along Hillhurst, path improvements, minimizing mud just inside the park and enhancements to the gravel parking lot.

2. Gee Creek Trail Slide, Bryan Kast, Presentation

Bryan provided a summary of the Gee Creek Stabilization Plan, which involved a study of the entire reach throughout the City. It identified key areas as either a safety, infrastructure concern or needing stabilization. The small bank erosion at Abrams Park was mentioned in the study. Costs to repair that section ranges between \$80-100K. That includes permitting, design and implementation. Public works staff put up a temporary fence until a permanent, cost effective solution is decided on. In the meantime, and as a safety measure, they could shift the trail away from the slide.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:09 PM](#)

Bruce Carpenter Resident:

Bruce asked the Board to consider putting in a Pickle ball court in the park near the Pioneer apartments.

Rob Aichele Resident:

Rob thanked staff for putting up the temporary fence at Gee Creek. In regards to the Dog Park enhancements, he asked the Board to look closely at the planting plan and stick with Cypress trees if possible. In addition, consider putting in a concrete sidewalk to match the surrounding neighborhoods off Hillhurst verses an asphalt path.

Darren Wertz Resident:

The cedar trees that were planted to replace the trees in the open space adjacent to the 35th roundabout have died. He was not sure if this was the correct venue for reporting it. Bryan will find out who the open space belongs to.

STAFF REPORTS - [7:20 PM](#)

Public Works Update

As part of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update, this Saturday, at Experience Ridgefield, will be the last outreach event to the community. We could use more Board Members to staff the booth. The event runs from 11am-5pm. In addition, we now have blue/orange wristbands that say #RidgefieldParks as give-a-ways.

Public works is in the process of constructing a new trail segment that runs along the Gee Creek Meadows Neighborhood and connects to the Hillhurst Subdivision. During construction, they discovered some new erosion issues along that segment that was previously underutilized which they addressed.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:22 PM](#)

Board Member Updates - [7:23 PM](#)

Board Member Coker attended a meeting with Corwin's Green Team on supporting sustainability.

Board Member Bouvier recognized the Lions Club for their volunteer work on the benches at Abrams Park.

Board Member Rose participated in Operation Salmon.

Chair Kimberly Stenbak provided an update on the Davis Park Outreach Event.

Council Update

None

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

The last time the Parks Board did a tour was in December of last year. They would like to plan another tour possibly in November.

ADJOURN - [7:35 PM](#)

Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant

Kimberly Stenback, Chair



MEETING NOTES

PROJECT NUMBER: # 19-122PLN ISSUE DATE: September 10, 2019
 PROJECT NAME: Ridgefield Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan

RECORDED BY: Steve Duh, Michelle Kunec-North
 TO: FILE
 PRESENT: Members of the public
 Members of the Parks Board
 City Staff
 Project team members from Conservation Technix

SUBJECT: Ridgefield Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan: Open House #1 Notes (Sept 4th)

Community members were invited to an outdoor, open house for the Ridgefield Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Davis Park. The project team prepared informational displays covering the major themes of the PROS Plan. These displays included Project Overview, Parks & Outdoor Recreation, Trails & Connections, and Maps.

Attendees were encouraged to talk to project team members, record their comments and complete a written comment card. City staff and project team staff engaged with participants to identify general needs and interests for park and recreation in Ridgefield. Approximately 50 people (including about 25 youth) attended the meeting to review materials and provide comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following represents a summary of the comments received during the evening meeting.

Responses on Recreation Opportunities (What's missing or in short supply?)

- 58 – New, expanded skatepark
- 20 – Splash pad / water play
- 17 – All-inclusive playgrounds
- 14 – Picnic shelters / pavilions
- 7 – Improved water access (launches, fishing)
- 2 – Replace existing skatepark ramps
- 2 – Parks designed with views of mountains/volcanos (preserve views with future development)
- 1 – Sport courts (add Bocce)
- 1 – Community center with pool
- 1 – Environmental education opportunities to monitor water quality, fish, etc.
- 1 – Interpretation of the cultural (pre-European history) and natural environment
- 1 – Fitness park

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Walking & Biking Trail Ideas

- Walking & Biking Trail Ideas
- Bikes lanes on Main
- Trail along creek in Cedar Ridge (Tee Creek)
- Connect trails
- Bike lanes
- Show planned HOA trails
- Connect neighborhoods (north of Pioneer & east of 32nd) to downtown
- Create safe route to downtown along Pioneer
- Need for cross country running trail outside of Refuge – connect to high school – Hillhurst to RORC
- Outdoor fitness equipment along trails
- Connect trail near Crow's Nest Park toward Rose Homestead Park
- Provide trail along Royle from RORC to Pioneer

Future Park Needs

- Provide places to sit and chat at the parks, not a picnic bench
- Improve hand-carry access at the Port for kayaks; Existing large rocks are tripping hazard' Add small rocks for better wheel a cart to the water

Recreation Program Ideas

- Youth Programs & Camps: Learn outdoor survival skills / Boy Scouts
- Teen Drop-in & Camps: All-ages oriented events
- Senior Activities: Senior fitness/wellness programs, senior center, tai chi, senior stretch exercises, senior center with kitchen, senior activities
- Adult Sport Leagues: Yoga in the park
- Adult Enrichment: Adult painting, Lectures

General Comments from Parks & Open Space Map

- Preserve/maintain vistas of mountains (i.e., St. Helens, Mt. Hood)
- Provide safe trail route along Pioneer into downtown

General Comments

- Splash pad
- Fancy splash pad – potentially convert into ice/roller rink in off-season
- Bathroom at Hayden Park please; Covered area would be nice too
- Thanks for working to connect trails!
- Tee Creek Trail (status?)
- Guided night hikes (owls)
- Summer outdoor concert series

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- All-inclusive park – playground, swings, path
 - Center a park space around one of the great Mt. views to preserve that!
 - New development is blocking mountain views, consider a park designed to preserve a view of our volcanos
 - Bike trails connecting new developments (Rosauers, housing/apts) to downtown
 - Pioneer Trail – path parallel to road
 - Cedar Ridge Trail to downtown
 - Bigger skatepark for skate, scooters, bmx
 - Bike lanes from downtown to Rosauers
 - Splash pad with Ridgefield theme (farm, wildlife, spuds, etc.) at Overlook Park
 - Accessibility is important!
 - Reconsider disc golf in Abrams Park and/or work with people to carefully manage vegetation; vegetation treatments have reintroduced weeds
 - Bocce ball court
 - Large wall (outdoor) for racquetball
 - I'd love bocce ball court
 - Outdoor concerts
 - Guided hikes
 - Community center and pool and indoor rec sports
 - Greenspace on Hillhurst, not a gas station
 - Skatepark is great; would love to see it expanded/improved
 - Extend waterfront trail for running with dog
 - City trails are great – need better wayfinding or online map
 - More playground space for toddlers (2-5 year olds)
 - Repair split rail fence at Eagle's View and add sign
 - More natural trails (run, walking dogs, biking)
 - Mountain bike trails and road bike trails with amenities
 - Playground like this (Washougal picture)
 - Covered picnic pavilions (at Davis, Abrams, Overlook)
 - Please expedite trail networks (i.e., Washougal to Refuge trails)
 - Skatepark with better, safer, more visible design and adjacent uses, like shelter and splash pad

Every effort has been made to accurately record this meeting. If any errors or omissions are noted, please provide written response within five days of receipt.

cc: Bryan Kast; Lisa Blake
File



DISCUSSION NOTES

Project Name:	Ridgefield Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan	Project No.:	Proj-# 19-122PLN
Location:	RACC	Date:	September 19, 2019
Notes by:	Steve Duh	Time:	12:30 pm
Attendees:	Marykay Lamoureux, Ridgefield Main Street	Rob Aichele, Planning Commission	
	Eric Anderson, Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge	Bryan Kast, Public Works Director	
	Carlos Urbina, Ridgefield School District	Steve Duh, Conservation Technix	
Subject:	Stakeholder Group Session (09/19/19)		

Following brief introductions and an overview of the project scope and timeline, the group discussion generally followed a series of questions to gather perspectives regarding park, program and facility needs for the City of Ridgefield.

What do you value about Ridgefield's parks and open spaces?

- Connectivity for biking and walking – between neighborhoods and the parks and between the different neighborhoods
- Pathways that connect Discovery Ridge to downtown, as well as Clover Hill
- Parks as sanctuaries and well-maintained – facilities for kids/citizens
- Should be a walking community; there are limited options for safe trail riding options/connections in town
- Rural roads are attractive to regional bikers and cyclists from Vancouver; road design and safety issues with rural, county roads
- While the Refuge is providing habitat, it's extent is limited. In the tension between growth and open space preservation, the open space is not being conserved, and the wildlife corridors are marginalized. They are usually the minimum width required by code

What would you like to see happening over the coming 10 years?

- Provide directional and distance signage along and throughout the trail network (i.e., 1.3 miles to Abrams Park; .8 miles to Downtown, etc.). Have better wayfinding and illustrate/show the 'system'
- For the Refuge it will be important to continue to create experiences for visitors in the right way and right time. Implement development plans with minimal disturbances (i.e., the trail to the Plank House – was done without much impact and in an area not heavily used by geese.)
- Make sure the City is a partner and is involved with future development plans for Millers Landing (Port), which needs to have a public park space and relate to the Refuge

Interview Notes (continued)

- Holistically look at the visitor experience and have a nice suite of experiences – seamless between the different land managers (Port, City, USFW). For example, visitors can use dog park and picnic areas provided by City; then visit riverfront developed by Port; then walk through natural area of the Refuge.

Ideas

- With the partnership with RSD, cross promotions of material is important to reach the different groups in the community – work more toward coordinated marketing and more overlap with the other community groups in town (i.e., Main Street program).
- For the future 10 acre park near the new apartments, consider providing a dog park for the 300+ apartment and studio units coming to that area.

Amenities

- Splash pad / water play – maybe use the site of the former PW office at Davis Park as a future splash pad area
- All-inclusive playground
- YMCA is looking at the Ridgefield area for a potential site for community center operations
- In the downtown, space for gatherings and events is near or at capacity (farmers market, Hometown Celebration, 4th of July); as the city grows, consideration should be given toward options for expanded community gathering spaces and possibly structured parking
- The RORC is at maximum capacity now and Abrams is still heavily used; additional field space will be needed in the future; the City and RSD should continue to collaborate and partner on options to expand the footprint of the RORC for school and community needs
- A community recreation center for indoor activities (gym for basketball/volleyball) and room for classes should be considered
- RSD assets are available to the community for use through scheduled use, but at some point in the future, additional indoor space might be needed that is beyond what the school district can provide.

Where should the City focus resources & energy?

- Gee Creek Trail from Abrams to the Refuge is a high priority
- The new plan should highlight community values, needs and modalities; the 2014 plan was helpful in securing grant funding
- Make incremental improvements and progress on trails; show the sections the City prioritizes and promote accomplishments. Do celebrations and ribbon cuttings with information about the next sections that are planned

Interview Notes (continued)

After the group session, a response to the discussion questions was provided by Bruce Carpenter:

What is your history with Ridgefield's park system, and what do you value about Ridgefield's parks and open spaces?

- Provided testimony on the Teal Crest development plan. Offered pickleball as an option for the new 10 acre park and provide photos of other SW locations.
- The local neighborhood parks are too small. I don't visit the dog park. The RACC is a nice addition to Ridgefield.

Are there any age or user groups that need specific attention?

- Seniors and adults with no school aged children in the room.

Where does the idea of recreation programs fit within your vision for priorities for Ridgefield?

- It is important for those with children, but less for empty nesters.

How can your organization partner with the City of Ridgefield?

- HOAs can be an important communication avenue for the neighborhood communities

Opportunities for the future.

- Add pickleball courts. Currently, there are few options for non-students to participate in outdoor fitness-related activities.
- 1) Complete the 10 acre park. 2) provide irrigation to local parks to make them usable during the summer months. 3) Connect the trail system. 4) If the trails have a multi-modal directive, ensure the developers place a hard surface on the trail, not bark or pea gravel.

-- End of Notes --