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Title of Document: 2.3 LOPR_Planning with Regional, State and Federal Agencies

Background:

Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation (LOPR) works closely with multiple regional, state and federal agencies on planning for and coordinating the provision of parks, facilities, and recreation opportunities. The regional agencies LOPR coordinates most closely with are Clackamas County and the major metropolitan area’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (Metro) for planning and land use functions. At the state and federal levels, LOPR works closely with the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) for land and waterfront leases and Oregon State Marine Board for regulation along LOPR properties that border the Willamette River. LOPR also belongs to membership organizations of Oregon Recreation & Park Association (ORPA), and also frequently engages with the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA). LOPR uses information from both ORPA and NRPA to learn about best practices, policies, and trends in the field of parks and recreation.

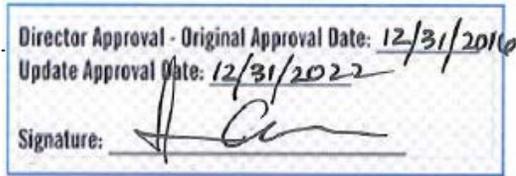
LOPR staff responsible for working with regional, state and federal planning projects and agreements and delivery of parks and recreation services are the City Manager, City Attorney, LOPR Director, LOPR Deputy Directors, LOPR Project Managers and Administrative Assistants.

Planning with Regional, State, and Federal Agencies:

Clackamas County

As a community on the edge of the Metro region, Lake Oswego shares a large portion of its western boundary with land that is located in unincorporated Clackamas County. Given this proximity, many County residents take advantage of Lake Oswego’s parks and recreation facilities and are active participants in local park and planning projects. This requires Lake Oswego and Clackamas County staff to be in frequent communication to ensure that the needs of both agencies and both communities are being addressed.

In addition, LOPR owns approximately 130 acres of land currently located in Clackamas County, including the site of a city-operated farm and community garden. These properties, collectively referred to as the “Luscher area,” have required close coordination between the County and LOPR since 1990, spanning a breadth of planning issues including transportation infrastructure, utilities infrastructure, zoning, and land use.



Most recently, Clackamas County and LOPR have been coordinating on a process that would facilitate adoption of the Luscher Area Master Plan (completed in 2012) by Clackamas County in order for the City to move forward with implementation of the plan’s recommendations while the properties remain outside city limits under the County’s jurisdiction. While this process is still in the very early stages, both LOPR and the County have agreed to dedicate staff time during the upcoming year to jointly move the project forward.

Metro

Metro is the area’s regional planning agency and is responsible for managing the boundary that separates urban land from rural land in Lake Oswego and surrounding communities. The agency works with Lake Oswego—and all other cities in the Metro region—to plan for future population growth and meet needs for housing, employment, transportation, and recreation. One of the most frequent ways that LOPR engages with Metro is through the pursuit of grant and funding opportunities. LOPR is currently working to acquire funds from Metro’s Local Share program, which distributes funds from Metro’s 2019 parks and nature bond to park providers throughout the region. Most recently, LOPR staff have been working closely with Local Share program staff to develop a strategy that will guide the engagement of community members to identify priority projects, with a focus on outreach to communities of color, low-income communities, and other historically marginalized groups.

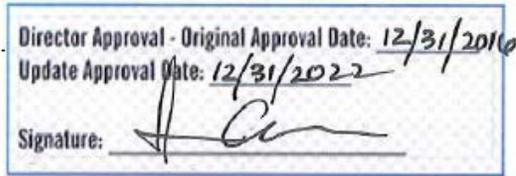
State of Oregon, Department of State Lands (DSL) and Oregon Marine Board (OMB)

The Department of State Lands (DSL) is responsible for management of publicly owned submerged and submersible land. The public has rights to use the beds and banks of navigable waterways for any legal activity, such as boating, fishing and swimming, including pulling canoes or kayaks onto the bank. LOPR works closely with Oregon DSL to lease waterfront properties of docks, boat ramps and marine facility on the Willamette River. The Oregon Marine Board serves Oregon’s recreational boating public through education, enforcements, access and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience. LOPR also works with OMB to monitor safety and access for boaters on navigable waters on LOPR properties on the Willamette River.

Delivery of Parks and Recreation Services with Local, State, and Federal Agencies:

Lake Oswego School District (LOSD)

LOPR has partnered with LOSD to build and operate a recreation and aquatic center on City-owned property. The Lake Oswego Recreation and Aquatics Center (LORAC) is in the construction phase and is scheduled to break ground in spring of 2023.



Oregon Recreation & Park Association (ORPA)

LOPR engages with ORPA directly through its agency ORPA membership and participation in conferences, workshops, webinars, and other educational opportunities. LOPR staff members have served on ORPA and section leadership teams.

National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA)

LOPR engages with NRPA through its agency membership; review of information, articles and publications distributed by the agency, and participation in NRPA’s trainings, webinars, and other education opportunities.

Related Documents:

Regional: Clackamas County Luscher Farm Meeting Agenda, Meeting Summary and Draft Plan for adoption package

Regional: Metro – 1.) Conservation Easement for Stevens Property on Childs Rd and 2.) Metro Resolution for Authorization of Natural Areas Acquisition for Stafford Basin

State: DSL Lease application for Waterfront Property Use; ORPA Membership List

Local: LOSD/LOPR Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA)

Federal: NRPA/LOPR Membership list

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