



**PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY
BOARD
MINUTES
December 20, 2023**

The video recording constitutes an accurate record of the Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Advisory Board at the above dated meeting. The following summary is provided as an overview of the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER

Doug McKean called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Co-chairs, Jason Dorn (via WebEx) and Doug McKean, Jennifer Mozinski, Kara Gapon, Rebecca Greene, Greg Wolley, Ed Becker, Youth Member's, Diya Deepu and Zechariah Pressnell, Trudy Corrigan, Council Liaison ,

Alternates:

Absent: Sarah Ellison, Taryn Hatchel, Matt McGinnis

Staff: Ivan Anderholm, Director of Parks & Recreation, Jeff Munro, Deputy Director, Tony Garcia, Parks Crewleader, Kyra Haggart, Project Manager, Robin Krakauer, Communications and Sponsorship Coordinator, Dina Balogh, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Gale Walmark, FOLF

Carol and Carl Ockert, First Addition/Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

Matt Hastie, MIG Project Manager

Lauren Scott, MIG Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Advisory Board (PARKS Board) reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from November 15, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE: Trudy Corrigan, Council Liaison

- Council unanimously agreed on the name for the LO Recreation and Aquatic Center (LORAC). The strongly agreed the golf course name would continue to be called the Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course.
- Adopted Ord 2928, Psilocybin time, place and manner regulations. Ord 2928 establishes regulations for psilocybin facilities, and leave in place Ord. 2903, which prohibits the OHA from licensing psilocybin facilities in LO and automatically refers it to the voters in November.

- Council had a study session on Citywide Parking Reform. Staff asked Council for direction about the revised project schedule and public engagement plan to develop code amendments that comply with the State’s Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities parking rules.
- Youth Action Council are advocating for a statewide ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products. They asked for the support of the City Council on joint letter to Senate President Rob Wagner.
- Council approved the ordinance to establish a vertical housing development zone at the North Anchor site.
- Public Works and Engineering presented McVey/Stafford Rd. Corridor Study on transportation options. Council directed staff to incorporate the recommendation from the McVey/Stafford Corridor Project Study into the next update of the Transportation System Plan and to add the project into to the next update of the CIP. The project cost is about \$40M and will take several years once funded. The study presented options for bike and pedestrian access on both sides and safe traffic improvements.

YOUTH MEMBER UPDATE: Diya Deepu and Zechariah Pressnell

Diya: Looking at different ways to have a community and student hosted sustainability fair.

Zechariah: Social Media campaigns for engagement of Parks, Recreation and sustainability.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gale Wallmark on behalf of Friends of Luscher Farm.

Gale shared the request submitted to City Councilors at the December 19 Council meeting for their upcoming 2024 Goal Setting.

Gale told the board, FOLF very much appreciate that the board will be considering support and prioritizing two key Luscher projects as an initiative under Council’s 2024 Parks, Recreation, Natural Areas Goal.

- 1) a new, safe vehicular access and expanded parking area and;
- 2) an expansion of agricultural programs.

As the board heard at past meetings, in the decade since the LAMP was adopted, considerable active recreation facilities have been or are being developed on Luscher Area properties and nearby just across Stafford Road.

FOLF is now considering only the remaining properties—about 100 acres, including the 45-acre namesake Luscher Farm—that are outside City limits in unincorporated Clackamas County and zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.

These 100 acres are a precious canvas of rural character, historical significance, bountiful agricultural land and magnificent open-space natural areas. They are beloved by hundreds of gardeners, CSA members, Clematis devotees, summer day camp kids and all who walk, run and bike the trails and pathways, if not a significant majority of all Lake Oswego residents.

These 100 acres are also Lake Oswego’s unique opportunity to pioneer a new and unconventional kind of City Park—one that celebrates our agricultural roots and our reverence for nature, and establishes a vital urban/rural buffer, and—importantly—one that could also model new approaches to environmental and agricultural stewardship that will help reduce food insecurity and teach us all how to live healthier, more sustainable lives.

FOLF is grateful for LOPR’s year-long efforts to create a path for Clackamas County’s potential adoption of the LAMP, which would bring current uses into compliance. But neither project in this request is dependent on that outcome. Both could get underway as soon as funding solutions are found. [FOLF would be pleased if some portion of the City’s \$2.3M Metro Local Share funds are designated for Luscher, but any portion of that funding is unlikely to be sufficient.]

While we acknowledge all the many competing requests, we urge that “now is our moment” to envision the one-of-a-kind City Park we could create by elevating these priority Luscher projects to action and finding and committing funding for them.

That happens only if Council shares the vision and adopts these Luscher projects as a 2024 Parks Goal initiative. We'll be grateful for the Parks Board support.
Thank you for your consideration.

Carl Ockert, representing First Addition/Forest Hills Neighborhood Association.

Carl shared the history of the Water Tower Grove site and the heritage trees located at 10th and C. The City has taken care to protect and maintain the urban forest on this site. The water tank was removed and stand of 23 native Douglas Fir trees up to 125 years old, exceeding 100 feet in height along with native Vine Maples, Big Leaf Maples and Western Red Cedar are located on this site. The site is home to a great habitat of birds and bald eagles. A reader board will be installed in early 2024 noting the historic significance of this site and celebrating the urban forest.

The First Addition/Forest Hills NA ask the board to familiarize themselves with this site and support this community treasure.

Next Steps:

- Submitted Heritage Tree application to the City.
- Morgan Holen, City Consulting Arborist will complete the heritage tree application evaluation by the 26th.

Ivan: Morgan Holen evaluates all the trees for the Heritage Tree program. Public works maintains the Water Tower Grove property. They will evaluate the site and will need to know the utility use of the Grove. Morgan will bring back her evaluation and recommendation of heritage tree designation to the board for approval in February.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PARKS PLAN 2040:

Kyra Haggart, Project Manager

Matt Hastie, MIG Project Manager

Lauren Scott, MIG Planner

[Parks Plan 2040 Presentation \(Link\)](#)

Community engagement to date:

- CAC and Parks board meetings: September 26, 2023, October 18, 2023 and December 12, 2023
- Pop-Up Outreach: September – November 2023
- Community Survey: September 26 -November 10, 2023.
- Community Event #1: November 14, 2023
- Focus Groups: October – December 2023

Parks Plan 2040 Survey

Two-part survey (Statistically Valid Survey and Community Survey) was conducted by DHM Research to assess community priorities for parks and recreation facilities. There was a total of 1,183 respondents. The Statistically Valid Survey Results provided a demographic snapshot; age, gender, income and race/ethnicity.

Statistically valid survey questions and comments:

- Ed: Access to natural areas vs. preservation. Preservation can include access.
- Kyra: Do you support building access with disability? Chapter 10: There are a number of properties that do not have access.
- Kara: Need clarity on access and preservation. City planning bike paths in parks and or citywide.
- Kyra: Connections to and thru parks for bikes, “bike lane to connect to a park”.
- Ed: People want access to park use, conservation vs. preservation.
- Greg: Data shows 22% of people responded. There is a percentage that did not respond.
- Kyra: Some people didn't have preference, not included in respondent percentage.
- Matt Hastie: There is a lot of raw data to go through.

- Zechariah: Are there any other bias in the survey?
- Kyra: Recreation activities that people would like LO to provide. 20% prioritized pickleball. This was an open ended response and will need to look deeper.

Focus Groups: Between October and December 10 focus groups were held to identify more specific community needs and priorities; Luscher Area Stakeholders, Pickleball, Recreation & Sports, Youth Action Council, Diversity-Equity & Inclusion, Friends of Parks, Natural Resources & Sustainability, School District, Accessibility, Youth Advisory Board.

Community Event: Parks Plan 2040 Community Open House

On November 14, 2023 the project team held a community event to share information about the project and gather community input on systemwide needs and project goals.

- The event included:
 - Informational Poster Stations
 - Goal Prioritization Exercise
 - Needs Map Exercise
 - Kids Station
 - What is Missing Station

Engagement questions and comments:

- Jennifer: Did anyone ask about splash pads?
- Matt H: Yes, splash pads did come up.
- Kara: Great presentation!
- Kara: What is water access? Could it be a splash pad?
- Greg: Participation numbers on 11/14 skew results?
- Kyra: People like to go to events compared to representation of community survey.
- Matt H: At the ACC event, older population participated, skewed the results.
- Greg: Splash pad demographics are younger.
- Kyra: Innovative & unique play areas for splash pads.
- Jeff: Staff have been talking about splash pads for 3 to 4 years.

Evaluating Park Access:

Evaluates park service based on the actual routes and distances people must travel to get to parks or recreation facilities. The Parks Plan 2040 access analysis will consist of three parts:

1. Done: Map existing parks and recreation facilities.
2. In Process: Identify areas that are served and unserved by parks.
3. In Process: Identify the gap areas with the greatest need.

Evaluation Park Access questions and comments:

- Diya: By adding more access will that result in cutting down trees?
- Kyra: Depends on how you add access and are there essential services.
- Ivan: What are the access points? Where do we need to create access? Balance of both natural resources.
- Doug: 2025 Plan – some neighborhoods don't have access to parks. Still is part of the problem.
- Greg: How many parks don't have trails, trail connections?
- Kyra: Inside parks, most have trails. Need to do mapping
- Matt H: Sometimes access points vs. where people live could be a problem. Mapping will help map this.
- Kara: Can you do trails under tree canopy? Some natural areas need better trails built and entry areas.
- Matt H: Once mapping is done we will see this. Can produce access point map.
- Ed: Parking? Parking lots and school areas...Need to develop parking areas.
- Doug: LO – multifamily housing – Is there coordination with park access near development?

- Kyra: Planned future.
- Matt H: See where the gaps are. Take maps and see where gaps are and larger development. Taking this into consideration.
- Kara: Eastside/Westside... What is access?
- Matt H: Can you get there in a 10min walk?

Strategic Framework:

Provides guidance for developing and implementing Parks Plan 2040 to ensure that decisions align with the community's vision and priorities. Vision/Goals/Objectives/Recommendations.

GOAL 1: ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES

GOAL 2: INVEST IN PARKS, NATURAL AREAS, AND RECREATION FACILITIES

GOAL 3: SERVE ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

GOAL 4: STEWARDSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATIONS

GOAL 5: A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT SYSTEM

GOAL 6: A CONNECTED SYSTEM

GOAL 7: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

Strategic Framework questions and comments:

Goal 1:

- Kara: DEI Goals – Can some of the goals be ability to serve?
- Kyra: Find creative ways to build in essential services.
- Greg: Who is historically underserved in LO
- Matt: Low income, discrimination (people of color), disabilities (less access).

Goal 2:

- Ivan: Change out preserve vs. conserve.
- Rebecca: Is Cooks Butte have access? Meadow is overgrown.
- Doug: Chapter 10 – Guide on chapter 10. Nature Park?
- Kara: Mapping and topography.
- Matt H: Mapping will inform needs of access.
- Greg: Topography layer?
- Matt: Is not integrated into mapping. It may be challenging. We have the data.
- Kyra: Training staff how to explore, test trails for challenge level.

Goal 3: (new goal not in PP 2025)

- Greg: ADA – Sensory – How do we consider these types of programs?
- Matt H: Some parks need area that may be quieter.

Goal 4:

- Doug: Grant Funding?
- Matt: Part of process and update SDC's.
- Ed: Parks funding LORAC – large amounts of maintenance – hire people? Operation and maintenance for programs – allocations. Ensure funding across the board.

Goal 5:

- Kara: Conserve, change from preserve.
- Rebecca: Educational pathways with signage.
- Ed: Invasive species can't get rid... Remove "get rid of" wording. Replace with "manage".
- Matt H: Reduce the coverage...

Goal 6 (new goal for PP 2040):

- Kyra: Biggest thing heard in groups, "tell us what is there" – accessibility info.
- Ed: Access w/ disability...
- Kara: Interconnectivity...
- Ed: Access – Need trail signage. Intertwine has good signage.

Goal 7:

- Kara: include Lake Corp.
- Ivan: Put in Chapter of plan
- Ed: Tryon State Park collaboration with City?
- Matt H: Yes, collaborate with other Oregon agencies.
- Ivan: Collaborate the mapping
- Kyra: Revised classification system
- Rebecca: Accessibility – Parking (concert shuttle service)

Next Steps:

- Equity and Service Area Mapping
- City Council Briefing (January 2, 2024)
- Needs Assessment
- CAC & PRNAB meeting #3 TBD

NAMING RECOMMENDATION:

Ivan Anderholm, Director of Parks & Recreation

Proposed name, Lake Oswego Recreation and Aquatic Center (LORAC):

The proposed name, Lake Oswego Recreation and Aquatics Center (LORAC), accurately reflects the multifaceted nature of the facility. It succinctly captures both the recreational and aquatics aspects, providing a clear and comprehensive description of the center's purpose. This transparency ensures that community members and visitors alike can easily identify the range of activities and amenities offered within the facility.

Proposed name for the renovated golf course club house, Oswego Hall:

The City of Lake Oswego's Facility Naming Policy emphasizes the importance of names that have historical or cultural significance, contribute to a sense of community identity, and reflect the purpose and use of the facility. In light of these criteria, "Oswego Hall" is a fitting choice for several reasons.

Historical Significance: Lake Oswego has a rich history, and the name "Oswego" pays homage to the city's heritage. By incorporating "Oswego" into the clubhouse's name, we celebrate the community's roots and contribute to a sense of historical continuity.

Community Identity: The name "Oswego Hall" fosters a strong sense of community identity by directly connecting the facility to the city it serves. This not only aligns with the Facility Naming Policy but also reinforces a shared pride among Lake Oswego residents.

Reflecting the Evolving Purpose: The renovated clubhouse is transitioning from a traditional golf facility to a versatile space serving as a rentable community venue, flexible recreation programming space, and a community meeting area. "Oswego Hall" conveys the transformation and modernization of the space while maintaining a connection to the community.

Versatility and Inclusivity: The name "Oswego Hall" is broad enough to encompass a variety of activities and events, making it an inclusive and versatile choice. This aligns with the evolving nature of the clubhouse, which is designed to serve diverse community needs beyond its original golf-related functions.

Proposed name for the Golf Course, Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course:

The Lake Oswego the Lake Oswego Municipal (Public) Golf Course, aligning with the principles outlined in the Lake Oswego Facility Naming Policy. This proposal is grounded in considerations of transparency, accessibility, community engagement, and conformity with established naming guidelines.

Transparency and Clarity: The proposed name, Lake Oswego Municipal (Public) Golf Course, communicates a clear message about the nature of the facility. The inclusion of "Municipal" highlights the public and community-driven aspect of the golf course, emphasizing that it is a city-owned and

operated space. This transparency ensures that residents and visitors understand the public nature of the facility, aligning with the Lake Oswego Facility Naming Policy's emphasis on clarity.

Community Engagement and Accessibility: Designating the golf course as a municipal and public facility underscores its accessibility to all members of the Lake Oswego community. The name encourages inclusivity, inviting residents of diverse backgrounds and interests to engage in recreational activities. This aligns with the policy's commitment to fostering a sense of community and ensuring that public spaces are open and welcoming to all.

Historical Continuity and Community Identity: By incorporating "Lake Oswego" into the name, we maintain a sense of historical continuity and strengthen the connection between the golf course and the local community. This alignment with existing naming conventions contributes to a cohesive identity for public spaces within Lake Oswego, reinforcing a shared sense of pride and ownership among residents.

Promotion of Community Recreation: The name Lake Oswego Municipal (Public) Golf Course emphasizes the recreational aspect of the facility, encouraging community members to view the golf course as a space for leisure and enjoyment. This aligns with the city's commitment to promoting an active and healthy lifestyle among its residents.

- Ed: Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course – Public Welcome
- Ivan: Maintain the Historic name. Market the course and use Dan Hixson's name. Have some options. The name fits the course, for the people and having access.

Action:

Doug McKean moved to adopt the names presented. Kara Gapon seconded the motion. The Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Advisory Board (PARKS Board) unanimously approved the names for the Lake Oswego Recreation Aquatic Center, Oswego Hall and Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course.

TOP 3 THEMES FOR 2024 GOALS:

Co-chairs, Jason Dorn and Doug McKean

2024 Priority Areas:

1. Continued Natural Areas Management
2. Funding for Luscher Farm access to parking and other prioritized capital improvement projects.
3. Incorporating DEI recommendations concerning access to parks, facilities, and programs.

2023 Accomplishments (discussed at November meeting)

1. Capital Improvement Plans (CIP): Effectively set the CIP prioritization list for Parks.
2. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI): Established a working group to develop an implementation framework for DEI and the Parks Department with a focus on expanding access to amenities to historically marginalized and underserved communities.
3. Public Engagement and Outreach: The Board supported engagement with youth, programming, and work internship opportunities.

DISCUSS B&C SUMMIT FRAMEWORK:

B&C Summit @ the ACC January 11, 2024

City is trying a new version of Summit. The new version will be an interactive workshop as Board members and Councilors move from station to station as a mixed cohort with conversation prompts. The goal is to treat Summit as an engagement tool to receive direct feedback from the community liaisons (B&C members), realign everyone to work towards shared outcomes, and foster the feeling of shared ownership for the year ahead. Summit will mark a reset for the year ahead for both Council and B&Cs.

What needs to be done before Summit?

Provide a short snapshot of the work accomplished this last year, along with top themes or ideas that the Board would like the City Council consider in their 2024 goal setting session. These can be general concepts, or more specific projects related to the Parks Board. Answers will be formatted into one page per board and commission to be shared with Council.

CHAIR NOMINATION:

Doug asked the members of the board to consider a position of co-chair for the 2024 calendar year. If interested or wish to be nominated contact Dina Balogh to be added to the ballot. The board will vote for the co-chair at the January meeting to serve alongside Jason Dorn for the 2024 calendar year.

STAFF AND BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE:

NA

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 4 to 6 p.m.

Doug McKean adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:09 pm.

Prepared by, Dina Balogh, Administrative Assistant

