

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Members
Patricia Alvarez, Chair
Ronald Woodhead, Vice-Chair
Fran Cordeiro-Settell
Stephanie Hendrickson
Eden Foster
Connie Moczygemba
Deanna Casey



February 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Central Point City Hall, Council

Chambers

140 S 3rd St, Central Point, OR

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10. Meeting Called to Order

20. Roll Call

30. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of November 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

40. Changes to Agenda

50. Public Appearances

60. Business

- A. Creekside Conceptual Plan Review - Public Meeting
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- B. Athletic Field Use Prioritization Policy Review
Nikki Petersen, Recreation Manager
- C. Park Signage: Bilingual Signs (English/Spanish) - Policy Discussion
Matt Samitore, Parks and Public Works Director
- D. Central Point Cemetery Signage - Sign Color Recommendation
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- E. Don Jones Memorial Park - New Playground Surfacing Review & Recommendation
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- F. Park and Recreation Commission Youth Member
Nikki Petersen, Recreation Manager

70. Updates

80. Upcoming Meeting Date

Thursday, May 15, 2025

90. Adjournment

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**CENTRAL POINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

November 7, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Central Point City Hall, Council Chambers
140 S 3rd St, Central Point, OR

10. Meeting Called to Order: Patricia Alvarez, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

20. Roll Call:

Present: Patricia Alvarez, Chair; Ron Woodhead, vice-chair; Stephanie Hendrickson; Eden Foster; Fran Cordeiro-Settell; Connie Moczygamba; Deanna Casey; Mike Parson, city council representative.

Staff Present: Matt Samitore, Parks and Public Works Director; Dave Jacob, Parks Planner; Nikki Petersen, Recreation Manager; Michell Duddy, Recreation Coordinator.

30. Approval of Minutes

A. Patricia asked that the date for the minutes and a typo be corrected. With those changes, Mike moved that the August 15, 2024 meeting minutes be approved as presented and Deanna seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Patricia Alvarez; Eden Foster; Fran Cordeiro-Settell; Connie Moczygamba; Deanna Casey
Abstain: Ron Woodhead; Stephanie Hendrickson. Voting No: None

40. Changes to Agenda

No Changes to the agenda.

50. Public Appearances

No public appearances.

60. Business

A. Field Usage: Staff requested that this business item be tabled until a future meeting due to need for additional research.

B. Central Point Little League Update: Nikki provided an update on the Central Point Little League Field restoration project. Grass has been planted and berms and fencing installed on the two front fields. The old concession stand will be removed in the next few months and a new concession facility and restrooms have been partially completed. Scoreboards have been ordered and a new entrance sign has been designed. Matt said that they will be budgeting for phase 3 of the project which will be replacing the three fields in the back of the facility and should be completed by early 2026.

C. Central Point Municipal Code: Title 4 – Park Ordinance Reorganization: Dave reported that existing park ordinances were located throughout the municipal code. The purpose of this effort would be to move all park related ordinances under Title 4: Parks. The chapters to be moved included Chapter 9.68 Rules and Regulations for Publics; Chapter 8.32 Bear Creek Greenway; Chapter 8.36 Skate Park Guidelines and a new ordinance Park Violations – Expulsion Remedy. Dave reviewed the purpose of each ordinance and the process for moving them into Title 4. Mike asked about if smoking was allowed in park and if there was a penalty for not picking up dog waste. Dave said smoking was not allowed in parks and staff will check on penalties for violations. Ron suggested that code should be discussed related to the Little League Fields and the community center. Ron had also suggested that sole use of the gazebo should be made explicit in the code.

Ron moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Central Point Municipal Code: Title 4 - Parks Ordinances Reorganization subject to any revisions by staff and/or city attorney and forward it to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Eden seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Patricia Alvarez; Ron Woodhead; Stephanie Hendrickson; Eden Foster; Fran Cordeiro-Settell; Connie Moczygamba; Deanna Casey; Voting No: None

Don Jones Memorial Park – Playground Design Recommendation & Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Approval: Dave reported that Don Jones Memorial Park – Regional Park and Most Popular. The existing playground is over 15 years old and due for replacement. Staff contacted three playground design companies and provided project criteria and received three designs and cost estimates for review. As to public involvement, a city newsletter article and a public survey had been sent out over the summer. After review of all information, staff recommends the equipment and design from Landscape Structures/Ross Recreation Equipment. The reasons for this are that (1) Landscape Structures is an industry leader in creating accessible elements that not only accommodate children with physical limitations but also engage children of all abilities. (2) A consistent theme in public feedback was the need for shade at the playground site. The Landscape Structures design incorporates shade structures throughout to improve sun protection for users. (3) The new design will use a turf fall material for most of the play area, which will not only enhance accessibility but will the surface will also stay cooler during hot summer months, providing a more user-friendly surface. Dave reported that the city would be applying for funds for the project through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Departments Local Government Grant Program and request Commission support for the application.

Deanna asked if the trees along parking area would be removed as part of the construction process. Matt said we would do an analysis of the existing trees to see if they needed to be replaced. Ron said that he has been impressed with Landscape Structures playground equipment which holds up well. Eden expressed concerns about the surfacing. Areas of concerns are temperature and use of plastic materials that may result in outgassing, microplastics, and inability to recycle the material. Dave said that he would provide additional information for the commission related to the surfacing. Ron suggest that sub-group meet prior to the February meeting to make a recommendation.

Eden moved that the Central Point Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Landscape Structures/Ross Recreation Equipment playground design for Don Jones Memorial Park and that the Commission also approve staff submitting a funding proposal to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – Local Government Grant program to support project implementation with the stipulation that a small group of park and recreation commissioners meet with staff to provide a recommendation at the February meeting. Ron seconded the motion. Subgroup will be Eden, Ron, and Deanna. Dave will schedule a meeting with the group.

Voting Yes: Patricia Alvarez; Ron Woodhead; Stephanie Hendrickson; Eden Foster; Fran Cordeiro-Settell; Connie Moczygamba; Deanna Casey; Voting No: None

E. Park and Recreation Commission Election of Officers & Review of Commissioner Terms: Dave reported that Chair and Vice-Chair would need to be selected and approved for a one year term by City Council at their January meeting. Deanna moved the current chair and vice chair serve for another term and Eden seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Patricia Alvarez; Ron Woodhead; Stephanie Hendrickson; Eden Foster; Fran Cordeiro-Settell; Connie Moczygamba; Deanna Casey; Voting No: None

Dave said Fran would not be returning as a commissioner due to family issues. The commission thanked Fran for her service.

70. Updates

Creekside Conceptual Plan Review: Dave said that the plan will be come to the commission in February for review and will forwarded to City Council for final approval. Ron asked what the status of the planning area was as far as bringing it into city limits. Matt said that the Bose neighborhood was within the city limit but the park area is still outside. The city is waiting on the Division of State Lands to complete the wetland delineation process for the city. Until this is completed the properties cannot be annexed. Once this is complete it will take another six months for planning staff to complete the annexation process. Development cannot occur until this process is complete. Matt reminded the commission that this property is designated in multiple planning documents as a regional park site.

Central Point Cemetery Signage: Dave will bring the cemetery signs back for review in February.

Community Center: Underground work has begun and other bids have been opened and most have come in under budget. The largest bid for interior work has been pushed out due to the level of interest in the project. Project seems to be on schedule at this point.

Special Events: Nikki reported that Veterans Day event will be held on November 11 at Don Jones Park at the Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial. Community Christmas

Light Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7. Liam's Trunk or Treat was a great success with the largest turnout ever.

Recreation Program: Nikki introduced Michelle Duddy as the new recreation coordinator. Work is nearly complete on the Winter/Spring recreation guide and classes are going well.

80. Upcoming Meeting Date: February 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

90. Adjournment: Patricia meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

implemented in phases as funding becomes available. The Parks and Recreation Commission has the following options:

- Approve the Creekside Conceptual Plan and forward to City Council with a recommendation to approve.
- Forward the Creekside Conceptual Plan to City Council without a recommendation.
- Table the Creekside Conceptual Plan.

Staff recommendation: Park Commission approval of the the Creekside Conceptual Plan and forward the plan to City Council with a recommendation to approve.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. CREEKSIDE CONCEPT PLAN For Park Commission 2-4-25

Legend
Legenda

- Central Point Property
Central Point Propiedad
- Existing Contour Line (2-foot)
Línea de contorno existente (2-pies)
- FEMA 100-year Floodplain
Inundación de 100 años de FEMA
- FEMA Floodway
Cauce de inundación de FEMA
- ADA Accessible Path
Camino accesible para discapacitados
- Decomposed Granite Path
Camino de granito
- Wood Chip Path
Camino de astillas de madera
- Vehicle Gate; Controlled Access
Puerta para vehículos; acceso controlado
- Boardwalk
Paseo marítimo
- Park Access Point
Punto de acceso al parque
- New Structure
Nueva estructura

- Vegetation**
Vegetación
- Meadow
Pradera
 - Existing Woods
Maderas existentes
 - Proposed Trees
Árboles propuestos
 - Demonstration Garden
Jardín de demostración
 - Activity Zone
Zona de actividad
 - Riparian Restoration Area
Restorar la vegetación ribereña
 - Signage
Señalización
 - Art Installation
Instalación de arte
 - Magical Spot/Learning Station
Lugar mágico/área de enseñanza

- Parking Lot
Estacionamiento
- Information Kiosk
Puesto de información
- Picnic Area
Área de picnic
- Restrooms
Baños
- Drinking Water
Agua potable
- Nature Overlook
Mirador de la naturaleza
- Pollinator Garden
Jardín de polinizadores
- Nature Play
Parque de la naturaleza
- Outdoor Classroom
Aula al aire libre





CONCEPTUAL PLAN NARRATIVE

The concept design for the Creekside Natural Area creates a place where Central Point residents can interact with nature. The design focuses on providing outdoor passive recreation and hands-on environmental education. The design aims to ensure public accessibility, allowing people to have direct and meaningful experiences with the natural environment, with wildfire resiliency being an important element.

Design elements include a new structure that would provide classroom space, restroom, and drinking water. An indoor-outdoor classroom, greenhouse, and native plant research nursery would be located on the northern end of the site. Access would be available for school groups from the adjacent Land Lab, where bus parking would be available.

The northern end of the property would have a picnic area, a nature play area, gathering circle, and demonstration garden. Views to the Table Rocks and Bear Creek will be framed by vegetation and a new welcome area will greet visitors at the entrance to the property at the corner of Raymond Way and Old Upton Road.

Access to the riparian area would be formalized with new soft-surface walking paths, overlooks, and places to interact with the creek. New trails throughout the property will provide alternative routes and multiple options to explore the area. Throughout the Natural Area, a series of "magical spots" will serve as learning stations, for kids and adults to learn about various aspects of the natural environment. Wayfinding, educational signs, and artwork would be incorporated throughout the property. Opportunities exist to involve indigenous community members in placemaking throughout the property.

Preserving and restoring the natural spaces is a crucial objective of the park design. Existing groves of mature trees will be protected, while removing large patches of invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry. Higher elevations of the property would be restored to native upland vegetation with drought-tolerant trees dispersed throughout a re-seeded meadow of native grasses and forbs. Riparian vegetation will be restored, to include establishing native understory plants that will provide habitat for birds and insects while keeping out invasive species.

El diseño conceptual del Área Natural de Creekside crea un lugar donde los residentes de Central Point pueden interactuar con la naturaleza. El diseño se centra en proporcionar recreación pasiva al aire libre y educación ambiental práctica. El diseño tiene como objetivo garantizar la accesibilidad del público, permitiendo a las personas tener experiencias directas y significativas con el entorno natural, siendo la resiliencia a los incendios forestales un elemento importante.

Los elementos de diseño incluyen una nueva estructura que proporcionaría espacio para aulas, baños y agua potable. Un aula interior y exterior, un invernadero y un vivero de investigación de plantas nativas se ubicarían en el extremo norte del sitio. El acceso estaría disponible para grupos escolares desde el Land Lab adyacente, donde habría estacionamiento para autobuses.

El extremo norte de la propiedad tendría un área de picnic, un área de juegos en la naturaleza, un círculo de reunión y un jardín de demostración. Las vistas a Table Rocks y Bear Creek estarán enmarcadas por la vegetación y una nueva área de bienvenida dará la bienvenida a los visitantes en la entrada de la propiedad en la esquina de Raymond Way y Old Upton Road.

El acceso a la zona ribereña se formalizaría con nuevos senderos de superficie blanda, miradores y lugares para interactuar con el arroyo. Los nuevos senderos en toda la propiedad proporcionarían rutas alternativas y múltiples opciones para explorar el área. A lo largo del Espacio Natural, una serie de "fincones mágicos" servirán como estaciones de aprendizaje, para que niños y adultos aprendan sobre diversos aspectos del entorno natural. La orientación, los letreros educativos y las obras de arte se incorporarán en toda la propiedad. Existen oportunidades para involucrar a los miembros de la comunidad indígena en la creación de espacios en toda la propiedad.

Preservar y restaurar los espacios naturales es un objetivo crucial del diseño del parque. Se protegerán las arboledas de árboles maduros existentes, al tiempo que se eliminarán grandes parches de especies invasoras como la mora del Himalaya. Las elevaciones más altas de la propiedad se restaurarían a la vegetación nativa de las tierras altas con árboles tolerantes a la sequía dispersos por una pradera resembrado de pastos y hierbas nativas. Se restaurará la vegetación ribereña, lo que incluye el establecimiento de plantas nativas del sotobosque que proporcionarán hábitat para aves e insectos y mantendrán alejadas a las especies invasoras.



Design Elements

- Furnishings (benches, tables, trash/recycle)
- Vegetation Restoration
- Wayfinding & Signage
- Safety Features (gates; fencing)
- Trails & Boardwalk; overlooks
- Restroom & Drinking Water
- Indoor-Outdoor Classroom
- Greenhouse & Plant Nursery
- Public Art
- Wildfire Mitigation

Engagement & Events

- Tree Planting, Riparian Restoration
- Blackberry Removal
- Adopt-a-Pollinator-Garden
- Bird / Nature Walks
- Educational Programming
- Kids Art (mosaics, painting)
- Native Plant Gathering & Native Foods
- Murals & Public Art
- Park Steward / Park Ranger

Program

- Nature Watching
- Pollinator Gardening
- Picnicking
- Nature Play
- Outdoor Classroom
- Nursery and Research Gardening
- Creek Access / Viewing
- Hiking /Walking

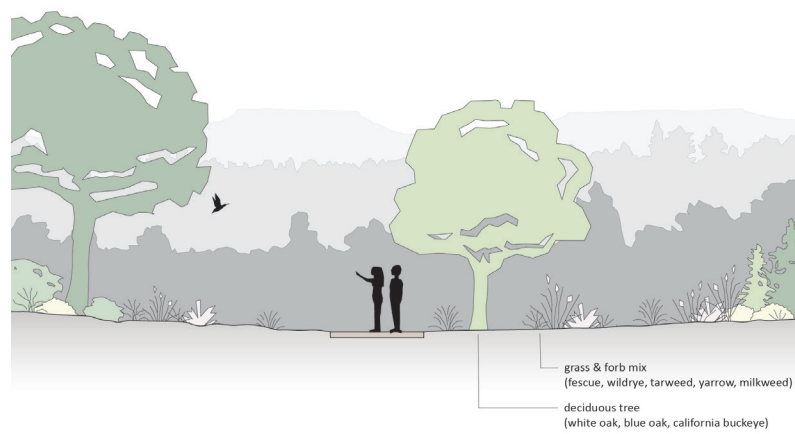


CREEKSIDE CONCEPTUAL PLAN

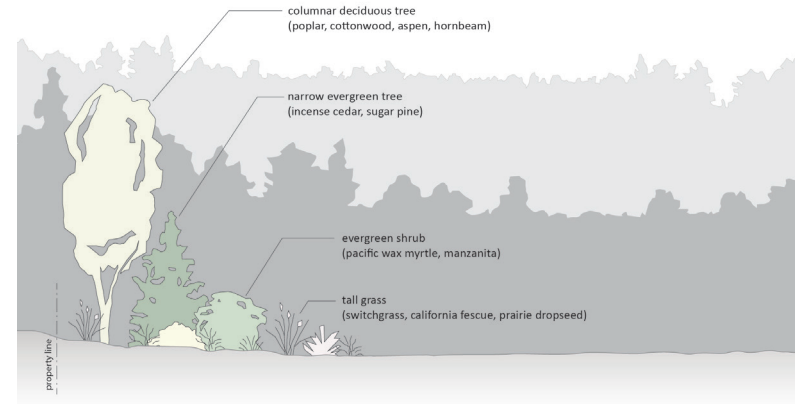
The concept design for the Creekside Natural Area focuses on providing outdoor recreation and education throughout the property. Programmed activity would focus on the north end of the property with an outdoor classroom, greenhouse, native plant research nursery, picnic area, nature play area, a gathering circle, and demonstration garden. Access to the riparian area would be formalized with new walking paths and places to view and interact with the creek. The south end of the property would be available for use in conjunction with Central Point School District, with access provided from the adjacent Land Lab. Artwork would be incorporated throughout the property.

El diseño conceptual del Área Natural de Creekside se centra en proporcionar recreación y educación al aire libre en toda la propiedad. La actividad programada se centraría en el extremo norte de la propiedad con un aula al aire libre, un invernadero, un vivero de investigación de plantas nativas, un área de picnic, un área de juegos en la naturaleza, un círculo de reunión y un jardín de demostración. El acceso a la zona ribereña se formalizaría con nuevos senderos para caminar y lugares para ver e interactuar con el arroyo. El extremo sur de la propiedad estaría disponible para su uso en conjunto con el Distrito Escolar de Central Point, con acceso proporcionado desde el Land Lab adyacente. Las obras de arte se incorporarían en toda la propiedad.

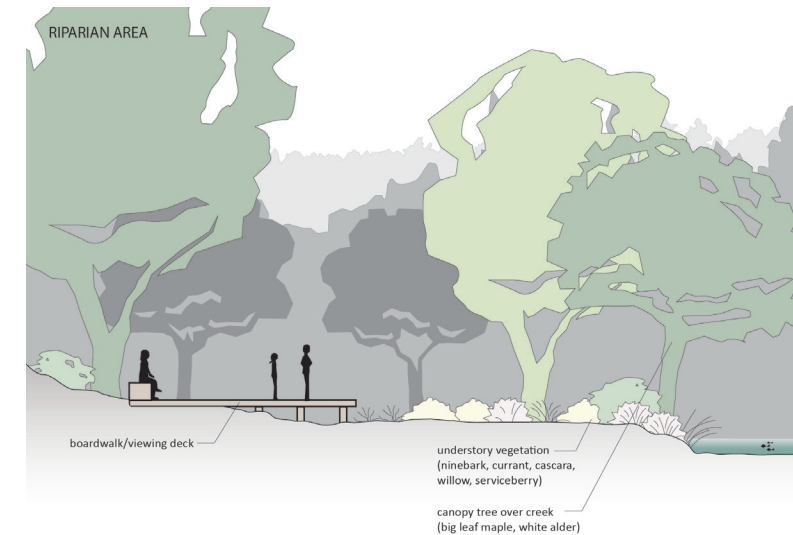
RESTORED MEADOW/UPLAND



VEGETATED SCREEN AT PROPERTY LINE



RIPARIAN AREA





DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Nikki Petersen, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Athletic Field Use Prioritization Policy Review

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a structured and transparent classification system for approving field use by various community groups. This system ensures fair and efficient allocation of City facilities while providing clear guidelines for priority usage and fee assessment.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. Field Usage policy



**City of Central Point Parks & Recreation
Field Use Classification and Priority Policy**

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a structured and transparent classification system for approving field use by various community groups. This system ensures fair and efficient allocation of City facilities while providing clear guidelines for priority usage and fee assessment.

Field Use Classification System:

The following classification system is established to prioritize field use and determine applicable fees for different user groups:

Group	Priority	Description
A	First Priority	City-sponsored or co-sponsored programs and meetings including City of Central Point programs and classes.
B	Second Priority	Non-profit organizations and service groups that have a contract with the Central Point Parks & Recreation Department or other City departments such as Central Point School District.
C	Third Priority	Non-profit organizations and service groups not affiliated with the Central Point Parks & Recreation Department or City departments including non-commercial general public reservations.
D	Fourth Priority	Commercial usage, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For-profit groups and events• Groups charging event fees

Policy Implementation:

1. **Scheduling & Approval:** Field reservations will be scheduled based on the above priority system, with Group A receiving the highest priority and Group D the lowest.
2. **Fee Structure:** Fees will be established in the most recent fee schedule approved by resolution of the city council.
3. **Reservation Requirements:** All users must comply with City regulations, including insurance and liability requirements where applicable.
4. **City Discretion:** The City of Central Point reserves the right to deny or adjust reservations based on maintenance schedules, special events, or unforeseen circumstances. Reservations may be made up to six months in advance of the date of the scheduled event.



5. The Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management Department reserves the right to cancel any reservation due to circumstances beyond their control. This would include acts of nature and other such events which make use of the facility unsafe for the users or would be detrimental to the facility. If a group has reserved an area on an “on-going” basis for a period of time, and another event desires to use the facility, the Department may need to make some adjustments to the on-going reservation to accommodate other members of the community.”

Tie-Breaking Criteria for Field Use Requests

In the event of a scheduling conflict between two groups of the same priority level, preference will be given based on a combination of factors, including community impact, fair access, and equitable scheduling. Priority may be given to programs that serve a greater public benefit, such as youth-focused activities or free and low-cost community events. When multiple groups frequently request the same time slots, scheduling may be rotated to ensure fair access. Additionally, preference may be given to local organizations over non-local ones. The City of Central Point Parks and Recreation Department has discretion to determine if additional criteria should be taken into consideration at the time of field allocation. If all other factors remain equal, priority will be determined on a random draw. All applications submitted for the scheduling season will be evaluated at the same time and will not be evaluated on a first-come first-served basis. The City of Central Point Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to make the final decision based on overall community needs and field availability.

Nikki Petersen
Recreation Manager

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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Matt Samitore, Parks and Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Park Signage: Bilingual Signs (English/Spanish) - Policy Discussion

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Department is exploring the possibility of incorporating bilingual signage (English and Spanish) in city parks and seeking direction from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Currently, all park signage is in English only. Given the city's diverse population, providing multilingual signage could enhance accessibility and inclusivity for all residents and visitors. Staff is considering this change for the following reasons:

- **Demographics & Inclusivity:** According to recent census data, a significant portion of Central Point's population speaks Spanish as a primary or secondary language. Providing signage in both English and Spanish would improve communication and accessibility for these community members.
- **Enhanced Safety & Compliance:** Bilingual signs can ensure that all park visitors clearly understand park rules, safety guidelines, and emergency information, reducing the risk of misunderstandings and non-compliance.
- **Community Engagement:** Multilingual signage reflects the city's commitment to inclusivity and respect for diverse cultural backgrounds, fostering a greater sense of community belonging.
- **Precedent & Best Practices:** Many municipalities have adopted bilingual signage as a best practice for improving park user experience and ensuring equitable access to public spaces.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

None



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Central Point Cemetery Signage - Sign Color Recommendation

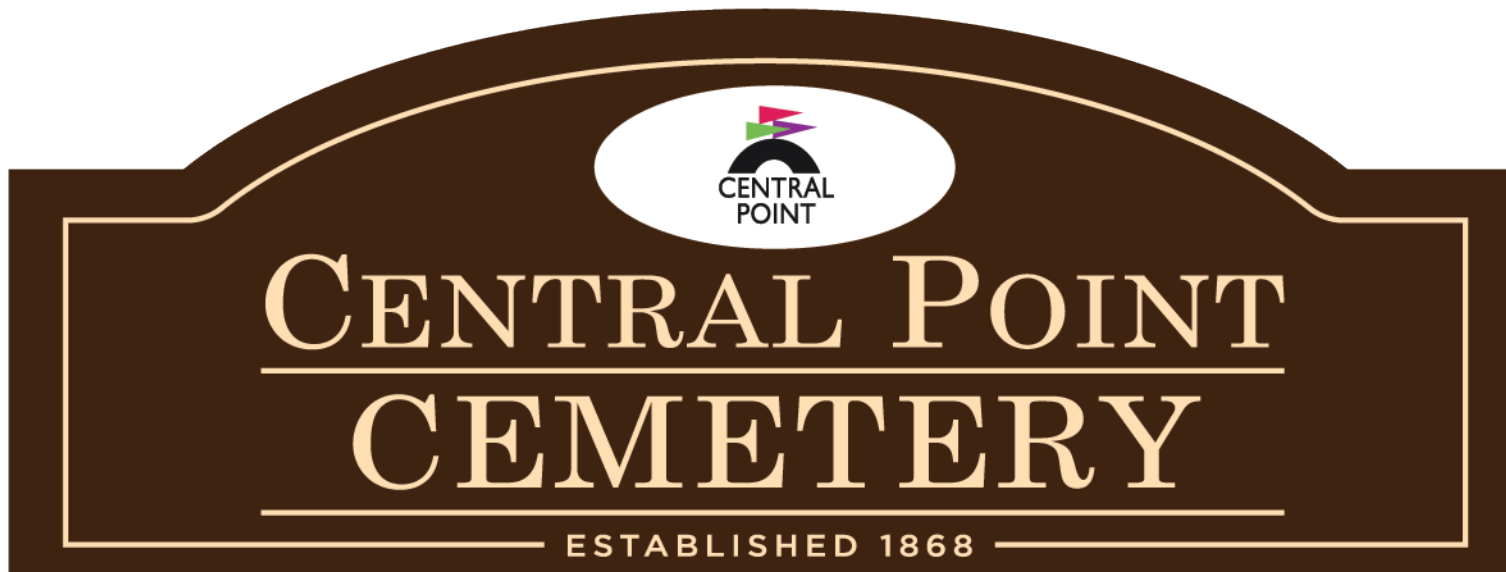
SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

Ownership of the Central Point Cemetery was transferred to the City of Central Point in December 2022. While a great deal of work has been done to restore the historic cemetery, the existing cemetery signs are still in place and are overdue for replacement. Funding for the signs will be split between the Central Point Parks and Recreation Foundation and city funds. A new sign design consistent with other city park signs was presented to the Park and Recreation Commission in August 2024, but there were questions concerning the sign color due to a somewhat confusing staff report. The purpose of this discussion is to select an appropriate sign color for the cemetery.

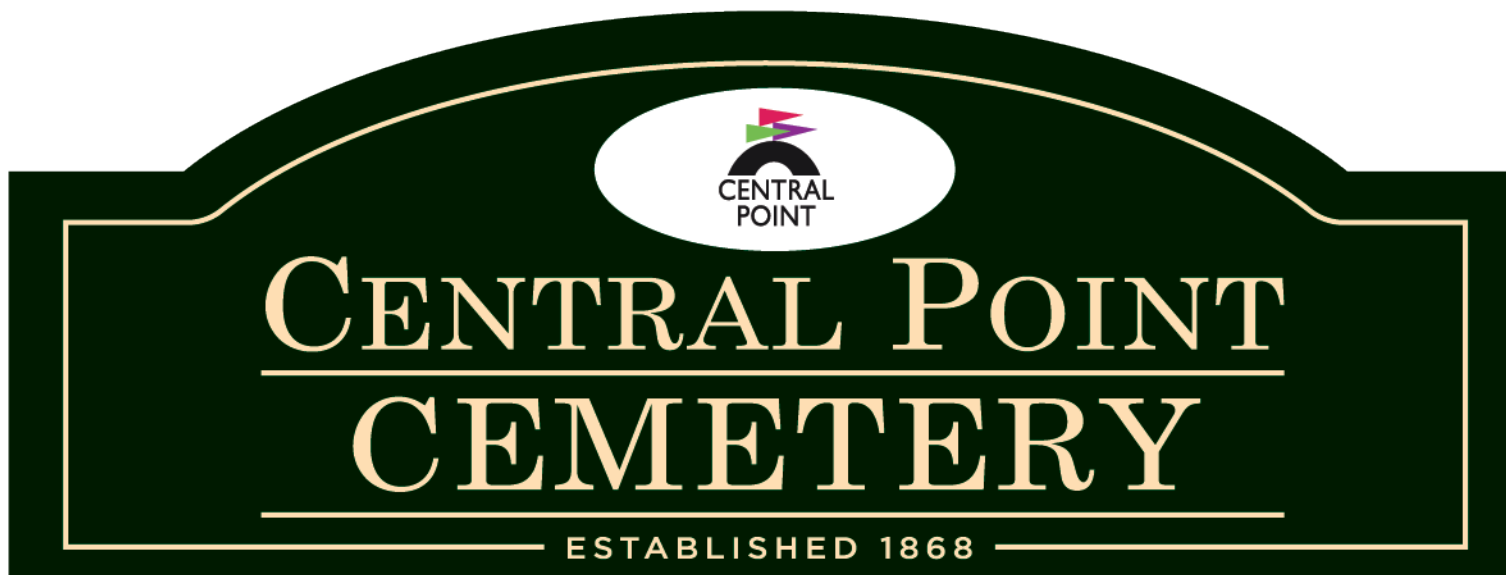
ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. Central Point Cemetery Sign Colors

A



B





DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Don Jones Memorial Park - New Playground Surfacing Review & Recommendation

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

At the November 7th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, staff presented a recommendation for a new playground design for Don Jones Memorial Park. While the design and a grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department were approved by the commission, there were concerns expressed about the type of playground surfacing that had been selected. These concerns were related to proposed use of a playground turf which might result in outgassing, microplastics, and excessive heat. A subcommittee consisting of Eden Foster, Ron Woodhead, and Deanna Casey agreed to meet with staff to review surfacing options. In January, the subcommittee met with staff who provided an overview of surfacing options and related costs for each. Ross Recreation provided information related to environmental and surface heating issues for each type of material. Staff also reached out to other park managers through the National Recreation and Parks Association online forum with questions concerning their experience with playground turf. Overall the experience of most park agencies has been positive. A follow-up meeting with the subcommittee was held and consensus was reached that the playground turf was a suitable material for the playground and rather than doing a mix of turf and wood fiber, it would be best to use playground turf for the entire facility.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

None



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Nikki Petersen, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Park and Recreation Commission Youth Member

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

We believe that involving a youth member in our city's Parks and Recreation Commission is crucial for fostering a diverse and inclusive approach to planning and decision-making that reflects the interests and needs of all generations. By including the perspective of a young person, we ensure that our parks and recreational spaces evolve in ways that are both forward-thinking and aligned with the aspirations of our youth. A youth member can provide valuable insights that might otherwise be overlooked, helping shape a more vibrant and engaging community. Here are some reasons why a youth member would be a great addition to our commission:

- **Fresh Perspectives:** Young people often bring innovative ideas and creative solutions that can inspire new initiatives or enhance existing programs.
- **Representation of Youth Needs:** A youth member ensures that the voices of younger generations are heard, promoting recreational opportunities that are relevant and engaging for youth.
- **Increased Community Engagement:** Young members can serve as liaisons to their peers, encouraging more youth participation in local parks and recreation activities.
- **Leadership Development:** Serving on the commission gives young people the chance to develop important skills such as teamwork, communication, and civic responsibility, helping to cultivate future community leaders.
- **Promoting Diversity and Inclusion:** Youth representation adds an important dimension of diversity, helping to ensure that the interests of all age groups are considered in the planning of public spaces.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. Youth Commission Member - Medford Example



Medford Parks and Recreation Commission Youth Commission Member Ordinance

2.461 Parks and Recreation Commission

(1) The Parks and Recreation Commission shall consist of ten voting members and one nonvoting ex officio member, as follows:

(a) Voting members: Nine members-at-large, and one youth member who shall be a student from a high school listed in Section 2.470(1). The youth member shall retain membership so long as the member is in regular attendance at a high school during the school year which falls within the one-year term.

(b) Nonvoting member: the Parks and Recreation Director.

(2) Voting members of the Commission, other than the youth member, shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council for terms of three years, except that shorter terms may be used to stagger appointments so that the terms of three members expire each year. The youth member shall be appointed by the Mayor for a one-year term. Three-year terms for members other than the youth member shall begin February 1 and expire January 31. The one-year term for the youth member shall begin July 1 and expire June 30.

(3) The Parks and Recreation Commission shall adopt rules of procedure, as necessary, and shall by resolution establish either a regular meeting date or rules of procedure under which meetings may be called. Five voting members shall constitute a quorum.

[Amd. Ord. No. 7064, February 6, 1992; Amd Ord. No. 7369, April 15, 1993; Amd. Ord. No. 2000-128, July 6, 2000; Amd. Sec. 10, Ord. No. 2010-81, Apr. 15, 2010; Amd. Sec. 12, Ord. No. 2012-157, Oct. 4, 2012; Amd. Sec. 10, Ord. No. 2013-003, Jan. 3, 2013; Amd. Sec. 3, Ord. No. 2018-71, July 5, 2018 (effective Jan. 1, 2019).]

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