

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

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



August 21, 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 May 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

40. Changes to Agenda

50. Public Appearances

60. Business

A. Public Meeting: Petition for a Dog Park at Forest Glen Park
Dave Jacob, Park Planner

B. City of Central Point Urban and Community Forestry Planning & Program
Development Program
Dave Jacob, Park Planner

C. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board - Technical Assistance Grant
Proposal: Bear Creek RM 4.5 Design and Permitting Project
Dave Jacob, Park Planner

70. Updates

80. Upcoming Meeting Date

Thursday, November 6, 2025

90. Adjournment

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



May 29, 2025

6:00 PM

Central Point City Hall, Council Chambers

140 S 3rd St, Central Point, OR

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1 Meeting Called to Order

2 Roll Call

The following members were present: Board Chair Patricia Alvarez, Board Member Ron Woodhead, Board Member Deanna Casey, Board Member Connie Moczygamba, Board Member Eden Foster, Board Member Stephanie Hendrickson

The following staff were also present: Michelle Duddy, Matt Samitore, Dave Jacob

3 Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of ____ Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 20th meeting were reviewed. A few typos were noted:

- In the second paragraph, "father hazard" should be "fire hazard"
- On page 5, item C should say "bilingual signs" instead of "bilingual sings"

Motion: Approve

Moved By: Eden Foster

Seconded by: Deanna Casey

Roll Call: Members Patricia Alvarez, Ron Woodhead, Deanna Casey, Connie Moczygamba, Eden Foster, Stephanie Hendrickson voted yes. None voted no.

4 Changes to Agenda: None

5 Public Appearances: None

6 Business

A. Park Capital Budget 2025-27 Review

Matt Samitore presented the 2025-27 Parks Capital Budget. He noted this was the same presentation given to the budget committee recently. Key points included:

- The city does 2-year budgets, which can be challenging to predict. Budget amendments are possible if needed.
- The finance director recently resigned. A new finance director from Talent will be starting in mid-June.
- Major projects planned in the budget include:
- Greenway expansion - opportunity to purchase 25 acres from ODOT
- Willow Bend Park - new park coming online in the next 2 years
- Don Jones Park improvements - converting tennis courts to pickleball courts
- A new dedicated parks supervisor was hired, starting July 7th
- ADA compliance upgrades planned for Don Jones Park and Twin Creeks Park
- Matt noted he will send out the ADA Compliance Initiative information to Commission Members per Patricia's request
- The new community center opening has been delayed to August-November 2026 due to supply chain issues
- Preschool plans at the community center may be challenging to start in 2026 due to the delayed opening
- Moore Fields improvements continuing, with dedication planned soon
- Little League participation has increased significantly

Matt also discussed staffing changes, recreation programming plans, and budget projections for parks and recreation divisions.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission Student Voting Member - Resolution and Selection Criteria Review

Dave Jacob presented on adding a student voting member to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Key points included:

- Purpose is to amend ordinance to change commission membership
- Goals include promoting youth civic engagement and providing a youth perspective
- Proposed changes:
 - Add 1 youth member age 16-18 as voting member
 - Must be Central Point resident and high school student
 - 1 year term, potentially extendable to 2 years
 - Application process through mayor's office
 - \$1000/year scholarship provided

The commission discussed and recommended several changes:

- Expanding eligibility to students outside of Crater High School
- Lowering minimum age to 15 to allow more sophomores to apply
- Making it a 2-year term, with second year subject to commission approval
- Mentorship of the youth member by at least 2 Commission members - Ron, Eden, and Patricia volunteered
- Adding requirements for orientation and attending other city meetings and at least one major event (i.e. Made in Southern Oregon)

Dave said he would revise the ordinance based on the feedback and recirculate it before sending to City Council.

A motion was made to recommend the amended ordinance to City Council:

Motion: Approve

Moved By: Ron Woodhead **Seconded by:** Patricia Alvarez

Roll Call: Members Patricia Alvarez, Ron Woodhead, Deanna Casey, Connie Moczygemba, Eden Foster, Stephanie Hendrickson voted yes. None voted no.

7 Updates

Dave Jacob provided updates on several park projects:

- Creekside and Central Point American Greenway plans were reviewed with City Council recently
- Working with watershed council on grant for restoration work
- Contracting for conceptual plan of bike park element
- Surveying and grading work completed on eastern boundary
- Still exploring options for dog park location
- New classes being offered on the Greenway
- New cemetery mowing contractor doing excellent work
- Cemetery improvement committee starting bench donation program

Eden provided an update on Parks Foundation activities:

- Working on bench and picnic table donation program
- Focused on new pollinator garden at Flanagan Park
- Offering recreation program scholarships
- Community garden improvements at Don Jones Park
- Underwriting outdoor programs on the Greenway
- Seeking new board member, preferably younger park user

Matt noted they are waiting to hear back on a \$700,000 grant application for playground equipment at Don Jones Park.

Michelle provided a brief recreation update, noting upcoming 4th of July events and summer camps starting.

8 Upcoming Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m.

9 Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn

Moved By: Patricia Alvarez

Seconded by: None

Roll Call: Members Patricia Alvarez, Ron Woodhead, Deanna Casey, Connie Moczygamba, Eden Foster, Stephanie Hendrickson voted yes. None voted no.

The foregoing minutes of the May 29, 2025, Council meeting were approved by the City Council at its meeting of _____, 2025.

Dated:

Patricia Alvarez

ATTEST:

Staff



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Public Meeting: Petition for a Dog Park at Forest Glen Park

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

At the June 12, 2025 Central Point City Council meeting, Don Chandler, a Central Point resident, presented a petition requesting the addition of a dog park at Forest Glen Park. The petition included approximately 300 signatures in support of the proposal. City Council requested that Mr. Chandler present the petition to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration at a future meeting. Following the Council meeting, Parks staff met with Mr. Chandler to review the petition and discuss the public input process. Staff explained that there would need to be a public outreach process to gather information from residents living near Forest Glen Park. A public meeting would be scheduled for the August 21, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with announcements sent to those living near the park. Community members would also be able to submit comments via email, phone, or regular mail prior to the meeting. At the meeting, staff will also provide an overview of general dog park design and operational recommendations to help inform discussion. No final decision on the proposed Forest Glen Park dog park is expected at this public meeting. The Commission will provide direction to staff on gathering and presenting additional information about the potential Forest Glen site as well as evaluating other potential dog park locations within the city.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. Petition for a Dog Park, Forest Glen Park, Central Point OR

Petition for a Dog Park
Forest Glen Park, Central Point, OR
(Gatepark Drive)
June 12, 2025

- **We, the undersigned residents of Central Point, Oregon, respectfully petition the City Council, Parks and Recreation Department, and other relevant authorities to establish a designated, fenced dog park within our community and walking distance. The desired location would be best suited in the grassy area between the ditch and the basketball court. The second desired area would be located across the waterway from the basketball court. Between these two designated areas, one would be for smaller dogs.**

Included in your packet:

Map of the designated area

Additional signature page (over 300 on file with the city)

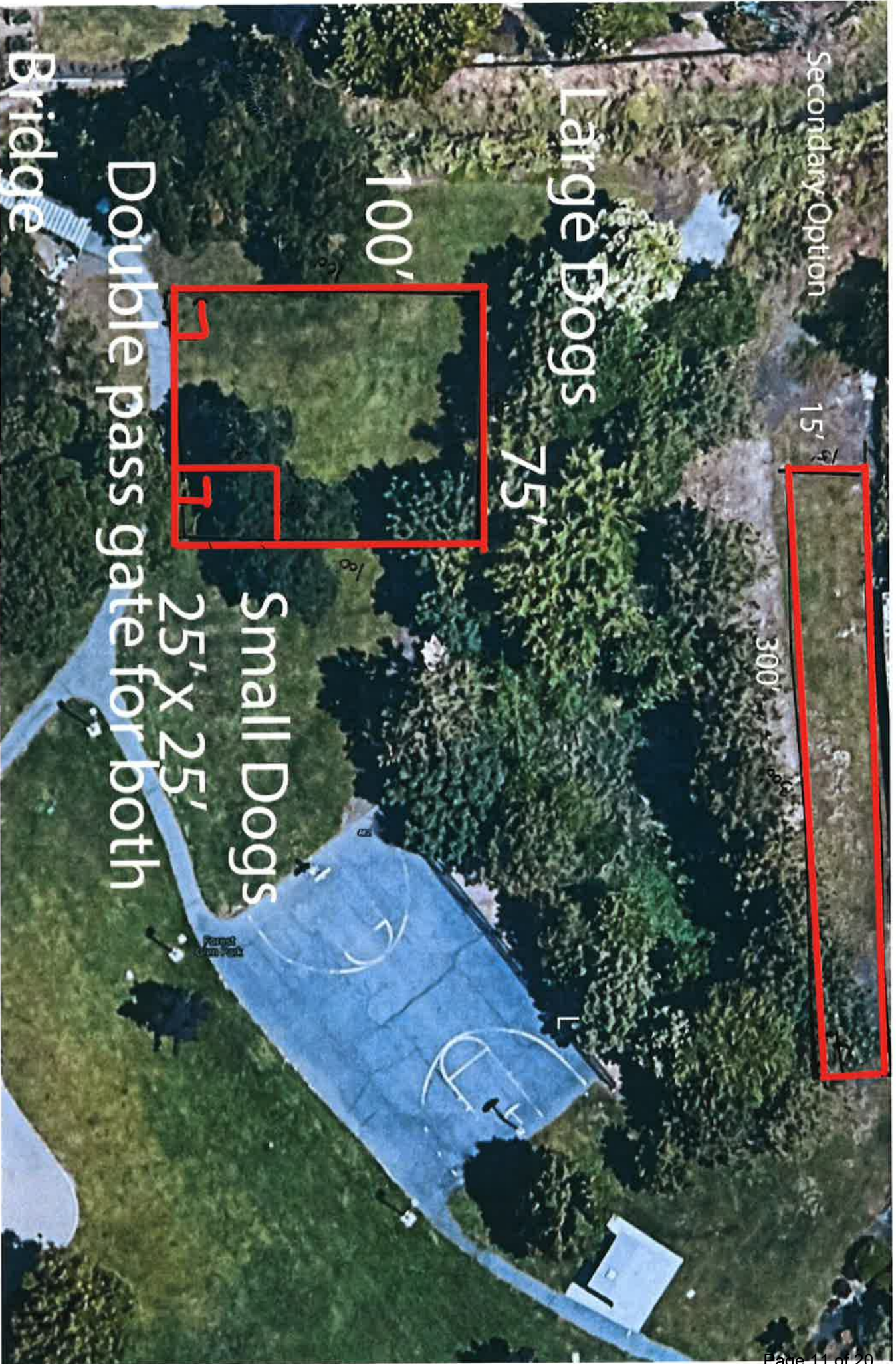
Construction costs

- **We believe a dog park would significantly enhance the quality of life for our residents and their canine companions while fostering a stronger sense of community.**
- **This dog park would provide a safe, supervised environment for dogs to exercise, socialize, and play off-leash, promoting their physical and mental well-being while keeping others safe.**

- **We believe this dog park would alleviate the pressure on existing parks, where dog owners often face challenges finding suitable spaces for their dogs to exercise and socialize.**
- **Socialization and exercise in a controlled environment can help dogs develop better manners and reduce unwanted behaviors.**
- **We will maintain the dog park's cleanliness and support efforts to ensure proper waste disposal.**
- **We understand the importance of safety and will work with the city to implement appropriate safety measures, such as clear signage, designated areas for different dog sizes, and regular maintenance.**
- **We urge the City Council and relevant authorities to seriously consider our request and take steps to establish a dog park in Forest Glen Park. Our community members continue to ask about its status.**
- **If approved, we must discuss cost, construction, and potential donations. We have already done some of that work.**

Thank you,

Rhonda Klug and Don Chandler



Secondary Option

15'

300'

Large Dogs

75'

100'

Small Dogs

25' X 25'

Double pass gate for both

Bridge

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The Positive Impact of Dog Parks on Communities: A Collaborative Perspective

Co-authored by Mark Gorman of TAILS & ALES

Dog parks are more than just playgrounds for our furry friends to frolic; they are vital community spaces that foster engagement, promote health, and enhance social interactions. In this collaborative blog post, we explore how dog parks positively impact communities and highlight the amazing work being built at TAILS & ALES.

Community Engagement

- **Building Connections:** Dog parks serve as social hubs where pet owners can meet and interact. These interactions often start with casual conversations about their pets, leading to deeper connections and friendships. BarkPass, with its innovative dog park management software, makes it easy for communities to manage registrations and ensure a safe environment, fostering a sense of community spirit.
- **Community Events:** Tails & Ales, a unique blend of dog park, coffee shop, and bar, hosts various events that bring people together. From adoption fairs to social gatherings, these events create opportunities for community members to engage in fun and meaningful activities while including their pets. BarkPass supports these efforts by streamlining event management and communication.
- **Shared Responsibility:** Maintaining a dog park requires collective effort. Pet owners often collaborate to keep the park clean and safe, empowering community members with a sense of shared responsibility and pride in their space. BarkPass's software helps manage these responsibilities efficiently, ensuring everyone plays their part.

Health Benefits for Pets and People

- **Physical Exercise:** Regular visits to the dog park encourage physical activity for both dogs and their owners. Dogs get the exercise they need to stay healthy, while owners benefit from walking, staying active, and playing with their pets. This physical activity can help reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease, and other health issues.
- **Mental Well-being:** Spending time outdoors and exercising can significantly improve mental health. For pet owners, the joy of watching their dogs play and socialize can reduce stress and enhance overall well-being. Tails & Ales Tulsa provides a relaxing environment where both dogs and humans can unwind and enjoy the moment.

Social Aspects for Dogs and Humans

- **Socialization for Dogs:** Dog parks provide a safe environment for dogs to socialize with other dogs. These interactions are vital to their development, helping them learn appropriate behaviors and reducing the likelihood of aggression and anxiety. Tails & Ales Tulsa ensures a safe and enjoyable experience with trained attendants monitoring the park.
- **Social Interaction for Humans:** For pet owners, dog parks offer a unique opportunity to meet people with similar interests. These interactions can lead to lasting friendships and a stronger sense of community. BarkPass's user-friendly platform facilitates these connections by making park management seamless and efficient.

The Benefits of Play

- **Physical and Mental Stimulation:** Play is essential for a dog's physical and mental health. Activities like running, fetching, and playing with other dogs help keep them fit and mentally sharp. Play also provides an outlet for excess energy, reducing destructive behaviors at home.
- **Strengthening Bonds:** Playing with their dogs allows owners to strengthen their bond with their pets. This interaction builds trust and reinforces the human-animal connection, contributing to a happier and healthier relationship.
- **Stress Relief:** For both dogs and their owners, play is a great way to relieve stress. The carefree environment of a dog park allows everyone to unwind and enjoy the moment, promoting a sense of happiness and relaxation

Conclusion

Dog parks are invaluable assets to any community. They provide a space for social interaction, promote physical and mental health, and offer numerous benefits through play. By fostering community engagement, enhancing health, and facilitating socialization, dog parks contribute significantly to the well-being and cohesion of the communities they serve. BarkPass and Tails & Ales Tulsa exemplify how innovative management and a welcoming environment can make dog parks a cornerstone of community life.

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO City of Central Point	PHONE 541-301-0656	DATE March 26, 2025
BILLING ADDRESS 140 S. 3rd St	JOB NAME Dog Park Project	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Central Point, OR 97502	JOB LOCATION Central Point, OR	
ATTENTION Donald Chandler	EMAIL chandlerdonald07@gmail.com	CELL

We hereby submit specifications and estimate for:

Option #1

Installation of 420' of 4' high chain link fencing, 15 - terminal posts and 4 - walk gates.

Budget: \$11,000.00

Option #2

Installation of 650' of 4' high chain link fencing, 8 - terminal posts and 2 - walk gates.

Budget: \$13,000.00

Note: Does not include prevailing wage.
Others to move irrigation as needed.

***** DUE TO CURRENT MARKET INFLATION PROPOSAL IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AFTER 14 DAYS FROM PROPOSAL DATE. *****

We Propose hereby to furnish materials and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

Payment to be made as follows:

BALANCE DUE UPON COMPLETION.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workman-like manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be excluded only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. QJ workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation insurance. This proposal is also subject to all terms and conditions contained on the reverse side hereof.

Authorized Signature: 
Daniel Betschart tk

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 14 days

Acceptance of Proposal--All prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above. I have read the entire contract and agree to its content.

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Note: Quality Fence Co. not responsible for any damage to anything in or below the ground or concrete. This includes private water line, electrical line, sprinkler systems, etc. Your signature indicates that you fully understand the limits of Quality Fence Co. responsibility.

Date of acceptance: _____



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: City of Central Point Urban and Community Forestry Planning & Program Development Program

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

In November 2024, the Oregon Department of Forestry awarded a grant to the Central Point Parks Department to fund the Central Point Urban and Community Forestry Planning and Development Project. This funding was made available through the federal 2024 Inflation Reduction Act. The purpose of the project is to build a strong foundation for a healthier, more sustainable urban forest. While the City of Central Point has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 12 years, the city lacks a formal urban forestry plan, and its tree management practices are challenged by limited data and the growing impacts of climate change. This project will focus on the city's underserved neighborhoods and three Title 1A elementary schools, but it will benefit the entire community with the long-term goal of improving the city's tree canopy, updating city policies, and providing educational opportunities so that our community may better care for our trees. Staff will review project elements and the role the Parks and Recreation Commission may play in the project.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

None



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board - Technical Assistance Grant Proposal: Bear Creek RM 4.5 Design and Permitting Project

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The City of Central Point and the Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC) are partnering on an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Technical Assistance grant proposal that, if funded, will prepare design plans and permits for a floodplain re-connection and habitat restoration project along 20 acres and ½ mile of Bear Creek, including enhancement of a secondary channel. The Creekside site is city-owned and will eventually become a nature park with trails, an education center, and public creek access. Current issues related to the project site include degraded riparian forest and wetlands, poor floodplain connections, simplified creek channel, altered hydrology, and impaired water quality. Potential community benefits if the project is implemented will include improved habitat for fish and wildlife, enhanced water quality for downstream drinking water providers, and improved public recreation and education opportunities. The grant proposal was submitted in early August and funding decisions will be made later this fall.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. OWEB Technical Assistance Grants - Bear Creek RM 4.5 Design and Permitting Project - Proposal Summary

Application Name: Bear Creek RM 4.5 - Design and Permitting

Abstract:

This project will occur on City of Central Point property in Jackson County, Oregon. Central Point recently acquired property at Bear Creek RM 4.5 and approached RRWC to assist in project development and eventually lead the implementation of a floodplain reconnection project at the site. The Bear Creek sub-basin retains partially functioning ecological conditions, however it faces limiting factors including degraded riparian forests and wetlands, lack of floodplain connectivity, simplified channel structure, altered hydrology, and impaired water quality, especially important for downriver drinking water providers. Technical assistance is needed to support project planning and development of a floodplain reconnection project on 20 acres and along ½ mile of Bear Creek, including ½ mile of secondary channel enhancement, engage public and private landowners, secure engineering services to develop an alternatives analysis and a cost-opinion, leading to final designs suitable for permitting. Project partners include the City of Central Point, Rogue River Watershed Council, US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cascade Stream Solutions, LLC, and the Bear Creek Restoration Initiative.

TA Need:

The City of Central Point observed the recently completed floodplain reconnection project at Bear Creek RM 19.0 and is seeking assistance to implement a similar project. Central Point recently acquired property at Bear Creek RM 4.5 and approached RRWC to assist in project development and eventually lead the implementation of a floodplain reconnection project at the site.

Technical assistance is needed to support project planning and development, engage public and private landowners, secure engineering services from Cascade Stream Solutions, LLC, to develop an alternatives analysis and a cost-opinion, leading to preliminary and final designs suitable for permitting, including county, state and federal permits. Furthermore, a cultural resources survey contractor will be secured to perform a survey throughout the project area, complete the associated tribal consultation, and prepare a final report that includes an inadvertent discovery plan.

The city plans to use the site as a nature park and developed a site plan with a system of trails, education center, and access to the Bear Creek riparian area. Due to limited funds, this phase of the project has not been implemented at this time. Maintenance on the site has been limited to treating non-native species, primarily Himalayan blackberry. Currently, a portion of the project site is being used by the Direct Involvement Recreation Teaching (DIRT), an environmental education nonprofit organization.

As a result of this technical assistance funding, the RRWC will lead a technical team of local, state and federal partner organizations through the project development process to a point where the team is prepared to apply for implementation funding.

Proposed Actions:

Action #1

Convene a project technical team of project partners, conduct community outreach, and lead the project development process.

The first step in achieving the project goal will be establishing a technical team of (City of Central Point, RRWC, ODFW, Jackson County, Forest Service, Cascade Stream Solutions) and conduct community outreach to ensure cooperation and engagement from interested parties. This will focus on building on existing relationships and fostering collaboration, critical for ensuring that the project aligns with the project goal and community interests. This team will include local, state, and federal partners. The team will have direct input into project development and designs, permitting, and future implementation. The team's diverse expertise will ensure that all action items are addressed effectively. This team will convene shortly after project initiation and meet on a regular basis to monitor progress, make recommendations, and adjust project design details as needed.

Action #2

Secure an engineer to acquire drone-based Lidar and aerial imagery, and complete topographical ground surveys to inform project designs.

Cascade Stream Solutions will fly the Bear Creek RM 4.5 project site with an M300 drone and use a LiDAR (RESEPI XT32M2 sensor) to obtain data for the site. The LiDAR point cloud will be processed using LiDAR360 to classify the data. Bare earth data will be used to develop surface models of the site.

Surfaces will consist of Digital Elevation Models and Triangulated Irregular networks. Orthophotographs for the sites will be obtained using a drone with a 42 mp full frame camera. The individual images will be processed using PPK and an orthophotograph of each site will be developed using Pix4Dmatic.

GeoExpress compression software will be used to compress the image into a more easily managed format. The resulting ground sampling distance for each pixel will be about 1.5 cm.

Action #3

RRWC and Cascade Stream Solutions, LLC, will produce a 30%, 65%, and final design, an engineer's opinion of cost, and a Technical Memo supporting the final design process.

The Technical Team will develop alternatives for treatments to enhance and restore ecological and biological function to the project site. Project partners, the technical team, and the City of Central Point will review the alternatives and select the preferred alternative. Cascade Stream Solutions will develop a final design and engineer's opinion of cost. RRWC will use the technical memo and final designs to inform the process of securing future implementation funding.

Action #4

Complete cultural resources survey and report and the associated tribal consultation, including an inadvertent discovery plan, and prepare the associated local, state, and federal project permits.

RRWC will contract the cultural resources inventory and the consultant will complete tribal consultation with support from the RRWC and federal partners. It is expected the technical team will develop a permitting pathway and project permits will be obtained through state and federal partners prior to implementation.

Action #5






Riparian Restoration Plan on 20 acres of the floodplain to improve water quality, stream processes, and aquatic and terrestrial habitat through direct and indirect pathways.

The RRWC will develop a Riparian Restoration Plan that will guide the rehabilitation of roughly 20 acres of streamside forest with an understory dominated by blackberry, reed canary grass, and other species. RRWC staff will develop the plan in consultation with the City of Central Point that will meet permitting requirements and that considers both ecological and social factors given the urban location. In this context, the riparian plan will describe a "Release and Recruit" strategy for these acres. It involves controlling noxious weeds with chemical and mechanical methods (Release) and preserving the existing and sprouting native plant community once the heavy blackberry infestation is not outcompeting the native plants for light and nutrients, allowing for natural recruitment again (Recruit). Social factors will be considered, specifically that the City of Central Point intends to use the site as a nature park with a system of trails, education center, and access to the Bear Creek riparian area. Additionally, public safety will be considered in developing the plan, emphasizing the need for long term stewardship of the site and maintaining line of sight for public safety and access for emergency personnel.



Bear Creek RM 4.5 - Concept Design

Legend

-  Creek
-  Secondary Channel
-  Project Area
-  Large Wood Structure
-  Creekside Park
-  Project Location

