



PARKS COMMITTEE • AGENDA

March 15, 2017 (Wednesday) • 5:30 p.m.

Redmond Public Works • Transportation Conference Room
243 E. Antler

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gary Parks
Chair

Jenny O’Keefe
Vice-Chair

Bill Braly
Member

Ross Centers
Member

Emily Fitch
Member

Richard Lance
Member

Nick Olson
Member

Council Liaison
Tory Allman

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Items not on Agenda)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Teen Tank Proposal – Evan Eby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2017 Meeting

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

1. Introduction of New Parks Committee Member
2. Discuss the Potential Ban on Pets on Sports Fields

UPDATES

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Scheduled Meeting May 17, 2017

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**Park's Committee – Draft Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017**

Redmond Public Works, Transportation Conference Room
243 E Antler Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Committee Members Present: Gary Parks, Bill Braly, Richard Lance, Nick Olson,

Committee Members Absent: Jenny O'Keefe, Ross Centers

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

City Staff: Annie McVay, *Parks and Public Works Administration Divisions Manager*; Bill Duerden, *PW Director*; Curt Petersen, *Parks, Cemetery, & Building Maintenance Supervisor*; Staci Black, *Public Works*

Council Liaison: Tory Allman

Visitors: Rick Torassa, Jason Solheim, , Gerris (sic) Allman, Katie Hammer

Media: None

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS

- Gary Parks called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. with a quorum of members (4 of 6) present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Redmond Little League, Rick Torassa and Jason Solheim. Here to discuss an issue with dog owners using the sports fields as a dog park and not cleaning up after their dogs and having them off of their leash. Prior to each practice and games the little league staff and coaches walk the fields to clean up the dog feces. Unfortunately, not all of it is seen, there have been instances where the kids have either stepped in it or slid in it. There have been instances where Rick and/or Jason have engaged the dog owners and have informed them that there is a dog leash law and that they are supposed to clean up after their dogs. Some people will put the dogs back on the leash and there are some that refuse to follow the leash law and have become very argumentative with the staff of the little league.

Suggestion: 1. There are two areas at Umatilla where a dog park could be constructed. The bios wells which is still in the complex, or outside the fence on the South East side. Erect some fences and keep them off the fields. It would need to be enforced by the Police Department. If the off leash law is enforced and citations are written it should help deter them from using the fields for dog parks. 2. Allow the little league to lock the gates closed during the league season which is about 3 to 4 month out of the year. The league officials and coaches would have the combination so they can open them and prepare them for games and practices. The little league would also like to see a new ordinance adopted that "all dogs prohibited from sports fields", but it would need to be enforced.

Committee members were not in full agreement with locking the gates closed during little league season because it would not allow non-league residents to utilize the fields for ball practice or impromptu ball games. Bill Braly suggested using a mediation organization in order to open a dialog between the little league and the dog owners. Have a neutral 3rd party canvas the neighborhood in order to make contact with the dog owners in the area and get them to attend a meeting. Bill has spoken with Community Solutions out of Bend.

It was discussed to put in some security cameras to monitor the situation. It is definitely something we can try.

It was discussed to remove the gates from the back fields, however this brings up several safety issues of keeping people and young children from wondering on the fields while a game is in progress. The parks staff have locked the gates open in the past and a resident or residents have cut the locks so they can close the gates.

It is recommended to explore mediation and to put up a sign stating "These gates will be locked on XX date during little league season. A community discussion will be held on XX date." If there is no involvement from the dog owners to addend mediation then the gates will be locked closed during little league season.

Everyone agrees there is no easy solution.

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Bill Braly moved to have the city post signs at Umatilla that says “this field is going to be locked up for the remainder of baseball season starting XX date, however on XX date there will be a community meeting to discuss possible solutions.” Richard Lance 2nd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion 2** (4/0/0): Bill Braly moved to approve the January 18th, 2017 minutes, Richard Lance 2nd.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

1. **Motion 3** (4/0/0): Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2017; Richard Lance nominated Gary Parks for Chair. Bill Braly 2nd the motion.
Motion 4 (4/0/0): Richard Lance nominated Jenny O’keefe Vice-Chair.
2. Discuss the Parks Capital Improvement List and beginning to Prioritize Projects –There are several projects from this fiscal year that will carry over into the next fiscal year.

Carry Over Projects:

- a. Homestead Canal Project
- b. Quince Park Improvements
- c. Merry-go-round that the Kiwanis fundraised for
- d. Parks Master Plan Consultant

New Projects:

- a. Hayden park toy structure replacement. The current structure is deteriorating and is becoming a hazard.
- b. Dry Canyon access pilot project. This access will be directly across from the high school. We would partner with the school to use their parking lot during non-school hours. It will entail making a safer cross walk, having a little plaza gateway with benches and attractive landscaping. This will help access to Hope Playground and Bowlby. Richard would like to see if in the future an ADA path could be constructed down into the Dry Canyon. Nick brought up an option of working with Oregon State University Cascades Engineering Program for their senior projects. Every year there are senior design projects. A project gets proposed to the seniors and they take on the full design of the project, which is part of their senior design. The senior design projects are completed in the Fall and Spring terms.
- c. Dry Canyon -trail overlay. To be completed this year.

Review of the current CIP list.

- a. Quince Park Improvements – will be completed this year.
- b. Bowlby Site Design – update facilities/ADA compliance. Has a much higher price tag. The City applied for a grant last year and were not awarded. Due to the large price tag it may be put on hold for a while although it is a huge need.
- c. Kalama Park – fairly dated, but functional and gets a lot of use.
- d. Baker Park – fairly dated, but functional and gets a lot of use.
- e. Valley View Park – fairly dated, but functional and gets a lot of use.

What we need to decide in the next couple of meetings is what project comes next.

Large Scale Projects

- a. Central Dry Canyon Implementation – includes Spud Bowl parking, new uses proposed in Master plan, & Dog Park.
- b. Canyon Staircase – Maple bridge canyon access. The City applied for a grant but was not awarded. It is an important in order to add access into the canyon. Has a fairly large price tag.
- c. Canyon Trail – new overlay. Will be completed this year.
- d. American Legion – Phase 3; Basketball and Volleyball court.
- e. Hayden Toy Structure

UPDATES

1. Homestead Canal Trail Grant – Grant has been approved and we have a formal signed contract. The grant was accepted by the City Council on March 14th, 2017. When the trail is fully developed it will be about 5.3 miles going from Home Depot down to Ridgeview High School. Phase one was completed using an Oregon State Parks Grant and it goes from Home depot down to Maple Ave. This phase of the project will go from Maple Ave down to Dogwood and then from Highland Glacier down to Odem Medo. With the middle section being connected with the on street bike network. Future phases will continue from Odem Medo down to Ridgeview High School. There will be landscape updates along the trail as well as updates to crossings.

2. Quince Park Improvement Update – Received some great responses on the request for qualifications from contractors. Received 6 proposals, Buell Recreation was selected and the contract was approved by the City Council. Equipment will be ordered and are hoping to be completed by the end of summer. It includes a new play structure, swings and a new nature play area. We will also be adding a meandering path, a shade structure with picnic tables, and several benches throughout the park. The construction will be completed in phases. With the first phase being the replacement of the existing structure. The play structure area will be closed for about a month. Following that is when the new nature area will be constructed. With the entire project being completed by the end of summer.
3. Centennial Park Expansion Update – A task force has been developed and held their first meeting about two weeks ago and it was a really good meeting. They are just getting the process started. The first meeting was getting everyone familiar with the property. In two weeks they will be having an open house, March 29th at 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. People can come at any time to share ideas and what they think would be a good element to have in the park.
3. Parks Master Plan Update – The winter weather set things back a bit. The consultant was able to complete their assessment of all facilities last week. They will complete their report and things should start moving quickly from there. An open house for the parks master plan will be held on April 5th at 5:30 pm. Will be going over some of the surveys that have been done in the past. The consultant will be there to give an update on how they viewed our facility assessment and start to get feedback from the community.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Gary Parks adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm

Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

 Gary Parks
 Chair

 Annie McVay
 Parks/Public Works Administration Division(s) Manager



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DATE: April 27, 2017
TO: Parks Committee
FROM: Annie McVay
SUBJECT: Discuss Pets on Sports Fields

Report in Brief:

There has been increasing unlawful use of the sports fields for off-leash dog use and consequently excessive dog waste on the fields. The Committee will discuss a potential ban for pets on sports fields.

Background:

The Redmond City Code section 5.265 states that 'No animal, other than domestic cats, shall run at large, except in designated public off leash areas, regulated by the City of Redmond'. The Redmond City Code also states 'It shall be unlawful for a dog or an animal to deposit solid waste matter on any property other than that of the person owning or keeping said animal'. In response to community need and volunteer efforts, the City designated its first and only dog park in 2011 located in the Dry Canyon as a public space to allow dogs off leash. This is a heavily used facility.

Residents have been using public parks and grassy public spaces to walk and exercise their dogs. It is a common complaint that dogs are off leash in neighborhood parks, the cemetery and sports fields. The issue has been handled with increased signage, increased 'doggy bag' stations and patrols. In the past few years, the use of sports fields for off leash use has increased. Along with the increased use, the presence of dog waste on the sports fields has become more prolific. The Redmond Little League and other users have reported on increased conflicts with dog owners and the increased impacts of dog waste on children ball play and health concerns.

The Redmond Little League presented at the March 15, 2017 Parks Committee meeting on the magnitude of the issue and effects on sports fields users. In exploring the situation, staff posted on the National Recreation and Parks Association list-serv to hear feedback from other agencies facing the issue, the post and responses provided in Exhibit A. The City also posted signs on popular sports fields (American Legion, Bowlby, Spud Bowl and Umatilla) informing users of the issue and potential ban. The City also posted the issue and potential ban on its Facebook page. Both of these notifications invited interested stakeholders to attend the April 27, 2017 Parks Committee meeting or provide comments to a parks specific email. The Facebook comments and the one email received is presented in Exhibit B.

Discussion:

The Parks Committee will review public input received to date and discuss the need for, pros and cons and repercussions of a ban on pets on sports fields.

Exhibit A - Responses from the Recreation Profession Community

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Topic: Dogs on Sports Fields



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Ms. Deborah A. Summers

4 days ago [Oh yes we have a problem. BUT, we have signs on the fences stating "NO Dogs on sports fields" ...](#)

1. Dogs on Sports Fields

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[Ms. Annie McVay, CPRP, CPSI](#)

Posted 6 days ago

Reply to Discussion ▼

Hi All,

I am curious how many of you have policies or ordinances prohibiting dogs on sports fields. Aso the effectiveness of these policies and enforcement strategies. Along with any other advice or success stories you have on the topic.

Much thanks,
Annie

Annie McVay CPRP, CPSI
Parks and Administration Division Manager
City of Redmond
Redmond OR
(541) 504-2003

2. RE: Dogs on Sports Fields

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[Mr. Jack Holland](#)

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Posted 5 days ago

Reply to Discussion ▼

The City of Plant City, Florida, in [Chapter 50](#) of its Code, has the following restrictions concerning dogs in parks (including sports fields):

- **Sec. 50-4. - Rules of conduct.**
- In addition to other prohibitions of this Chapter and [Section 10-2](#), it shall be unlawful for any person in a public park or recreation area to:
 - (8) Cause or permit to run loose any animal.
 - (9) Fail to clean up and properly dispose of any droppings left by any animal.
 - (10) Cause or permit any animal, except for service animals, to be in areas of activity

with other participants or spectators present.

As with many other ordinances, a law enforcement officer must witness the violation. Signage at park entry points helps, but it is an ongoing problem for us, especially for folks new to our parks or programs.

Jack

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3. RE: Dogs on Sports Fields

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Kevin E.
Beckman,
CPRP

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Though most municipalities have domestic animal restrictions (including dogs) in parks and or athletic fields, where other cities are facing challenges, including ours, is when is when dog owners have their dogs running off the leash in the middle of the day on empty athletic fields and use the service animal excuse...which they could legitimately be a service animal but they are not providing the specific service to the owner at that time. Here is the ADA info on service animals....Service Animals...definitely something to keep in mind. The ADA info does state the animal must be under control but this includes voice control so that is somewhat of a loop hole for people to have dogs off of leashes and running around an athletic field in the middle of the day. We have asked the police to address but they are not comfortable in removing them, due to the ADA requirements and possible litigation.

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Service Animals

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4. RE: Dogs on Sports Fields

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Ms.
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Rubin,
CPRP

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Posted 5 days ago

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We recently changed our ordinances to allow dogs on leash at all public parks with some exceptions, including athletic fields. Our signage requests people keep their dogs away from spectator areas and bleachers as well. Many of our parks have hiking trails or other areas that are amendable to dog walking and the Recreation Commission wanted to be more supportive of this. So far it has worked very well. Here is the ordinance:

(Ord. No. 174, § 8, 9-16-91)

Sec. 70-74. - Animals; Regulations.

1. Cages and Leashes. No person shall have in his or her custody within a Park any animal that is not either caged, or on a leash and under the person's control; except that a dog may be under the direct supervision of its owner or their agent without a cage or a leash in an area designated as an off-leash dog exercise area.
2. Horses. No person shall ride or lead a horse other than in an area designated for horseback riding without the express written permission of the Commission or its designated representative.
3. Feeding Domestic Animals. No person shall feed any domestic animal other than his or her personal pet within a Park unless the Commission expressly authorizes such feeding by a posted sign or in writing.
4. **Exceptions. No animals are allowed on any athletic fields and at Lisicke Beach and Patriots Park.**
5. All persons bringing animals into any Parks, including designated off-leash areas, shall clean up after their animal. Persons failing to do so shall be subject to a penalty fine of \$25.00.

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5. RE: Dogs on Sports Fields

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[Jean Ostrander](#)

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Annie,

Lake Oswego just had our new Park Rules approved by the City Council last September. One of the rules (see 3d attached) does not allow for dogs on Athletic Fields. So this is all new to us and the public and we are just rolling out the educational process on this. A huge part of it is informing the youth sports user groups as they can get the word out to a lot families and citizens of LO and that they also enforce the rule when using the athletic fields. Also working on new signage for the parks.

LO only has one off leash dog park in the city. So we have opened 4 other natural grass areas as off leash areas that the "former" athletic field users can take their dogs as an alternative. [Off-Leash Area \(OLA\) for Dogs | City of Lake Oswego Oregon Official Website](#) This is currently on a trial basis. We have one Park Ranger that also helps to educate the public as well as our Community Resource Officers will help in the process.

Jean Ostrander
 Parks & Field Reservations Coordinator
 City of Lake Oswego Parks Maintenance
 Lake Oswego OR
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Attachment(s)



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6. RE: Dogs on Sports Fields

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Deborah
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Summers

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Oh yes we have a problem. BUT, we have signs on the fences stating "NO Dogs on sports fields" as well as PLAYGROUNDS. Yes, people take their dogs onto playgrounds too. It is in our Town code that the PR Department can do this and we have made it well know why. It is for health/sanitary reasons. Also, when a parent of one soccer player asks another parent who has their dog out on the field watching a game how they would feel if their son/daughter did a face plant into some feces or urine stain? That peer pressure usually works. All our major user groups are told at the team meetings at the start of the season NO DOGS ON THE FIELDS as well. We have to remind them when we start getting complaints. Humans do not follow rules very well.....so I have been told.

We also remind folks that this is why we have dog parks! Good luck.



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Exhibit B - Public Comment Recieved

From: [Bill Compton](#)
To: [Parks](#)
Subject: ball field closures
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:47:58 AM

I would like to comment on the proposed closures of city ball fields due to "alleged" dog problems.

I am a responsible pet owner and I walk my dogs all through the dry canyon in the vicinity of Highland Avenue daily. Without fail, I ALWAYS clean up after my dogs, and even go so far as to clean up other dogs waste if I encounter it. Pet waste bags are readily available just south of the pedestrian underpass, and there are plenty of garbage cans in the area, so there is no excuse for not cleaning up.

I am also a city tax payer. I do not believe the amount of city resources put into any of the ball fields should exclude any responsible resident from using them. I use the fields all year long, whereas the sports events only take up a small percentage of the year. I am not a fair weather walker, and we are out there 365 days a year, regardless of weather. My dogs and I were out there in knee deep snow this past winter when all the bats and gloves had been in closets for months. And yes, I clean up after my dogs, even in the worst of weather.

In closing, I would like to say that after reading the posting on the softball fields fence, I was amused at the use of the term "excessive dog waste". Subsequently we walked all three of the enclosed softball fields and did not encounter any waste whatsoever. I strongly urge you to deny a ban on the use of ball fields by the general taxpaying, responsible public.

Thank you.
William Compton
Canyon Dr.
Redmond, OR

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Most dog owners are responsible but some aren't...

We've been experiencing excessive dog waste and off-leash issues on the sports fields. The City will be discussing a ban on pets on sports fields at the next Parks Committee meeting.

You can attend the public meeting or provide comments to parks@ci.redmond.or.us

Thursday, April 27th

5:30 p.m.

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[Larry Flory](#) I'm a dog owner and I think it is time the city banned all dogs from sporting fields I have witnessed many irresponsible owners not picking up after their dogs or controlling them. The school district should follow suit.

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[Erin Buckley-Noonan](#) Agreed 100%! And this SHOULD go for school district fields as well.

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[Cherylee Marie Sickels](#) Again we must put more rules in place because of irresponsible people. This is what happens when you are a DumbA\$\$.

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[Ric Fondren](#) Don't you just love when people open the door early in the morning and let there dogs run the neighborhood. I have found donations in my front yard.

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[Susan LaChance](#) What happened to making people being accountable for their actions! We have ordinances, they USED to be strictly enforced! Makes people think twice about turning their dogs loose or not picking up after them! The fine used to be \$250!! Why do responsible owners or the community continue to have to suffer for the actions of the irresponsible? If you see someone violating the animal ordinances YOU can issue a citation! It does not have to be an officer. Let's all crack down on owners that just don't care!!

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[Jineen Meads Stone](#) It makes me so angry when responsible owners get ousted because of irresponsible owners don't comply to rules.

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[Susan LaChance](#) Exactly!!