



City Council Committee Meeting Agenda

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

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Tuesday March 15, 2021 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Citizen Comments
3. Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Heritage Park Project Prioritization

Zoom Information:

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

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**CITY OF STANWOOD
PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE: February 9, 2021
SUBJECT: March PTAC Agenda Topics
FROM: Carly Ruacho, Senior Planner

Heritage Park Project Prioritization

Heritage Park is seen as a regional destination within the city of Stanwood and surrounding area, serving its residents with activities such as baseball and soccer, a dog park and skate park, and opportunities for walking along the 0.5 mile multi-use perimeter trail. However, there is a need for more trails and better sports facilities within the community. Stanwood, for instance, faces an 85% deficit in trails compared to the national standard. Nearby Camano Island also has a median population age of 52.5 so improving accessible circulation and adding walking trails could benefit the public overall. The master plan update builds on the existing Master Plan and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to better realize the potential of Heritage Park as a sports and recreation destination through opportunities for play, walking, and gathering.

This update ensures the 44 acre park meets the needs of youth and adult sports organizations and Stanwood-Camano residents for the next 10 to 20 years. To address this, an updated master plan was developed by J.A. Brennan Associates, a Seattle-based landscape architecture firm with extensive experience in both recreation and sports facility park projects. These improvements manage the current deficiency of trails in Stanwood and address multiple action items outlined in the city's Six-Year Project Action Items and Twenty Years Park Plan. The master plan is guided by community input, site analysis, conceptual scenarios, and discussions with city staff. The Plan incorporates the area included in a recent purchase of a western property and as well as 4 baseball/softball fields, 4 soccer/lacrosse fields, and updated trails throughout the park.

J.A. Brennan's design improves the capacity to host regional sports tournaments and bring the local community together. New and renovated athletic fields help meet the regional sports demand while expanded parking and gathering spaces create pleasant conditions for visitors. Additional play opportunities include a bike pump track, expanded playground and skate park, and dog off-leash park. A network of paved and unpaved trails provide access throughout the site and views of the surrounding pastoral landscape. Green fingers of vegetation also weave their way through the site creating visual interest and more sustainable development. Moreover, native plantings and reforestation mitigate anticipated effects of climate change and harken back to a pre-agricultural environment.

The following list of program elements was developed by the City and through the public involvement process for the project. The program will be refined as the facilities and recreation opportunities are further prioritized.

Project #		
	Original Heritage Property	
1	Resurfaced Parking Lot	
2	Improve Baseball Field Drainage	
3	Improve Soccer Fields	
4	Skate Park upgrade/enlargement	
5	Loop Trail	
6	BMX Pump Track upgrades	
7	Trail System connections	
8	Enlarged/Additional Dog Park	
9	Playground #1 improvements	
10	Concessions/Restroom	
11	Baseball Field #4	
14	Bull Pen	
15	Batting Cage	
16	Picnic Shelter/Group Area	
17	Additional Soccer Field(s)	
21	Gathering Meadow	
22	Reforestation/Wetland buffer	
23	Wetland Viewpoints	
25	Viewing Mound/Labyrinth	
	Additional Heritage Property	
12	Parking Lot	
13	Pickleball Courts	
18	Playground	
19	Basketball Courts	
20	Picnic Shelter	
24	Open Meadow	
26	Viewing Mound #1	
27	Viewing Mound #2	
28	RV Parking	
29	Zipline	

Gateway and wayfinding signage as well as additional bench seating are also needed.