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AGENDA FOR STUDY SESSION

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

November 19, 2018

The Grove, Otte-Peterson Room

1195 E. Main Street

7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PUBLIC INPUT
- III. NATURE PLAY AREA UPDATE (INFORMATION)
- IV. FORMATION OF RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION (INFORMATION)
- V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660 (2)(i) and ORS 192.660 (2)(e)
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Rachel Dials, Recreation Superintendent
DATE: November 14, 2018
SUBJECT: November 19 Study Session

The November 19 Study Session will be held at 7pm in The Grove, 1195 E. Main Street. The following topics will be covered:

I. Nature Play Area Update

Nature Center Manager Libby VanWyhe will give a brief presentation on the North Mountain Park Nature Playground. The presentation will include a background, timeline and funding for the project.

II. Formation of Recreation Subcommittee Discussion

During the 2016 Performance Audit, recommendations from the company performing the audit (Matrix) were prioritized by the Commissioners for the Parks Division, Administration Division, Golf Division and Recreation Division. One recommendation outlined for the Recreation Division was the establishment of an “in house” task force to develop program alternatives and strategies toward increasing participation from currently underserved groups in the community. Staff believes that the task force could be formulated as a subcommittee that would focus on audit priorities outlined for the Recreation Division. Duties could include:

- Conducting a comprehensive needs assessment to identify underserved groups and future recreation program interests and needs in the community;
- Developing a Recreation Division five-year Comprehensive Strategic Plan that supports the goals and objectives of the APRC and identifies goals and objectives, performance measures and facility needs and priorities to guide the future direction of recreation programs and services provided by APRC;
- Establishing a process to create greater opportunities for participant and resident input in recreation programs to increase the overall effectiveness of and support for departmental programs and services.

On Monday, staff will be prepared to discuss the idea, including the makeup of the subcommittee, staff support and potential implementation.