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AGENDA FOR STUDY SESSION

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
July 16, 2018
The Grove, Otte-Peterson Room
1195 E. Main Street

5:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PUBLIC INPUT
- III. ASHLAND POND OUTFALL PROJECT / HARDESTY PROPERTY / WWTP DISCUSSION
(PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; INFORMATION)
- IV. REQUEST FOR SECURITY CAMERAS ON APRC LAND DISCUSSION
(CHIEF OF POLICE; INFORMATION)
- V. ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Rachel Dials, Recreation Superintendent & Acting Director
DATE: July 11, 2018
SUBJECT: July 16 Study Session

The July 2018 study session is scheduled for Monday, July 16, at 5:30 pm at The Grove, Otte-Peterson Room. The following topics are planned for discussion that evening:

I. Wastewater Treatment Plant / Hardesty Property / WWTP Outfall Relocation and Ashland Pond (Information)

Public Works Director Paula Brown will present conceptual plans for several projects that positively impact the City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and the surrounding lands. These improvements have been discussed and supported at the staff level in public works and parks and have been conceptually discussed with the City Council primarily during the budget process and capital updates. APRC manages adjoining lands to the WWTP and may also benefit from the proposed projects. The desired outcome of this meeting is to gain support from the Parks and Recreation Commission and to address any concerns.

II. Security Cameras on APRC Land Discussion

Ashland Police Chief Tighe O'Meara will be on hand to discuss a request for placement of security cameras at the Ashland Skate Park.

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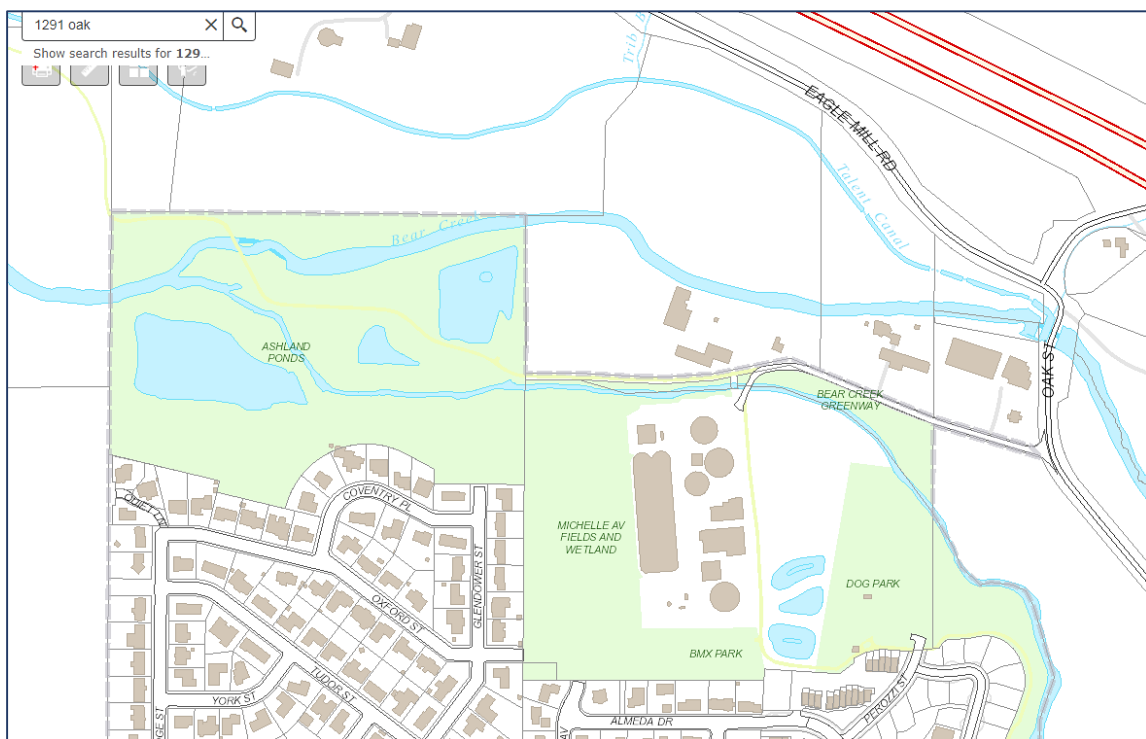
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Title: Wastewater Treatment Plant / Hardesty Property / WWTP Outfall Relocation and Ashland Pond

From: Paula C. Brown, PE Public Works Director
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Summary:

This item presents the conceptual plans for several projects that positively impact the City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and the surrounding lands. These improvements have been discussed and supported at the staff level in both public works and parks, and have been conceptually discussed with the City Council primarily during the budget process and capital updates. The Parks Department manages adjoining lands to the WWTP and may also benefit from the proposed projects. The desired outcome of this meeting is to gain support from the Parks and Recreation Commission and address any concerns.



There are five specific, yet very much related projects that will be addressed, and there may be others that arise:

1. Future construction of the 3rd oxidation ditch for the WWTP and necessary wetlands mitigation
2. WWTP outfall relocation to Bear Creek
3. Future WWTP construction and the existing greenway path location
4. WWTP Temperature regulations and new constructed wetlands at the Hardesty property
5. Hardesty property and Parks maintenance equipment

Resource Requirements:

The proposed projects are all currently within the wastewater and associated public works department budgets. Should there be additional joint impacts and solutions, we would need to discuss initial capital and long term maintenance funding.

Background:

1. WWTP outfall relocation to Bear Creek

One of the future permitting requirements for the WWTP is relocating the effluent outfall from Ashland Creek to Bear Creek. Two different alignments were evaluated and discussed with several state agencies. The preferred option is to proceed along the southern route (yellow line on the image below) toward the back end of Ashland pond. Preliminary design is nearing completion and staff plans to hold an open house in October to hear community concerns.



2. Future construction of the 3rd oxidation ditch

As staff plans for future population growth and redundancy needed for the WWTP, it was obvious that expansion must grow beyond the current fenced boundary. Logic has the new oxidation ditch immediately adjacent to the current ditch. The land surrounding the WWTP is City property with dedicated Parks use. There is a small *BMX Park* at the south end of the treatment plant that would likely need to be moved. The mapped wetlands to the west of the oxidation ditch has been delineated and mitigation measures are required that will consume the west side of the treatment plant on what has been identified as *Michelle Avenue Fields and Wetlands* (see maps below).

3. Future WWTP construction and the existing greenway path location

Proposed changes to DEQ’s permit for the WWTP will likely require 10 to 12 acres of constructed wetlands to help reduce treated effluent temperatures for release into Bear Creek (or perhaps remain in Ashland Creek – TBD). The City will utilize the original demonstration wetlands to the east of the WWTP for a portion of the necessary acreage and will use the Hardesty property for the remaining portion (see below).

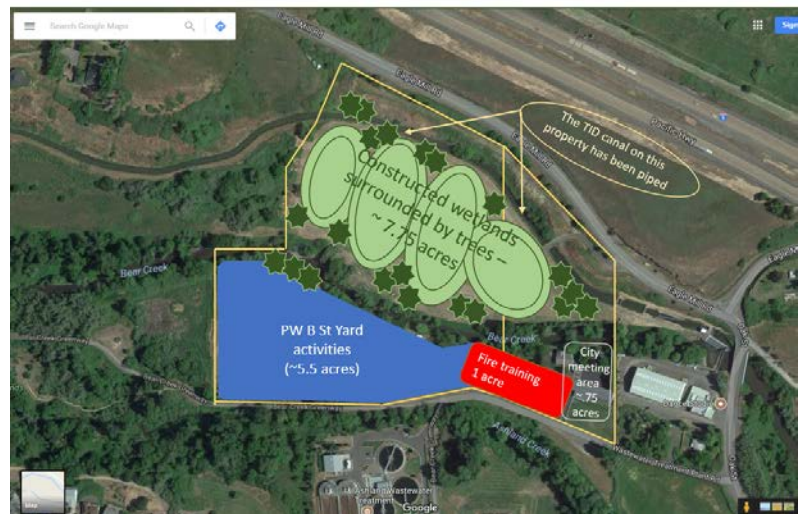


The existing greenway connection is immediately adjacent to the east side of the WWTP fence line. From an aesthetics perspective, staff is proposing to relocate the greenway connection to the white line shown on the image to the right so that it is along Ashland Creek and connects to the existing bridge just past the dog park. This appears to be consistent with the Parks proposal for the recent greenway/trails master plan efforts.

4. WWTP constructed wetlands at the Hardesty property

1291 Oak Street, Ashland
381E33 402 and 400 (boundary lines not exact)

As discussed above, the Hardesty property was purchased in large part to help provide the necessary land for the constructed wetlands ponds. It is envisioned that these ponds and those along the existing WWTP would be constructed and maintained in a parks like setting and be accessible to the public. There are a multitude of DEQ regulations that the City must comply with for that vision to happen.



5. Hardesty property and Parks maintenance equipment

The City purchased the Hardesty property at 1291 Oak Street at the end of June 2018 for \$1.2M. The City plans to utilize the property primarily for the WWTP wetlands, but also for activities currently conducted at the B Street Yard (materials and vehicle storage), for a Fire and Police training site, and potentially meeting space and additional maintenance storage. The largest portion will be funded from the wastewater fund (60%); smaller portions from streets (20%), water (15%) and fire (5%; general fund) proportionate to the immediate use. Should Parks be interested in the use of the site, staff will negotiate an appropriate proportional funding opt-in charge.