



AGENDA FOR SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

July 7, 2021

Electronic Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) APMC Regular Business Meeting – June 9, 2021
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 - a) Subcommittee Minutes Acknowledgment
 - Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee – January 12, 2021
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 - Recreation Division Advisory Committee – May 13, 2021
- VI. DIRECTORS REPORT
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) John and Jean Sully Non-Standard Memorial Request (Action)
 - b) Trail Review Committee Formation (Action)
 - c) APMC Employee COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) Increase (Action)
 - d) Kestral Park Bridge Funding – CIP Budget Amendment (Action)
- IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF
- X. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
 - a) Ashland Senior Advisory Committee — July 12, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—3:00 p.m.
 - b) APMC Special Business Meeting Session — July 28, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—6:00 p.m.
 - c) Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee – July 29, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—2:00 p.m.
 - d) APMC Special Business Meeting — August 4, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—6:00 p.m.
 - e) Recreation Division Advisory Committee — August 12, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—4:00 p.m.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

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Written testimony will be accepted via email sent to sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us. Please include "**Public Testimony for July 7 Regular Meeting**" in the subject line. Written testimony submitted before Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 11:00 am will be made available to the Parks Commissioners before the meeting. All testimony will be included in the meetings minutes.

Oral Testimony will be taken during the electronic public meeting. If you wish to provide oral testimony, send an email to sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us before Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 11:00 am. Late requests will be honored if possible. Please provide the following information: 1) make the subject line of the email "**July 7 Speaker Request**", 2) include your name, 3) the agenda item on which you wish to speak on, 4) specify if you will be participating by computer or telephone, and 5) the name you will use if participating by computer or the telephone number you will use if participating by telephone. Staff will provide information necessary to join the meeting upon request.

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

June 9, 2021

Electronic Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Gardiner (Chair), Landt (Vice-Chair), Bell, Eldridge, Lewis; Director Black; Recreation Superintendent Dials; Senior Services Superintendent Glatt, Analyst Kiewel; Assistant Sullivan.

Absent: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRC Regular Business Meeting – May 12, 2021

Motion: Landt moved to approve the minutes from May 12, 2021. Seconded by Lewis.

View: The vote was all yes.

III. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Marc Heller of Ashland provided the following written comments: "I hope, after all of these years, and all of the hard work that has happened for the pool project, that it can go ahead. The original larger pool plan is much more likely to produce a decent revenue stream, as it can be used for two events at once. Thanks, to all of the Commissioners and APRC staff, for all the time you put in, all of your efforts."

V. CONSENT AGENDA

None

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Black reported on the following topics:

East Main Park

- The East Main Park Design working group held their first meeting earlier in the week
- A public meeting will be held in the future to take comments on the design concept of the park

Senior Services Division

- In Senior Services, once the vaccine access work is wrapped in early May, staff have focused on behind the scenes work including facility improvements and expansion of the Ashland Senior Phone Buddy program with a new volunteer model
- Staff are also planning for reopening in stages over the coming months

Daniel Meyer Pool

- Daniel Meyer Pool is Open as of Tuesday June 1. Lifeguard training and recertification is complete
- The full schedule is on the website for June. Session #1 of Swim lessons filled up in 2 days and Session #2 swim lesson registration will open on June 18.
- Because of decreased office staff we went to an online only registration system for Swim Lessons. It has been working well.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Hunter Court Access – Walker School Parking Lot (Action) ([Item begins at 11:10 in the video recording](#))

Black referenced the [staff report included in the packet](#) and displayed [presentation slides](#). The Ashland School District (ASD) has made a request to access Hunter Ct, which is a private road owned by Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC), to accommodate a remodel of the site that includes shifting the existing parking lot adjacent to Hunter Ct. Black outlined the concerns APRC raised and how the concerns have been addressed by ASD.

- Misaligned intersection of driveways
 - ASD complied with this request, as shown in the attached plans
- Extension of a bike/ped path from the school to the Central Bike Path on the west side of Hunter Court
 - ASD has complied with this request and will be installing an ADA accessible granite path on their property
- Traffic mitigation on Hunter Court
 - ASD has modified their plans to widen Hunter Court at their expense, and on their property, to mitigate any traffic conflicts on Hunter Court
- Cross Parking Agreement
 - ASD has agreed to this and will grant the request at no expense to APRC now or in the future for maintenance costs
- Cross Access Agreement
 - APRC staff is proposing that APRC grant the access agreement to ASD on Hunter Court in return for:
 - *“further widen[ing of] Hunter Ct by installing a turn lane that extends from Homes Avenue to beyond the current senior center street parking, as designated on attached Exhibit D. Further, the School District will at its expense replace the existing asphalt from curb to curb for the entirety of the length of the aforementioned turn lane”*
 - Granting the Cross-Parking Agreement to APRC for the school parking lot.
- Storm Drain Access
 - ASD has withdrawn this request

Staff recommended approval of the request with the following conditions created in conjunction with both APRC and ASD staff:

1. The School District will permit patrons of City parks facilities to use for vehicular parking purposes, the parking area associated with Walker Elementary, as designated on attached Ex. A. Such parks-related use may occur during hours when school is not in session (before 7:00 am and after 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday) and when there is not an organized Walker Elementary activity, such as Back- to-School Night or school events. The School District shall provide its normal maintenance to this parking area at District expense.
2. APRC shall permit School District bicycle and vehicular and equipment-related use of Hunter Ct. in the locale designated on attached Ex. B, for District-related purposes. Such uses shall be in coordination with other users of Hunter Ct. APRC shall provide its normal maintenance to this area of Hunter Ct. at Commission expense.
3. The School District shall install at its expense, a 5-foot-wide minimum, granite pedestrian and bicycle pathway, adjacent to Hunter Ct. in the location and according to the design shown on attached Ex. C. Such pathway shall be completed not later than 18 months after final approval of the pending Walker Elementary School land use application (City File No. PA-T2-2021-00028) is granted.
4. The School District will at its expense, further widen Hunter Ct. by installing a turn lane that extends from Homes Avenue to beyond the current senior center street parking, as designated on attached Exhibit D. Further, the School District will at its expense replace the existing asphalt from curb to curb for the entirety of the length of the aforementioned turn lane. APRC will support the required removal of trees on the School District property for the purpose of installing the aforementioned turn lane.
5. The parties agree to implement and support any other actions necessary to carry out the above agreements.

Discussion:

- Black clarified that the traffic engineer discovered that if the tree to be removed as referenced in item 4 above were to be maintained it would require the removal of the ADA parking spaces adjacent to the Senior Center, which are also used by the *Food & Friends* program

- Steve Mitzel, from ASD, stated the conditions worked out by staff are beneficial to both parties and supports the proposal moving forward

Motion: Landt moved to approve the agreement as presented by staff and supported by Ashland School District with the following changes:

Condition #1:

The School District will permit patrons of City parks facilities to use for vehicular parking purposes, the parking area associated with Walker Elementary, as designated on attached Ex. A. Such parks-related use may occur during hours when school is not in session (before 7:00 am and after 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday) and at other times like school vacations. Permission would not be granted when any there is not an organized Walker Elementary activity, such as Back- to-School Night or school events are occurring. The School District shall provide its normal maintenance to this parking area at District expense.

Add Condition #6

This agreement will be in effect for 50 years and may be renewed by the agreement of Ashland School District and APRC.

Seconded by Bell.

Discussion:

- Landt stated the reasons for modifying the conditions:
 - Modifications to condition #1 is being made because it could be interpreted to exclude summer vacations and other vacation times
 - Condition # 6 is being added because there is no end date as currently written. Including an end date will allow both organizations to review and make changes if necessary
- Mitzel confirmed that the conditions presented are acceptable to ASD and stated the following:
 - The omission of summer vacation was discovered by ASD as well and they were planning on adding the language that would allow parking “during school breaks and holidays” with the intention of allowing parking at any time when school is not in session or when events are not occurring
 - The addition of condition #6 is acceptable and that 50 years is the minimum life cycle of the building

Vote: The vote was all yes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Say Their Names Collective Public Art Presentation (Information) – [\(Item begins at 43:45 in the video recording\)](#)

Black stated the Say Their Names Collective (the Collective) have been invited to give a presentation because the existing art exhibit put up by the community is located in Railroad Park. The Collective is now working with the Public Arts Commission on establishing a permanent art installation that could potentially be located on APRC property. Members of the Collective who are participating in the meeting are Jessica Freedman, Tia Laída Fé, Cassie Preskenis, and Precious Edmonds. Black stated that APRC staff has been supportive of the Collective’s efforts.

- Freedman stated that the Collective is working with APRC to schedule a work party to cut back weeds that are creeping through the fence at Railroad Park
- Freedman [displayed slides](#) and gave a presentation that included the following points:
 - The Collective is seeking a permanent art installation, which would show a commitment to the Social Equity and Racial Justice resolution recently adopted by the City of Ashland
 - The Collective is establishing a collaborative, community process and is looking for support from APRC to move the process forward by allowing the installation within Railroad Park
 - Freedman displayed four artists proposals that are being considered that includes desired locations within Railroad Park (beginning on [page 17 of the slides](#))

- Freedman stated that all of the artists would like to create art that works in harmony with the park and willing to be flexible
- The cost for a permanent installation is estimated at \$100,000 and the Collective is envisioning crowdsourcing, grants, and financial support from the City of Ashland and APRC

Discussion:

- In response to the questions asked of if locations other than Railroad Park have been considered, Freedman stated the park holds significance for this movement and this location is a priority
- Freedman clarified that the Collective is not requesting APRC to weigh in on the various art proposals, but they are open to hearing concerns from Commissioners that can be taken into consideration
- Black stated the value in the presentation today is to provide general information to Commissioners and allow questions to be asked or concerns to be raised that can then be taken into consideration as the Collective moves through the process of establishing a permanent installation
- Landt stated the following:
 - Concern with locating art installations in the middle of the lawn because it would impact the use of lawn as a play area and suggested locating the installation along the edges of park areas to better accommodate maintenance
 - Some of the proposals displayed were so grand that they may be cramped if located in the park and that there may be other locations, such as Ashland Creek Park, that would be better suited as a location
 - A mural on the bike path would be a good fit in Railroad Park
- Eldridge stated the following:
 - Support for the efforts of the Collective
 - Shared concerns raised by Landt and had been thinking about other parks an installation could be located, including Lithia Park
 - Suggested removing the fence, replacing it with a wall and create a mural on the wall
- Bell Stated the following:
 - Spoke favorably about various aspects of installing a mural on the bike path, but raised the question about what type of medium could be used that would be durable enough for the amount of traffic on the bike path
- In response to an inquiry if the installation on the fence would come down once a permanent installation is in place, Laída Fé stated that they would like to see the installation on the fence remain in place in addition to a permanent installation
- Black stated the following:
 - The fence is not in good shape and acts as a trellis for the blackberries
 - Installing a wall could solve maintenance issues and serve as a canvas for an art installation and could also facilitate some level of continuation of the existing installation on the fence
 - Stated that murals on pedestrian/bike paths have a tendency for the surface to become slippery and would require some sort of non-slip substance to be added that could impact the visual presentation of a mural
- Bell stated that having the current installation carry on would require a significant commitment to maintenance from the community and could end up becoming damaged from being out in the elements and not look the way that it does now
 - Edmonds stated that the t-shirts speak specifically to lives lost and there are considerations that need to be made when creating something that is more long lasting that celebrates the value and beauty of black people as living beings rather than continuing to only memorialize lives lost
- Bell stated that if the main goal is to see if there is support from APRC for the project, the answer is yes as a general principle with the need to get into details down the road
- Eldridge acknowledged that this is a community process and would like to honor the process and hear how the Collective engages with the community and what the process results in
- Laída Fé inquired if others in the meeting shared Landt's concern about placing art in the middle of the lawn and if that would be a deal breaker or something individuals would consider
 - Black clarified that nothing is a deal breaker at this point, but staff has concerns about locating any structure in the middle of open lawn areas for maintenance reasons as well as breaking up the space, which would impact current use
 - Black stated that there are other options that may not have been considered, including altering the location of the path so it could act as a frame for an installation

- Gardiner stated concern for locating art in the middle of the lawn, which is why he inquired about locating the installation in other parks and sees the location issue being one of the considerations taken up during the Public Arts Commission process
- Bell stated there has been a long history of prioritizing open spaces and protecting those is important to the community
- Lewis referenced the peace flag installation, also undertaken by the community, that occurred on the same fence years back and how that project was made permanent by transferring photos of the installation onto tile and hopes that this installation can also be made permanent in some way

Gardiner stated appreciation and the Commissioners look forward to future discussion.

b) Southern Oregon Aquatic Community (SOAC) Swimming Survey Presentation (Information) ([Item begins at 1:32:10 in the video recording](#))

Black introduced Rebecca Kay of SOAC. Kay referenced a [document provided to Commissioners](#) prior to the meeting that outlines the SOCA 3 Domino Strategy (see the summary below)

- Ashland School District
 - Approach the Ashland School District (ASD) to share the results of a recent Red Cross Basic Skills survey SOAC sent out to parents of ASD students and encourage parents to register their children for swim lessons
 - Advocate for ASD to include swimming in the physical education curriculum
 - Advocate for knowing how to swim be a middle school graduation requirement
- Southern Oregon University
 - Seek confirmation that there is still strong student interest in swim for fitness classes as well as recreational swim at the Daniel Meyer Pool
 - Share the ASD survey results
 - Seek a commitment from SOU to enhance usage of the Daniel Meyer Pool
- Grants
 - SOAC hopes to apply for grants and sees the work done with ASD and SOU as supporting grant writing efforts for pool construction including energy conservation infrastructure
 - SOAC is looking for assistance with grant writing

Discussion:

- Kay is getting clarification on the ASD process of adding new curriculum
- Gardiner restated the importance of securing grant funds to install a state-of-the-art energy efficient heating system
- Dials will contact Oregon Recreation and Parks Association to get information on collaboration between Parks Departments and School Districts. Black stated it would also be valuable for SOAC to contact School Districts directly to gather information
- Commissioners expressed support for the work SOAC is undertaking within the community

c) Food & Beverage (F&B) Tax Discussion and Recommendation (Action) ([Item begins at 1:52:20 in the video recording](#))

Black referenced the [staff report included in the packet](#) and displayed [presentation slides](#). The presentation included the following items:

- The approved budget for the upcoming biennium includes an increase in Food & Beverage Tax funds coming to APRC in the second fiscal year. There are steps that need to be taken before the funds can be released and the City of Ashland is starting down that path in August
- Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Commissioners to provide to the City Council when they take this item up for the first time
- Commissioners adopted the goal to “Investigate, develop and implement a dedicated permanent funding source to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission”
 - One of the objectives under this goal states, “With the City of Ashland, investigate and implement dedicated funding sources directed to APRC, such as F&B Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax”
- Securing dedicated funding sources is supported by the City of Ashland Charter, which states a Parks Commission will be formed and “Have **control and management of all the lands** here dedicated for park purposes and of all other lands that may hereafter be

acquired by the City for such purposes. They shall **have control and management of all park funds**, whether the same is obtained by taxation, donation or otherwise, and shall expend the same judiciously for beautifying and improving the City's parks."

- This change would decrease the amount received under the Charges for Services income category, which includes Recreation Division income and property taxes, and would increase the amount of funds received from the F&B
- Black displayed the table below identifying APRC Funding Sources included in the upcoming biennium budget:

	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Adopted Budget	2021-22 Proposed Budget	2022-23 Proposed Budget
Charges for Services	\$ 6,078,063	\$ 6,308,536	\$ 6,211,435	\$ 6,573,375	\$ 6,407,662	\$ 4,495,978
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	2,005,942
Operating Transfers In	85,000	85,000	185,000	185,000	435,000	435,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	750	500	190,356	15,000	90,000	90,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	19,883	25,700	33,425	31,000	25,000	25,000
Interest on Pooled Investments	9,692	20,599	19,232	23,543	15,000	15,000
Total	\$ 6,193,388	\$ 6,440,335	\$ 6,639,448	\$ 6,827,918	\$ 6,972,662	\$ 7,066,920

- Staff has presented the following conditions to City of Ashland staff based on previous direction from Commissioners:
 1. 25% of Food and Beverage Tax Remains for Major Maintenance and New Projects at the Commissioners' Discretion (CIP Budget)
 2. 73% of Food and Beverage Tax to be Used for Operation at the Commissioners' Discretion
 3. Food and Beverage Tax Must be Extended 10 Years (at least until 2040)
 4. Adopt an Ordinance Dedicating a Specific Percentage of Property Tax to APRC
 5. Evaluate and if possible, designate APRC as a Contracting Review Board

Staff is requesting a motion from Commissioner to send conditions to City Council for consideration on increasing the F&B allocation to APRC.

Discussion:

- Black clarified that this proposal is not associated with investigating the feasibility of creating an independent taxing district, which can still happen if this proposal is adopted and that securing and increase in F&B funding would likely stay with APRC if an independent taxing district is formed
- Black clarified that the conditions would be presented to Council upon approval from Commissioners and the Council would then determine if they amend the F&B ordinance directly or if the ordinance amendment would be forwarded to the voters to decide. The City Council has authority to determine the language within an ordinance amendment
- The property tax allocation and contract review board conditions would be codified through the passage of separate ordinances
 - Black clarified that legal due diligence still needs to be completed to verify that state law would allow APRC to act as a Contract Review Board
- Lewis made a statement on the importance of condition #4 so property tax allocations are known and not subject to changing every budget cycle

Motion: Landt moved that APRC Commissioners support the recommended stipulations for the changes to the Food and Beverage Tax allocation presented by staff with the following changes:

- 3) Food and Beverage Tax Must be Extended a *minimum* of 10 Years (at least until 2040).
- 5) Designate APRC as a contracting review board if legally possible.

Seconded by Lewis

Discussion: Landt stated this is not a panacea but is a step in the right direction.

Vote: The vote was all yes.

d) APRC Cost Recover Presentation (Information) – ([Item begins at 2:24:39 in the video recording](#))

Dials referenced the [staff report](#) and gave a presentation on the Cost Recovery process and [displayed slides](#). The presentation and discussion included the following points.

- Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission for many years has used inadequate procedures to set fees and charges for programs and services
- The current structure was created through mostly arbitrary methods and has not provided a clear approach to cost recovery, priority of service delivery, or equitable access
- Programs and services are typically supported by a combination of participant fees and taxpayer funding
- In October of 2020, APRC contracted with Amilia Consulting USA to help in a department-wide cost recovery analysis and methodology creation
- All programs have been put into draft Service Categories (as outlined in the [staff report](#)) that will determine the level of subsidy the program receives (based on the Service Category subsidization goal). Service Categories that provide a benefit to the community are subsidized at a higher rate than programs that benefit individuals
- Next steps in this process include getting feedback from Commissioners, staff continuing to analyze data and bringing another progress report to Commissioners at a future meeting
- Landt stated that most APRC programs do not make a profit and that the recovery rate for programs that do make money should not top out at 110% as displayed in the [graphic on page 7 of the slides](#). Bell later supported this statement
 - Dials clarified that the subsidy or recovery rate for each Service Category is on a scale and that the average of all programs included in each Service Category are taken into consideration when determining the cost recovery rate
- Kiewel clarified that income for programs includes user fees, grants, advertisement, and sponsorships
- Black clarified that the subsidy/recovery goal for each Service Category will be adopted by Commissioners. The levels set by staff are in draft form
- Dials clarified that there are a number of programs that are not meeting the draft subsidy/recovery goals and there will be changes that need to be made that may include increasing fees or making changes to the programs offered
- Eldridge stated this process has the potential to make APRC offerings more equitable in line with the DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) goal
- Lewis added this process will provide clarity to the Commissioners and public on decisions made regarding offerings and fees
- Multiple Commissioners requested specific examples of Service Categories performance be brought back to Commissioners
- Dials clarified that this process will also inform decisions about cancelling and divesting programs
- There is potential for a representative from the contractor to present to the Commissioners at a Study Session

Staff will report back to Commissioners as the process continues.

IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

It was determined that the Parks View column for June will be written by Black and Gardiner and will discuss Commissioner Goals for the upcoming biennium.

Landt stated that “Commissioners” refers to the publicly elected body and “Commission” refers to the organization as a whole and encouraged staff and Commissioners refer to each body appropriately.

Eldridge stated the Forest Lands Commission (FLC) continues to discuss clarifying trail oversight roles and responsibilities between FLC and APRC. Black stated that there is a meeting set to discuss the Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association trail proposals and can include this item for discussion as well. This meeting includes staff, Gardiner and Eldridge.

X. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- a) Recreation Division Advisory Committee — June 17, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—4:00 p.m.
- b) Bee City USA — June 30, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—3:00 p.m.
- c) APRC Study Session — July 7, 2021(tentative)
 - Electronic Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- d) APRC Regular Business Meeting — July 14, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- e) Ashland Senior Advisory Committee — July 12, 2021
 - Electronic Meeting—3:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sean Sullivan, Executive Assistant

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Michael Black, APRC Director

DATE: July 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Minutes for Acknowledgement

The following minutes are being submitted for acknowledgement by the Commission.

- Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee – January 12, 2021
- Bee City USA – April 28, 2021
- Recreation Division Advisory Committee – May 13, 2021

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda would adopt the following motion for this item:

I move to acknowledge the committee minutes as submitted.

MINUTES
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee
January 12, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

Present: Commissioners Lewis, Gardiner; Assistant Sullivan

Absent: Commissioner Bell; Director Black; Supervisors Miller, Minica & Casale

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee – March 3, 2020

Motion: Lewis moved to approve the minutes from March 3, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by Gardiner.

Vote: The vote was all yes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BUSINESS

Standard Memorial Approval (Action) – *Background information included in packet*

Sullivan presented on the standard memorial requests included in the [meeting packet](#). The following requests were presented for approval:

Applicant: Dennis Powers (3 dedications)
Amenity Type: Existing Wood Table
Location: Lithia Park – Creekside Near Bandshell
Years Dedicated: 20
Donation Amount: \$1,700

Plaque Text:
To my SOU Colleagues,
Past and Present
Dr. Dennis M. Powers

Amenity Type: Existing Wood Table
Location: Lithia Park – Hillside Near Bandshell
Years Dedicated: 20
Donation Amount: \$1,700

Plaque Text:
To Lithia Park—
With fine memories!
Dennis and Judy Powers

Amenity Type: Existing Wood Table
Location: Lithia Park – Tennis Court Lawn
Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$850

Plaque Text:
In Loving Memory
of Dorothy & Ed Powers
Dennis Powers

Total Powers Donation: \$4,250

Applicant: Paul Lowes
Amenity Type: Existing Wood Bench
Location: Nature Center Butterfly Garden

Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$750

Plaque Text:
In Loving Memory of Betty Lowes

"She Loved These Gardens"

Applicant: Britt Feltner
Amenity Type: Existing Wood Bench
Location: Oak Knoll Golf Course
Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$750

Plaque Text:
In Memory of Tony Parent
"Go Cards"

Applicant: Patty Wixon & Ruby Whalley
Amenity Type: Existing Wood Bench
Location: NMP Nature Play Area
Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$750

Plaque Text:
Honoring This Place in the World
Ruby Whalley & Patty Wixon

Applicant: Gerald Lorentz
Amenity Type: Existing Wood Bench-Steel Frame
Location: Bluebird Park
Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$1,000

Plaque Text:
Charles Bigelow Defined Professionalism

Applicant: Lisa Wallace
Amenity Type: New Wood Bench
Location: Nature Center Heirloom Garden
Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$1,000

Plaque Text:
In Loving Memory of
Mary Ann Wallace

Motion: Gardiner moved to approve the standard memorial requests as proposed and presented. Seconded by Lewis.
Vote: The vote was all yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.



AGENDA FOR BEE CITY USA - ASHLAND MEETING

April 28, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Present today: Kristina Lefever (Chair), Nancy Appling (Vice-Chair), Lorrie Kaplan (Subcommittee member), Leslie Edridge (Parks Commissioner), Albert Pepe (Subcommittee member), Rachel Dials (Recreation Superintendent), Libby VanWyhe (Staff Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER, CHECK-INS, AND WELCOME

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from previous meeting
Albert moves to approve, Leslie seconds, all approved.
2. Review Action Items from previous meeting

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Open Forum
No public participation, today. However, the subcommittee discussed that there are members of the public who are concerned about herbicide use around the Greenway.
Albert discussed that there are certain properties where it is unclear who has ownership and responsibility, and which agencies might use herbicide along the Greenway.
The Alameda fire started on APRC Land, but the impacts move through multiple jurisdictions.
 Libby will try to get the committee a property ownership map for the area where the fire started and the Greenway. Seeking info about County vs. City jurisdiction, and abutting private ownership. RVCOG is involved in the restoration initiative, and they might have access to the maps, because they are the lead in dealing with fire remediation.

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Kristina mentions an email communication from Bee City USA Central. BCU and the Xerces society have made funding available for disaster remediation. They have up to \$1,000 available to Bee Cities or Bee Campuses that have experienced impacts. The grant application seems to be a simple process.
The question is whether we are interested in setting a goal and going after this money.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Working Group #1 Updates: Assist Mountain Meadows and Kestral Park in developing a Pollinator Garden Landscape Plan - Kristina (Information, Discussion)
Nancy and Kristina had a meeting with 10 people from Mountain Meadows, and they had a lovely tour around the Mountain Meadows community. They are interested in how we can support, and we are interested in seeing what they are going to do.
Committee members have started to discuss pollinator habitat continuity northward from North Mountain Park. Initial contact has been made with Mountain Meadows, Kestral, RiverWalk HOA,

~~Quiet Village~~, Verde Village. All the people they have talked to are enthusiastic about native plants and the goals of Bee City USA. Several existing homeowners are BCU-A certified gardens. If the entire area is going to unify around this effort and seek designation, then Molly Martin with Xerces should be brought into the conversation.

Mountain Meadows is taking out 8 feet of turf out at the sidewalk on North Mountain Ave.

No specific goal or deliverable has been identified yet.

We are looking for a map of property ownership in this area. Including the HOAs and the Lord Property.

Nancy will ask the planning department for the land ownership and HOA's around Mountain Meadows.

Eventually, we would like to have a meeting of HOA representatives.

2. Working Group #2 Updates: Research and undertake a Cost-Benefit Analysis of converting public lawns to other landscape approaches - Lorrie (Information, Discussion)

This working group has not met yet.

Lorrie would like to more people to partner with her in the working group for this goal. In the interest of having more diverse landscapes, instead of an abundance of lawns. Lorrie would like to do a cost benefit analysis comparing lawns with diverse native landscapes. Wants to analyze different landscapes and the variety of different land management practices.

Lorrie would like an APRC staff person to discuss the possible approaches. Lorrie would like to hear from Xerces about whether any research exists for land management in climates like ours.

Leslie suggested possibly interfacing with Lomakatsi, to see if they have resources in riparian restoration or estimates for land management costs.

Objective to reduce water use, fire-wise, pollinator friendly and possible to test low-water landscape planning at the Grove garden.

Libby suggests that if we are seeking to really identify cost, we will need to describe potential initial and final habitat conditions. These kind of land management changes are often meet resistance because they are assumed to be too expensive. There is a lack of evidence and a tendency to assume what kinds of habitat conditions someone proposing. A scientific approach and transparency about initial and final conditions would help these conversations.

Leslie suggests that we just undertake tangible projects and see what happens. Kristina suggests doing a practice at the Grove Garden. Work on this would help show us what it takes to bring a garden bed to a low-water, native condition.

Albert and Leslie are interested in incorporating Ethnobotany and Traditional Ecological knowledge into the discussion.

Lorrie will reach out to the subcommittee and set a meeting to kick off working group #2.

3. Proposed Neonic Resolution for City of Ashland - Libby (Information, Discussion)

Before we can schedule a meeting with Michael Black, the Admin team has requested that staff complete research into the supply chains that APRC uses for plants and seeds. Staff are reaching out to all our plant and seed suppliers, requesting information about neonics.

Once staff have completed the research into our plant and seed suppliers, Libby will get a meeting scheduled to discuss the proposed neonic resolution with Michael Black.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dead bumble bees - Kristina (Information, Discussion)

Kristina was contacted by a young woman who noticed a lot of dead bumble bees and native bees along the bridge along Ashland Street. She found a whole bunch of bees over several days in a row. She got in touch with ODA, to do a test for chemicals, and they haven't heard back yet. The

effects of Neonics can last in the ecosystem for a year. Difficult to determine the cause.

Kristina will report back to the committee if she hears any more information.

2. June Pollinator Week Activity - Kristina (Discussion, Decision)

We need a simple way to highlight our Approved Pollinator Garden program in June, since we are not doing the tour. We could showcase existing pollinator gardens, through videos or photos. Videos required quite a bit of work, and the quality of the home-made videos is highly variable. Instead, we can find a volunteer to take photos and made it into a social media campaign.

If we gave the photographer the addresses, he could visit those gardens (front yard only) and take some photos.

Kristina and Nancy could identify 10 of our approved pollinator gardens that might be good to highlight with photos shared on social media during Pollinator Week.

Rachel Dials will reach out to Bob Palermini to see if he will volunteer to take photos of gardens.

3. May 12: BCU sharing Ashland's IPM policies with BCU affiliates - Kristina (Information, Discussion)

Bee City USA Central has asked the City of Ashland to discuss IPM on a training call with new Bee City USA affiliates. Mike Gardiner is going participate on the city of Ashland's behalf. Our thanks to Mike Gardiner.

VII. OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Returning to the Disaster Remediation Grant

Lorrie suggests that we don't really meet the intended criteria, and that the short turn around makes this unfeasible.

Albert feels that if we can qualify, we should apply in order to provide funding support to an existing on-the-ground project.

Nancy wonders whether or not we can toss our \$1,000 into Phoenix or Talent and work with them on a project. Or if we can contribute the \$1,000 to APRC to support the work at Ashland Ponds.

Leslie thinks that the funds should go to Ashland Ponds project to restore the habitat. Suggests using the \$1,000 to purchase and install the trees and shrubs which are already recommended.

Kristina will ask Molly when the Disaster Relief Grant needs to be dispersed. Also she will ask whether our \$1,000 can go to a neighboring city.

Libby will ask APRC staff whether the \$1,000 would be useful for the Ashland Pond project, and how much influence and oversight the subcommittee would then have on the use of any plants they purchase.

Albert suggests that our subcommittee should use the funds purchase the plants ourselves and organize community volunteers to do the planting.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Last week in June, Wednesday June 30th. 3:00pm-4:30pm

ACTION ITEMS

Libby will try to get the committee a property ownership map for the area where the fire started and the Greenway. Seeking info about County vs. City jurisdiction, and abutting private ownership.

Nancy will ask the planning department for the land ownership and HOA's around Mountain Meadows.

Lorrie will reach out to the subcommittee and set a meeting to kick off working group #2.

Once staff have completed the research into our plant and seed suppliers, Libby will get a meeting scheduled to discuss the proposed neonic resolution with Michael Black.

- Kristina and Nancy could identify 10 of our approved pollinator gardens that might be good to highlight with photos shared on social media during Pollinator Week.
- Rachel Dials will reach out to Bob Palermini to see if he will volunteer to take photos of pollinator gardens.
- Kristina will ask Molly when the Disaster Relief Grant needs to be dispersed. Also she will ask whether our \$1,000 can go to a neighboring city.
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MINUTES
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Recreation Division Advisory Committee (RDAC)
May 13, 2021, 3:30 p.m.
Zoom

Present: Committee Members: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Eldridge, Rogers, Grimm, Buck, Rose
APRC Staff: Superintendent Dials, NMP (North Mountain Park) Manager VanWyhe, Recreation Manager Flora,
Absent: Downs, Bjornson, Assistant Fasnacht

CALL TO ORDER

Dials called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BUSINESS

Introductions

The staff and committee members introduced themselves.

Purpose of Committee and Bylaws Discussion

Dials explained the purpose of the Committee and defined the recruitment process for bringing in a new member since there is one vacancy. The committee feedback was to hold off until later this summer when the committee is more established. Dials explained the duties of Chair and vice-chair position that will need to be determined later and explained the goal/ purpose of those positions. Dials also shared the draft bi-laws are similar to other sub-committee groups within APRC the bylaws will be brought back at a later meeting for a vote.

Roundtable Discussion

VanWyhe and Flora gave an overview update for the current recreational programs. This included re-opening of The Grove, Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool, PlayGuide and the NMP Nature Center updates, including volunteer work parties and blackberry removal.

Brainstorming and Visioning exercise

Staff lead the RDAC committee in a brainstorming activity that included the beginning of a Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis.

The June meeting will be a continuation of the SWOT analysis.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE / TIME / PLACE

The next meeting will be held on June 17, 3:30 p.m. Location: *Zoom*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Office Assistant II

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 1, 2021

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Sean Sullivan, Business Operations Manager

SUBJECT: Non-Standard Memorial Request for John and Jean Sully

Situation

A non-standard memorial request was submitted by Louise Mintun in honor of John and Jean Sully. Mintun is requesting the dedication of a new wooden bench on the property recently donated by the Lord family that is adjacent to Bear Creek and North Mountain Park. The bench would be maintained as a permanent amenity of the property. A donation of \$5,000 would be made to dedicate this memorial.

Background

The Parks Memorial Policy allows for the placement of non-standard memorials on park amenities, such as benches and tables, and authorizes the Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee to provide a recommendation to the full Parks Commission for final approval. All non-standard memorial requests are handled on a case by case basis, per the [Parks Memorial Policy](#). The Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee recommended approval.

The Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee voted to recommend approval at the June 3, 2021 meeting.

The [proposal submitted by Mintun](#) is attached electronically.

Assessment

The design of the bench and plaque meet the criteria for standard memorials. The requested dedication period and donation amount require this memorial to be considered as non-standard. A standard memorial bench would be dedicated for a 10-year period with a \$1,000 donation. This bench would be maintained as a permanent amenity of the property and the donation would be \$5,000.

Recommendation

Staff does not have any concerns with the approval of this memorial with the understanding that a circulation plan for the property will need to be completed prior to identifying a suitable location for the bench. The timeline for the completion of the circulation plan is unknown at this time.

Possible Motions: *I move to recommend approval of the non-standard memorial request as submitted by staff with the understanding that a circulation plan will need to be completed before a location can be identified for installation.*

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Michael Black

DATE: 7/1/2021

SUBJECT: Trail Committee Creation to Review the RVMBA Proposal

Situation and Background

In October 2016, the Commission formed a Trail Master Plan Update Committee to update the existing Trails Master Plan. The Committee fulfilled its goal of updating the Parks and Trails Master Plan Document, expected to occur every 10 years.

Subsequent to the approval of the Trails Master Plan, the Rogue Valley Mountain Bikers Association (RVMBA) forwarded several considerations for new trails and modification to trails in Ashland and in the watershed that they called the Sustainable Trails Master Plan. The Commissioners have stated that it is a priority for APRC to review the plan and respond to the RVMBA.

The Commissioners prioritized the following goal and objectives to that effect:

1. Explore the feasibility of and make decision on all trails and proposals by the rogue valley mountain bike association
 - a. Review and decide on requested mountain bike trail in lithia park
 - b. Review proposed trails sustainability plan for mountain biking in Ashland

Analysis

The plan that was proposed by the RVMBA is clear and outlines their requests very well. The plan should be reviewed in the context of how it fits, or relates, to the adopted trails master plan. I don't think the RVMBA plan stands on it own; it is an addendum to the Trails Master Plan and should be reviewed with that in mind.

I believe the Commissioners should convene a similar group to 2016 Trails Master Plan Update Committee to review this proposal and make a recommendation to the Commissioners as a possible

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Michael Black
DATE: 7/1/2021
SUBJECT: Employee COLA – 2021/22

COLA Policy Review

In 2014, the Commission adopted the Benefit Adjustment Policy that dictates the parameters for the consideration of pay adjustments for the term of the policy. Specifically, the policy states:

Rather than adjusting all salaries by a specific percentage, parties recommend a range of 1-5% based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) 12-month average from March of the prior year to March of the current year.

Last year, at my request, the Commission did not grant a COLA. APRC was in the middle of a major financial crisis, due to COVID 19 and it was determined that withholding the COLA for last year was necessary.

The proposed biennial budget includes 2% cost-of-living adjustments for non-represented employees in each year of the budget cycle. Due to fiscal constraints on the Parks General Fund and the City General Fund, we will not have any room to adjust to anything above 2.0% regardless of CPI.

Because of the extenuating circumstances regarding the budget, I am asking the Commissioners to suspend the COLA Policy and cap the COLA increases for 2020/21 at 2.0% for the first fiscal year of the biennium. According to the CPI-W and the COLA Policy, the COLA for the first fiscal year (2021/22) would have been 2.4%. So the difference in what is being recommended and the actual COLA for the period is -.4%.

REQUESTED ACTION

Staff is recommending that the Commissioners approve a COLA increase for all APRC employees at 2% for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the proposed suspension of the Benefit Adjustment Policy and approve a COLA increase at 2% for all APCR employees for the 2021/22 fiscal year.



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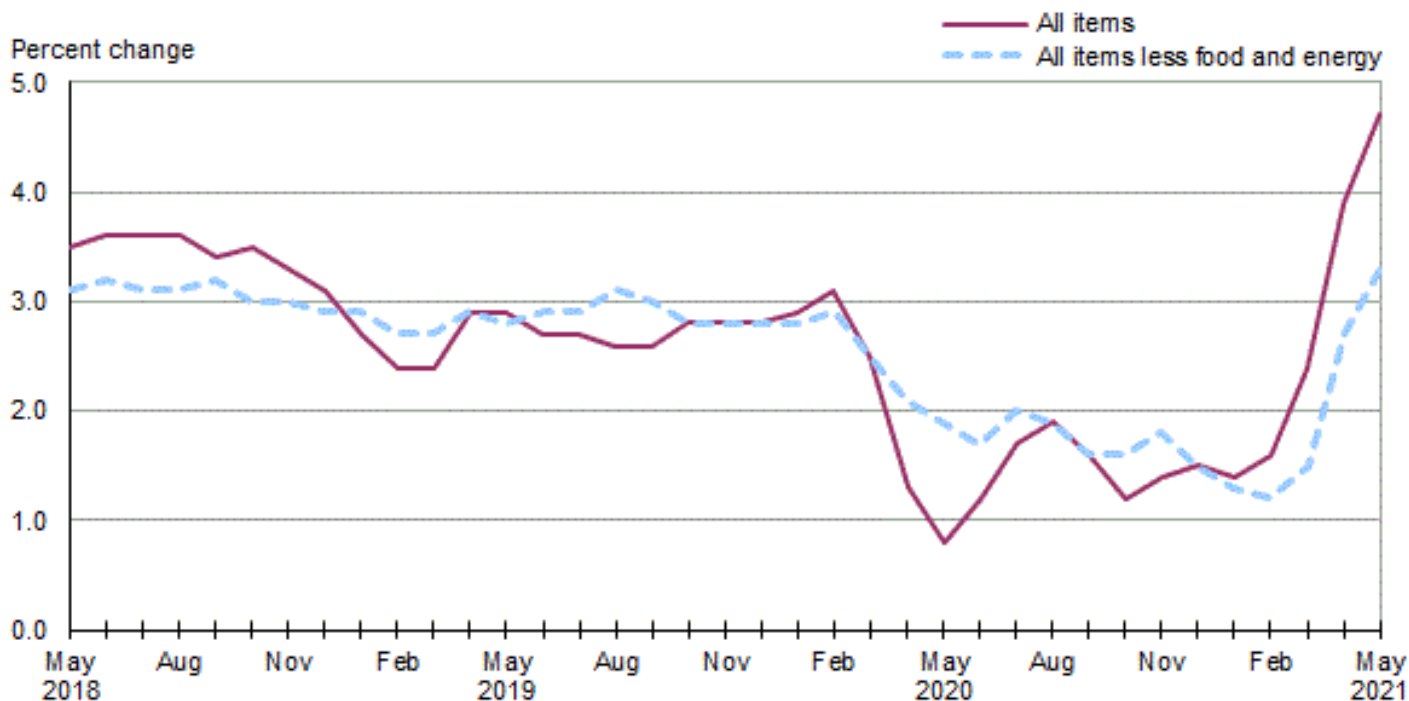
Consumer Price Index, West Region — May 2021

Area prices were up 0.8 percent over the past month, up 4.7 percent from a year ago

Prices in the West Region, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.8 percent in May, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) The May increase was influenced by higher prices for new and used motor vehicles and gasoline. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U advanced 4.7 percent. This is the largest 12-month increase since a 4.9 percent increase for the period ending August 2008. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) Food prices rose 3.3 percent. Energy prices jumped 28.2 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy rose 3.3 percent over the year. (See [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, West region, May 2018–May 2021



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food

Food prices advanced 0.5 percent for the month of May. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food at home rose 0.5 percent, influenced by higher prices for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (1.9 percent). Prices for food away from home also rose 0.5 percent for the same period.

Over the year, food prices rose 3.3 percent. Prices for food at home rose 2.0 percent since a year ago, led by higher prices for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (5.0 percent). Prices for food away from home advanced 4.9 percent.

Energy

The energy index rose 3.2 percent over the month. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for gasoline (3.9 percent). Prices for natural gas service increased 6.3 percent, and prices for electricity rose 1.4 percent for the same period.

Energy prices jumped 28.2 percent over the year, largely due to higher prices for gasoline (49.5 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service increased 6.9 percent, and prices for electricity rose 6.6 percent during the past year.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.7 percent in May. Higher prices for new and used motor vehicles (3.7 percent), household furnishings and operations (1.7 percent), and shelter (0.3 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for apparel (-0.7 percent) and medical care (-0.4 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 3.3 percent. Components contributing to the increase included motor vehicle insurance (17.1 percent), new and used motor vehicles (14.3 percent), and shelter (1.8 percent). Partly offsetting the increases was a price decrease in medical care commodities (-2.1 percent).

Table A. West region CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.5	2.5	0.5	3.1	0.2	2.7	0.3	2.9	0.2	1.4
February.....	0.6	3.0	0.5	3.1	0.2	2.4	0.4	3.1	0.5	1.6
March.....	0.3	3.1	0.4	3.2	0.4	2.4	-0.2	2.5	0.7	2.4
April.....	0.3	2.9	0.4	3.2	0.8	2.9	-0.4	1.3	1.0	3.9
May.....	0.2	2.6	0.5	3.5	0.5	2.9	0.1	0.8	0.8	4.7
June.....	0.0	2.5	0.2	3.6	0.0	2.7	0.4	1.2		
July.....	0.1	2.5	0.1	3.6	0.0	2.7	0.5	1.7		
August.....	0.2	2.7	0.2	3.6	0.1	2.6	0.3	1.9		
September.....	0.5	2.9	0.3	3.4	0.3	2.6	0.0	1.6		
October.....	0.3	2.9	0.4	3.5	0.5	2.8	0.2	1.2		
November.....	0.0	3.1	-0.2	3.3	-0.1	2.8	0.0	1.4		
December.....	0.1	3.1	-0.2	3.1	-0.2	2.8	-0.1	1.5		

The June 2021 Consumer Price Index for the West Region is scheduled to be released on July 13, 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Impact on May 2021 Consumer Price Index Data

Data collection by personal visit for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program has been suspended since March 16, 2020. When possible, data normally collected by personal visit were collected either online or by phone. Additionally, data collection in May was affected by the temporary closing or limited operations of certain types of establishments. These factors resulted in an increase in the number of prices considered temporarily unavailable and imputed.

While the CPI program attempted to collect as much data as possible, many indexes are based on smaller amounts of collected prices than usual, and a small number of indexes that are normally published were not published this month. Additional information is available at <https://www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-consumer-price-index.htm>.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date; for most of the CPI-U the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. An increase of 7 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 107.000. Alternatively, that relationship can also be expressed as the price of a base period market basket of goods and services rising from \$100 to \$107. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the CPI section of the BLS Handbook of Methods available on the internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The West Region covered in this release is comprised of the following thirteen states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods West (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	May 2021	May 2020	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021
Expenditure category						
All Items.....	280.625	283.507	285.793	4.7	1.8	0.8
All items (December 1977=100).....	453.614	458.273	461.969			
Food and beverages	282.539	284.355	285.813	3.2	1.2	0.5
Food	282.984	284.914	286.396	3.3	1.2	0.5
Food at home	264.033	266.730	268.142	2.0	1.6	0.5
Cereals and bakery products	270.165	269.249	272.227	0.1	0.8	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	285.621	288.847	294.224	5.0	3.0	1.9
Dairy and related products	243.666	247.295	246.958	1.5	1.4	-0.1
Fruits and vegetables	342.914	349.697	348.399	2.0	1.6	-0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	187.960	191.764	189.598	0.6	0.9	-1.1
Other food at home	221.830	222.444	224.171	1.4	1.1	0.8
Food away from home.....	307.658	308.522	310.095	4.9	0.8	0.5
Alcoholic beverages	273.293	273.669	274.803	1.6	0.6	0.4
Housing	311.022	312.588	314.363	2.3	1.1	0.6
Shelter	358.434	360.206	361.317	1.8	0.8	0.3
Rent of primary residence(1).....	383.015	383.676	384.865	1.5	0.5	0.3
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(1)(2).....	378.007	378.360	379.821	1.8	0.5	0.4
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2).....	377.971	378.321	379.768	1.8	0.5	0.4
Fuels and utilities.....	327.513	329.032	334.314	5.7	2.1	1.6
Household energy	277.188	279.181	285.816	6.8	3.1	2.4
Energy services(1)	279.092	281.445	288.277	6.7	3.3	2.4
Electricity(1).....	312.934	317.385	321.911	6.6	2.9	1.4
Utility (piped) gas service(1).....	215.606	212.777	226.090	6.9	4.9	6.3
Household furnishings and operations.....	138.858	139.702	142.072	3.2	2.3	1.7
Apparel	114.734	116.236	115.403	5.8	0.6	-0.7
Transportation	223.648	232.073	239.342	19.6	7.0	3.1
Private transportation	222.390	229.708	236.544	20.1	6.4	3.0
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	104.453	109.175	113.190	14.3	8.4	3.7
New vehicles	150.926	151.248	153.721	3.0	1.9	1.6
New cars and trucks(3)(4).....	104.850	105.067	106.777	3.0	1.8	1.6
New cars(4).....	148.892	148.679				
Used cars and trucks.....	148.563	162.090	172.779	30.0	16.3	6.6
Motor fuel	275.493	285.588	296.579	48.9	7.7	3.8
Gasoline (all types).....	274.640	284.730	295.859	49.5	7.7	3.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4).....	271.134	281.215	292.570	50.8	7.9	4.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....	262.995	272.745	282.733	45.5	7.5	3.7
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4).....	271.228	280.653	290.072	44.1	6.9	3.4
Motor vehicle insurance(6).....	837.972	837.169	844.423	17.1	0.8	0.9
Medical Care	541.390	544.218	542.235	0.7	0.2	-0.4
Medical care commodities.....	410.237	420.757	420.523	-2.1	2.5	-0.1
Medical care services.....	581.993	582.389	579.856	1.3	-0.4	-0.4
Professional services	375.957	375.933	375.704	2.7	-0.1	-0.1
Recreation(3).....	116.717	117.684	118.207	1.0	1.3	0.4
Education and communication(3).....	139.985	140.214	140.499	1.3	0.4	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(6)	1,506.734	1,507.049	1,509.779	0.8	0.2	0.2
Other goods and services	472.339	473.215	473.656	3.0	0.3	0.1
Commodity and Service Group						
All Items.....	280.625	283.507	285.793	4.7	1.8	0.8
Commodities	195.466	198.575	201.311	8.1	3.0	1.4

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	May 2021	May 2020	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021
Commodities less food & beverages.....	152.981	156.428	159.513	11.7	4.3	2.0
Nondurables less food & beverages	199.814	203.642	205.780	13.9	3.0	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	259.550	264.997	269.177	16.5	3.7	1.6
Durables	110.303	113.199	116.574	9.5	5.7	3.0
Services.....	359.550	362.045	363.731	2.7	1.2	0.5
Rent of shelter(2).....	381.786	383.683	384.873	1.8	0.8	0.3
Transportation services	310.120	322.115	328.552	12.0	5.9	2.0
Other services	368.095	369.206	370.264	1.0	0.6	0.3
Special aggregate indexes:						
All items less medical care	268.736	271.611	274.068	5.0	2.0	0.9
All items less food	280.385	283.425	285.844	4.9	1.9	0.9
All items less shelter.....	250.091	253.404	256.148	6.3	2.4	1.1
Commodities less food.....	157.422	160.809	163.864	11.2	4.1	1.9
Nondurables	241.273	244.141	245.959	7.6	1.9	0.7
Nondurables less food.....	205.335	208.950	211.029	12.7	2.8	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	260.654	265.557	269.409	14.7	3.4	1.5
Services less rent of shelter(2).....	371.518	375.052	377.557	3.9	1.6	0.7
Services less medical care services.....	344.054	346.683	348.647	2.8	1.3	0.6
Energy	280.792	287.601	296.918	28.2	5.7	3.2
All items less energy	282.978	285.618	287.446	3.3	1.6	0.6
All items less food and energy	283.772	286.547	288.442	3.3	1.6	0.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.411	147.135	149.384	5.9	3.4	1.5
Energy commodities.....	280.696	290.608	301.631	48.2	7.5	3.8
Services less energy services.....	365.594	368.108	369.511	2.5	1.1	0.4

Footnotes

(1) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(2) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

- Data not available

Regions defined as the four Census regions. West includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Michael Black

DATE: 7/1/2021

SUBJECT: Kestrel Park Bridge Grant

Situation and Background

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) granted APRC \$555,000 for a Federal Grant from the Oregon Community Paths Program for the Kestrel Park Bridge. The match for this grant was originally thought to be 10%, however, a recent change in the manner of funding for this grant has required a larger match amount of 30%.

Analysis

In order to accomplish the project, which APRC has already invested in through engineering studies and geotechnical reports, we will need to increase the amount of local funding for the project. We have already partnered with the Bear Creek Greenway Foundation, which has donated about a third of the cost of the expenses to date. We believe that we could continue to partner with the BCGF at the same rate, which would require APRC to produce remainder of the funding, which is estimated to be about \$55,000.

The Commissioners approved a line item in the CIP for a second bridge over Bear Creek that would be ancillary to the Kestrel Park Bridge. That line item has \$75,000 budgeted to it that was intended to act as match money for a future grant from the Community Paths Grant Fund. That grant will not be available for another three years.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Commissioners consider reallocating the funds from the CIP Fund dedicated to the Second Bear Creek Bike/Ped Bridge to the Kestrel Park Bridge to ensure that the grant funds from Oregon Community Paths is not lost and we can move forward with the construction of the Kestrel Park Bridge. I will provide more detailed information about the grant and the bridge at the meeting.