



AGENDA
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee
June 3, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

This meeting will be held electronically. Written testimony will be accepted via email sent to sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us. Please include “**Public Testimony for June 3 Current Parks Subcommittee Meeting**” in the subject line. Written testimony submitted before Monday, June 2, 2021, 9:00 am will be made available to Subcommittee Members 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 view the meeting or provide oral testimony, send an email to sean.sullivan@ashland.or.us before Thursday, June 3, 2020, 9:00 am. Late requests will be honored if possible. Please provide the following information: 1) make the subject line of the email “**June 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.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee – January 12, 2021

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Open Forum

BUSINESS

- Non-Standard Memorial Recommendation (Action) – *Background information included in packet*
- Standard Memorial Approval (Action) – *Background information included in packet*
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Options (Information) – *Background information included in packet*
- Set next meeting date

ADJOURNMENT

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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.

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee

FROM: Sean Sullivan, Executive Assistant

DATE: June 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Non-Standard Memorial Request

The Parks Memorial Policy allows for the placement of non-standard memorials on park amenities 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 following non-standard memorial request was recently submitted by Louise Mintun for consideration. The requested bench would be maintained as a permanent amenity placed on the property recently donated by the Lord family that is adjacent to Bear Creek and North Mountain Park. This property will be maintained as natural open space.

Mintun Proposal

Proposed:

Wooden bench dedication with permanent memorial plaque for John and Jean Sully in the new Cynthia Lord Park. The proposed bench is intended to align to the new park's design plan (plan details pending). Proposed donation of \$5,000 for installation of the bench and marker.

Proposed memorial plaque wording:

John & Jean Sully

They spent their lives working on nature's behalf,
as noble a mission as we can imagine.

Background:

Hannah Archambault, granddaughter of Cynthia Downes Lord, and I connected over the topic of finding a durable memorial marker for my father, John Sully, a friend and long-time associate of Cynthia's. Hannah suggested the possibility of a bench in the new Cynthia Lord Park that her family is donating to the City of Ashland.

Before my father and his wife Jean moved to Oregon, he served as senior field biologist for the state of California, and in this capacity he was instrumental in the preservation of critical wetlands habitat throughout the state. When John and Jean moved to Ashland 30 years ago, they immediately became involved in the fishing-birding-botanizing community. They joined the southern Oregon chapter of the Sierra Club where they first met Cynthia. John Sully became an active member of the Rogue Group Executive Committee, also serving on the Conservation Committee for Fish and Water and as Section Chair for the Klamath Basin. He was a member of the Rogue Flyfishers, and a long-time volunteer at C.A.T.S. animal rescue in Medford. With Jean at his side, he worked tirelessly to protect the Ashland watershed and the Klamath Basin Wildlife Refuge Complex for future generations.

Bob Palzer connected me with Hannah when he learned my family was looking for a suitable memorial for my father. When Hannah and I compared notes about how the lives of Cynthia Lord and John Sully intersected, we laughed and said to each other, 'Of course they were friends!' John and Cynthia were partners and allies in protecting Oregon's wildlands, but beyond that they had so much in common. They both taught their children how to fish, camp, backpack, be a quiet birder, identify a wildflower, plant a rose, pet all the kitties, and notice and observe all the beauty the outdoor world has to offer. The children and grand-children of both families are all firm believers in the preservation of open and natural spaces.

We feel this permanent marker in Cynthia Lord Park is appropriate, based on the friendship between John Sully and Cynthia Lord, their common backgrounds, their love of Oregon's wild places, and their shared goal of protecting those places. We hope that someday someone who has been walking in the park with their head bent botanizing or their eyes to sky birding might pause at this bench for a moment to rest and reflect.

Thank you so much for your consideration. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like more background.

All the best,

Louise Sully Mintun
Daughter of John & Jean Sully

Possible Motions: *I move to recommend approval of the non-standard memorial requests as submitted by staff.*

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PARKS COMMISSIONER STAFF REPORT

TO: Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee
FROM: Sean Sullivan, Executive Assistant
DATE: June 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Standard Memorial Requests

The [Parks Memorial Policy](#) allows for the placement of standard memorials on park amenities such as benches and tables and authorizes the Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee to grant final approval to standard memorial requests. Amenities eligible to be dedicated as a standard memorial and the donation amount required to secure a dedication for a 10-year period is outlined in the [Standard Memorial Administrative Procedures](#) document.

When dedicated, the amenity is refinished and a 1"x 4" plaque is installed on the amenity. Standard memorials can be dedicated in 10-year increments. Once the timeline for the dedication has expired, the initial donor will be offered first right of refusal before making the amenity available to someone else for dedication.

Two standard memorial requests have been submitted since the Current Parks, Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee last met in January 2021. Please see the summary of the requests below:

Applicant 1: Kathleen Quinn
Amenity Type: Existing Wood Table
Location: Lithia Park – By Upper Duck Pond
Years Dedicated: 10
Donation Amount: \$825

Plaque Text:
A true & trusted friend
to all who loved him
Michael James McClain

Applicant 2: Steve Brent

Amenity Type: Existing Wood Bench

Location: Lithia – Playground Lawn

Years Dedicated: remainder of existing dedication

Donation Amount: \$400

Plaque Text:

Charles CB Brent

Modified Request: This plaque would be installed on a bench that has already been dedicated by Mr. Brent to his mother, Sue Resnick Brent. The bench would not be refinished, and the dedication time period would not be extended past the current end date of November 25, 2029 (ten years past the adoption of the revised memorial policy). The donation amount has been reduced accordingly based on reduced costs for labor and materials since the bench will not be refinished. Staff considers this to be a standard memorial request

The total donation amount for requests is \$1,225.

Possible Motion: I move to approve the standard memorial requests as submitted by staff.