



AGENDA FOR STUDY SESSION
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
September 7, 2022
Electronic Meeting – 6 P.M.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. OAK KNOLL GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION REPORT
- III. WILDLIFE SANCTUARY EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETATION
- IV. BLUEBIRD PARK SEATING AND ALCOHOL IN PARKS – CALLE POLICY EXTENSION
- V. ADJOURNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: APRC Commissioners
FROM: Michael A. Black
DATE: September 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Irrigation at Oak Knoll

The irrigation season for Talent Irrigation District (TID) is officially over. It was very short in duration and the limited water resource has affected APRC and its properties. One property that is particularly vulnerable to changes in water supply is the Oak Knoll Golf Course. In addition to the short TID irrigation season, the Commissioners have also instructed me to not use any alternative watering sources, such as City water at the golf course.

Now that the TID irrigation season is over, but the need for water still remains, I would like to present a brief report to the Parks Commissioners for their information and guidance on irrigation at the Oak Knoll Golf Course. I will present this report at the study session on September 7th.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: APRC Commissioners
FROM: Rachel Dials, Deputy Director
DATE: September 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Wildlife Sanctuary Education Interpretation-Update

At the July 6, 2022, Regular meeting the Commission directed staff to work on maps that outline specific areas to designate as Wildlife Sanctuary areas. During the discussion there was agreement that taking this approach may give pause and education to users as to why certain rules are in place and how certain activities can have a negative impact on wildlife. The areas included in the discussion were North Mountain Park, Lithia Park, Riverwalk, and Ashland Pond.

Staff has been working on this project and will be prepared to present draft maps of North Mountain Park, Riverwalk and Ashland Pond for discussion and next steps.

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STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Rachel Dials, Deputy Director

DATE: September 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Bluebird Park Seating and Alcohol in Parks-Calle Policy Extension (Information)

Situation & Background

At the July 13, 2022, Commission meeting staff presented information regarding the proposed addition of restaurant seating at Bluebird Park and the feasibility of modification of the area to accommodate that seating. The owner of Local 31 Pub, Sean Mark Nipper is requesting the Commission consider an extension of activities allowed on Calle Guanajuato to a portion of Bluebird Park for outdoor restaurant seating and alcohol sales/consumption. (See pictures below Area #1 and Area #2).





This request was brought to APRC staff within the past year. Staff met with business owner, Sean Mark Nipper, and then looked at the feasibility of modifying the area to accommodate seating. This establishment is in the only building that has an entrance directly adjacent to the park.

At the July meeting, staff was directed by the Commission to bring back more information regarding Calle Guanajuato hours of operation for seating and current license agreements.

- There are currently 7 restaurants on the Calle that have a license agreement that can operate between 5-7 days per week. Hours of operation on the license agreement are 7am-10pm.
- Restaurants are required to obtain an OLCC license specific for their approved outdoor seating location that is submitted with their signed license agreement.
- Current licensees use as little as 100 sf up to 1300 sf depending on the approved area and location on the Calle.
- Season of operation is mid-March through Mid-November with a charge of \$8.00/\$5.00 per square foot.

Next Steps

The Commissioners can choose to move forward with this request or deny the request and staff will cease to pursue the Bluebird Park restaurant seating. To deny the seating at Bluebird Park, Commissioner need only to give staff the guidance to cease working on this proposal.

To approve the Bluebird Park restaurant seating the Commission would need to:

- amend the Calle Guanajuato Policy to include a portion of Bluebird Park to grant the ability to lease an area within the park. All rules and fees included in the Calle Guanajuato Policy would be applicable to the proposed area.
- make a motion to recommend the City Council amend the ordinance 10.68.090 Section C (Intoxicating liquor or beverages) to include a portion of Bluebird Park.

- *C. This section and the prohibitions on the provision and use of intoxicating liquor shall not apply to the park property commonly known as Calle Guanajuato only when such is served with prepared meals and with the express approval of the Ashland Park and Recreation Commission and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.*

Staff would recommend for the Commission to continue to consider this request that signage be posted for at least 30-days in the proposed seating areas at Bluebird Park that says something to the effect:

“Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking input on proposed restaurant seating in this area for Local 31 Pub. This is a change in use for this area and feedback is requested from current and future park users. Please send any feedback to parksinfo@ashland.or.us”

Staff would gather the feedback and bring this item back to the Commission at the November meeting.