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## **CITY OF ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **Regular Meeting Agenda AUGUST 26, 2013 @ 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ♦ 1175 E. MAIN STREET**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Study Session—June 17, 2013
- Study Session—July 15, 2013
- Regular Meeting—July 22, 2013

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Open Forum

#### **ADDITIONS or DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Calle Guanajuato Resurfacing Project

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dog Friendly Parks Status Update: Kestrel, Glenwood, Bluebird Parks

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE and STAFF REPORTS**

- Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update

#### **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

#### **UPCOMING MEETING DATE(S) and PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

- Study Session—Date TBD
  - Parks Office, 340 S. Pioneer Street—7:00 PM
- Regular Meeting—September 23, 2013
  - Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street—7:00 PM
- Joint Meeting with Council—October 29, 2013
  - Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street—7:00 PM

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Ashland  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
June 17, 2013

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners Landt, Lewis, Seffinger, Shaw; City Council Liaison Voisin; Director Robertson; Superintendents Dials and Dickens

Absent: Commissioner Gardiner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Seffinger called the study session to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Parks office, 340 S. Pioneer Street.

**COST-OF-LIVING REVIEW**

Robertson said the commission approved a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Parks staff based on west coast CPI on a designated date in 2013. On that date, the CPI was 1.3%. He distributed a revised salary schedule showing the 1.3% COLA for each position with the exception of the director's position. He said HR would conduct a salary survey for that position. Robertson said he spoke with the commission chair and vice chair about a potential salary adjustment to align his scale with other City department heads.

Landt suggested having staff research the director's salary in terms of Parks directors in other jurisdictions.

**JAPANESE GARDEN UPDATE**

Robertson said staff prepared discussion points for the proposed Japanese Garden entrance gate.

Dickens said landscape architect Ian Wessler developed a garden gate drawing and presented it to the commission at their May 13 study session. Dickens talked about cost differences between steel and wood products and reported that both the Planning and Building departments spoke favorably about the project. He said Wessler recommended using reclaimed yellow pine and project donor Ann Auble voiced support for the gateway design. Once materials were approved, he said project completion would take at least 8-10 weeks. He indicated that the Auble donation would likely cover all estimated project costs.

Discussion Among Commissioners

Landt suggested using heavily gauged metal for the garden gateway for greater longevity. He said exposed wood would require more maintenance over the long term. Seffinger recommended using materials that provided the feel of a Japanese garden.

Architect **Steve Ennis** said he preferred wood but steel could make sense from a maintenance standpoint.

Shaw said once staff was given direction, they should have the ability to implement the project. Seffinger said she saw wooden garden gate structures in Japan that lasted a long time and her personal preference was wood. She asked about the donor's preferences for materials. Landt said a 3-D mockup might be useful and appropriate given the commission's desire to build a gateway lasting 50-plus years. Ennis said a drawing would probably take three to four hours to complete; Landt said it would be money well spent. Shaw said he was happy with the drawing and wanted to allow staff to proceed. Ennis said welds could rust at the edges of beads and the structure would need to be manufactured and assembled in advance, then bolted in on-site. The commission suggested a darker, earthier red color.

Robertson said staff would ask the donor about her preferences.

Landt left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**ENDERS SHELTER BIDS**

Dickens said five Enders Shelter bids were opened on Wednesday, June 5, but only four were complete. All bids were higher than anticipated and the low bid from Wes Norton of Roxy Ann Rock came in at \$127,244. A post-bid meeting with the contractor, project manager and Parks Superintendent produced a reduction in construction costs. The lower price of \$98,973 represented a \$28,271 savings.

**ENDERS SHELTER BIDS, cont'd.**

Commissioners asked several clarifying questions and agreed that the shelter had safety issues and the project needed to move forward.

**SENIOR CENTER BUDGET (RVCOG ISSUES)**

Dials said the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) provided annual funding over the past 20-plus years along with services related to information and referrals. In exchange for the funding, staff submitted quarterly reports to RVCOG about who made contact with the Senior Center and where people were referred. In FY 11-12, the Senior Center made approximately 11,500 referral contacts.

It was explained that because of limited staffing, the Senior Center couldn't satisfy RVCOG's request to answer phones one day per week (the ADRC Program) in exchange for funds received. It was noted that the ADRC Program was not part of the Senior Center mission or scope. Due to the sequester and other factors, RVCOG notified Parks staff of their need to withdraw nearly \$10,000 in RVCOG funding, the largest outside revenue source for the Senior Center.

Dials said an Ashland Parks Foundation grant for the Senior Center was requested and approved and it would replenish lost funding to the Food and Friends Program. Staff met with RVCOG Director Dave Toler and expressed staff concerns, including that cuts in one program sector (I&A) affected other program sectors (Food and Friends).

Robertson said the Senior Center was fully funded through the City and would continue providing the same level of service to seniors; however, in 18 months the City could question why Senior Center revenues fell. Staff was scheduled to meet with Toler's superior the next day to discuss possible alternatives.

**Housekeeping Items**

Seffinger said she spoke with the mayor and some councilors and the mayor expressed interest in using the same process for hiring the Parks Director utilized for the mid-term commission vacancy appointment when Rosenthal was elected to council in November 2012. Lewis and Seffinger said a possible charter amendment for the hiring of the Parks Director was important; otherwise, the commission could be subject to the whims of the mayor and council. Commissioners asked how to reinstate the power of the Parks Commission in a legal manner and suggested a memorandum of understanding after obtaining an objective legal opinion. Lewis said it was time to address all issues of concern, including recent activities by the mayor and City Administrator.

Seffinger said the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting was scheduled for June 24 at 3 p.m. in the Parks office. She asked commissioners to forward any agenda suggestions to her.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF STUDY SESSION** – With no further business, Seffinger adjourned the study session at 8:45 p.m.

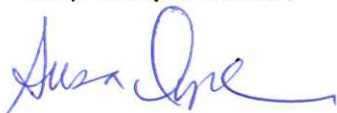
**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** – By consensus, Seffinger adjourned into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

- *Executive Session: Real Property Acquisition ORS 192.660 (2)(e)*

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – By consensus, Seffinger adjourned out of executive session at 9:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Susan Dyssegard  
Ashland Parks and Recreation

City of Ashland  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
July 15, 2013

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners Gardiner, Landt, Lewis, Seffinger, Shaw; City Council Liaison Voisin; Director Robertson; Superintendents Dials and Dickens

Absent: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Seffinger called the study session to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Parks office, 340 S. Pioneer Street.

**SKATE PARK DISCUSSION**

Robertson welcomed members of the public. He apologized for an earlier comment at the May 20 regular meeting when a citizen complained about Parks staff watching cement dry at the Skate Park. He said when he stated that Parks did not do that type of thing, he was in error. He later learned that City policy dictated having a City staff member remain on-site following cement pours.

Robertson said he would present a slideshow and then the commission would take public input.

Robertson's slideshow included photos depicting park patrons enjoying the facility; erosion of the infrastructure; compaction of the surrounding area; graffiti on many surfaces; drainage problems; and destruction and vandalism of signage. Robertson said some jurisdictions allowed their skate park graffiti to remain on surfaces as they considered it a part of the culture; however, the City of Ashland required removal within 24 hours. Robertson said in earlier years, due to a fatality at the Skate Park, chaperones in the form of Park Patrol were stationed at the facility from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the week, with skate helmets and equipment loaned out and rules enforced. Subsequent budget cuts led to the removal of enforcement patrols. He talked about the close proximity of the park to Ashland Creek and staff's sensitivity to products used, as anything could end up in the creek.

Upcoming improvements were reported to include:

- Additional drainage upgrades
- Replacement of a bench in a shady spot
- Painting of a steel rail
- Replacement of a street-side trash receptacle
- Reinstallation of a water fountain
- Pruning of low limbs along the back of the park near Ashland Creek

Robertson asked if the facility should remain in the same spot or be moved to another section of the City.

Public Input

**Kathleen and Zachary Kane**, 385 Kearney Street, reported spending many hours at the Skate Park and said they appreciated it for its multiple uses (bikes, scooters, skateboards). They praised the facility, said it was in the right location, and indicated that a few people caused problems for the majority. Kathleen said a surveillance camera was used at the Grants Pass skate park and it deterred illegal activity. Zachary asked for a drain near the rail (to improve drainage and allow for safer tricks) and the reinstallation of a drinking fountain.

**David Tourzan**, 395 Granite Street, said he participated in Skate Park cleanups but knew how quickly the park got cluttered. He asked the commission to distribute badges for volunteer cleanup and patrol efforts and suggested creating a culture of togetherness. He said the park was one of the friendliest skate parks in the valley and while its location was less than ideal, it was a great facility. He said once gloves and bags were distributed, park users would help clean it up.

## SKATE PARK DISCUSSION, cont'd.

**Charlie Shoemaker**, 253 Cambridge, agreed with the previous speaker and said he visited the park at least three times a week. He expressed interest in helping with park cleanups and said his children appreciated the facility. He reported notifying the police about swearing and smoking he observed. He said the Ashland Skate Park was the only shaded skate park in southern Oregon. He voiced support for the park's current location and said he appreciated its close proximity to Ashland Creek and the downtown area.

**Earl Wagner**, 258 A Street, said the price of a banged-up sign or graffiti didn't compare to the value provided by the park. He said profanity (a cultural element at the park) had decreased and most youth behaved well. He said the law seemed to go after helmet enforcement rather than the "vibe" at the park. He said the Ashland Skate Park was a world-class facility and people came from all over to skate there. He suggested placing a surveillance camera at the park to deter patrons from violating the rules.

**Courtlandt Jennings**, 1169 Hillview Drive, thanked the commission and staff for their efforts and agreed with Tourzan's point about placing responsibility for park cleanliness and rule enforcement on community members. He suggested an ad hoc committee comprised of skateboarders and staff. He said his business along Water Street faced the park and he had a good view of park activities. His suggestions included: replacing the Water Street bridge; reinstalling a water fountain; asking park users for feedback on skate park topics like drainage and vandalism; not using a surveillance camera as it would only get vandalised; having Park Patrol on duty from 3:00 p.m. until park closure for rule enforcement and vandalism prevention; planting shade trees in two spots; reinstalling a park bench; placing borders around Oregon grape with mulch to define the space better; installing porous hardscape; and additional watering of the plantings.

**Chris Bourne**, 999 Holton Road in Talent, said he and his son had skated at the park for years. He voiced appreciation for a regular Park Patrol presence because it curbed alcohol and drug use and he asked for more patrols. He said most skaters did not behave badly and he agreed that a camera would not last long. He said the park was beautiful and one of the nicest skate parks he'd ever used. He asked for the drain to be drilled in the correct spot. He thanked the commission for the opportunity to discuss the Skate Park. He asked for a list to be compiled of speakers and interested persons willing and able to assist staff and the commission.

### Discussion Among Commissioners

**Lewis:** Heard the public asking for the park to remain in the same location. The existing park could be upgraded and improved in the same location. His granddaughter skated there and enjoyed the park. Vandalism was ongoing and the "vibe" subjective. A water fountain, improvements to landscaping, and park cleanups could be facilitated through the Volunteer Coordinator. Lewis voiced appreciation for members of the public who showed up and expressed their thoughts.

**Gardiner:** Asked why the park was vandalized more than any other park in the City.

Bourne said some of the vandalism was caused by skaters, despite some comments to the contrary, with skaters smashing signage, sides of buildings, and more. Wagner said some skaters were tough and not the type to join sports teams. Jennings said there were street lights on Water Street but the Water Street corridor could attract certain types of people. He said open fields of concrete might invite graffiti artists. Tourzan talked about stewardship and changing the culture.

**Shaw:** Reported visiting the park and watching improvements and repairs occurring over the past few months. Requested the reinstallation of a water fountain and suggested placing a surveillance camera on the building across the street (the Pickled Planet, owned by Jennings).

**Landt:** Requested a drinking fountain at the Skate Park and said the drainage problem was caused by a design flaw. The park was not placed in a good location and any future relocation would need to be planned well in advance, with trees planted ahead of time and the park more visible. A fence placed creek-side would help protect the creek and prevent erosion but a fence was not permitted. Appreciation was expressed for moms, dads and kids showing up and speaking to the topic. Landt said a community and family park was a great thing but the park needed to be moved away from the crown jewel of Ashland: Ashland Creek.



## SKATE PARK DISCUSSION, cont'd.

**Seffinger:** Invited members of the public to contact Volunteer Coordinator Lori Ainsworth to get enrolled as volunteers at the Ashland Skate Park.

Dickens said a new drinking fountain would be installed soon and signs were being treated with a new material to aid with vandalism cleanups.

Jennings reported seeing skaters regularly drinking from the water spigot on his building, the Pickled Planet and said it was costing him money. He made suggestions about planting more trees on the western side of the park and not over-pruning trees and shrubs at the park.

Seffinger said the commission would continue making improvements at the park. She asked members of the public to talk to Ainsworth and Dickens and contact the commission with any further suggestions.

## JAPANESE GARDEN DISCUSSION

Seffinger said Ann Auble donated funds for a Japanese Garden gateway and the commission discussed materials at an earlier meeting. Staff was then directed to call the donor to ask about her preferences with regard to materials. Robertson spoke with Auble and her daughter and specifically addressed the notion of using steel versus wood for the sake of reduced maintenance and better longevity. Auble subsequently prepared a letter asking for mostly wood with a small amount of steel and possibly some reinforced concrete.

### Discussion Among Commissioners

**Landt:** Commission and staff moving ahead with the garden gate project despite a lack of Lithia Park master plan (a commission goal). Appreciation expressed for citizens stepping forward to donate funds toward projects; however, using old growth wood (high maintenance and a limited commodity) did not fit with the City's sustainability vision. Reported visiting the site and not understanding where the entryway would be located. Asked why staff time was being used for the project.

**Lewis:** The design was in place and the commission was now discussing materials and color. Steel a good idea due to sustainability concerns and a desire for reduced maintenance. Any future Lithia Park master plan would include a garden portal or entranceway. Lewis suggested moving forward with the project.

**Shaw:** The commission had been working on and planning to complete the project. Shaw suggested a combination of metal and wood, with metal uprights and large pieces of wood across for the sake of aesthetics.

**Seffinger:** Installed a similar gateway at her home and knew what was required in terms of maintenance. Would be harder to get donations in the future if projects weren't completed after donated funds were accepted. Seffinger suggested moving forward using the project design discussed by the commission.

**Landt:** Pointed out the example of Fire Station #2 and the maintenance required on the wood. Suggested doing better than the City in terms of sustainability. Said the commission was trying to complete projects with an eye toward reductions in future maintenance. Before proceeding, recommended making a site plan view of the structure and determining its elevation and location. Landt said someone was donating time to create a 3-D mockup.

**Gardiner** suggested moving forward with the project.

Commissioners agreed on the use of some red metal and the need for a site plan. Seffinger suggested presenting an image to the donating family showing what the commission would approve along with an explanation about how the proposal aligned with Japanese history and a rationale for the proposed project and materials.

Architect **Steve Ennis** said that if the gateway was fabricated and detailed properly, red metal could work well.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Seffinger said a resolution would be presented the following evening at the City Council meeting. She invited Landt to speak to the topic.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE, cont'd.

Landt said council had requested joint council / commission meetings but with the mayor and City Administrator attempting to undercut the commission's authority by taking over decisions such as the hiring and firing of the Parks Director, joint meetings would not make sense. Slattery felt that some community members also held those perceptions so he wrote a draft resolution and shared it with Seffinger and one other councilor. Slattery would present his resolution the following evening at the council meeting. Landt said this would give council the opportunity to go on record about their stance regarding Parks management and other Parks matters.

Voisin expressed concern about the manner in which the topic arose and said it posed a procedural issue, as council usually discussed topics at study sessions before deciding whether to place them on regular meeting agendas. Additional concern was voiced about a lack of Ad Hoc Committee involvement.

Landt said this would be a positive step and he hoped council would approve it. If procedural concerns prevented its moving forward, it would be a disappointment Seffinger agreed and said the resolution would make it easier for the Ad Hoc Committee to successfully focus on the next tasks at hand without fearing unspoken intentions. Landt said 100 years of history would be overturned if the Parks director's hiring was transferred from the Parks Commission's authority. Shaw said this was a beginning effort and a good start and he appreciated the attempt to put on record the entity responsible for Parks directors' hiring. Gardiner said he wanted to see the resolution move forward. Seffinger said she hoped the resolution would proceed so the Ad Hoc Committee could continue with its fine work.

## Housekeeping Items

### Ice Rink Cover

Robertson said staff had been working with Noel Lesley Company to find a temporary ice rink cover. The cost would range from \$150-\$250,000 but was budgeted at \$122,000. The cover would go out to bid in the next few weeks.

### Enders Shelter Project

Dickens presented a short slideshow featuring photos of the Enders Shelter project. Robertson said the roof was removed in two days and the original beams were bright and clean. Ennis provided additional project details. Landt asked for the Bobcat machine to be stored overnight on a concrete or asphalt surface. He thanked Dickens and Ennis for moving forward with project completion.

### Atkinson Bridge Project

Dickens said the Atkinson Bridge was undergoing historical preservations and all repairs were cosmetic rather than structural or safety-related. He said contractor Jim Oleson would provide a proposal on the footings.

### Parks Director Salary Survey

Seffinger asked for a salary survey for the Parks director position. She said the Ashland director's salary was low as compared with other City of Ashland department heads and the topic would be discussed at a future study session.

## ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Seffinger adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Dyssegard  
Ashland Parks and Recreation

City of Ashland  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 22, 2013

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners Gardiner, Landt, Seffinger, Shaw; City Council Liaison Voisin; Director Robertson; Superintendents Dials and Dickens

Absent: Commissioner Lewis

**CALL TO ORDER**

Seffinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Study Session – June 17, 2013

Landt said that in the commission discussion about using wood versus steel for a proposed Japanese Garden gateway in Lithia Park, he would have used the word "would" rather than "might" when speaking about additional maintenance requirements for a wooden gateway (versus steel).

Approval of the minutes postponed until the August 26 regular meeting to allow staff to check the wording used.

Regular Meeting – June 24, 2013

**MOTION** Landt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Shaw seconded the motion.

The vote was: All yes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** Landt moved to add "Parks Director Salary Review" under "New Business." Gardiner seconded the motion.

The vote was: All yes

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GOLF COURSE PRESENTATION**

Robertson said the Parks Department assumed responsibility of Oak Knoll Golf Course in the mid-1990s, including the management of existing maintenance staff. Clubhouse operations continued under contract until 2008 when Tom Cronin was hired as Clubhouse Manager after a lengthy search. An avid golfer, Cronin brought wisdom and small business management expertise to the position.

Robertson welcomed Cronin and invited him to speak to the commission.

**Cronin** showed slides of the Oak Knoll Golf Course and the clubhouse, including historic photos. He said the golf course had played a large role in the community for more than 80 years and he hoped to see it continue for another 80 years. He talked about recent improvement projects including reconstructed greens, upgraded drainage, replaced sand bunkers, and rebuilt tee boxes and said the golfers appreciated the upgrades. Other slides showed the clubhouse rooms and an historic pool table donated by a citizen. Cronin said the clubhouse was becoming a community center and used for hosted rehearsal dinners, weddings, corporate events and reunions. The golf course was also used for a cross-country event every September. Cronin showed a slide of the northwest corner of the parking lot and said it had been considered as a possible neighborhood park site with a playground. He said golf course staff provided a quality product at a great price.

Robertson said that while the commission had previously considered constructing a walking trail around the course, the project had not moved forward; however, community members walked that route every day. He reported on additional scheduled projects. Cronin said golf courses industry-wide were dropping in revenues and volume but the Oak Knoll facility was holding its own.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GOLF COURSE PRESENTATION, cont'd.**

The commission thanked Cronin for his presentation. Cronin invited everyone to come out and play golf at Oak Knoll.

### **PARKS DIRECTOR'S SALARY REVIEW**

**MOTION** Landt moved to approve a salary adjustment to \$9,347.73 per month for the Ashland Parks and Recreation Director, retroactive to July 1, 2013. Gardiner seconded the motion.

#### Discussion Among Commissioners

Commissioners acknowledged a recent survey of parks director salaries in Oregon conducted by the City of Ashland Personnel Department. The proposed salary adjustment would be at the mid-range for parks directors working for similarly sized departments in Oregon. The adjustment would also bring the parks director in line with other City of Ashland department heads. Given the number of Ashland Parks Department staff and the budgetary responsibilities required, the commission agreed the proposed salary adjustment was appropriate.

Vote: All yes

## **SUBCOMMITTEE and STAFF REPORTS**

### **Update on Signs and Plaques in Parks**

Dickens said the Signs and Plaques Subcommittee, consisting of Landt and Lewis, would meet soon. Staff had been working on photographing and cataloguing existing benches and picnic tables in Lithia Park along with any memorial plaques in rocks or other structures. The commission's policy on signs, plaques and memorials, developed in 2004 and revised in 2008, was due for a review and possible upgrades. Staff received ongoing requests for memorial benches and picnic tables and stayed within guidelines established by the commission, including a six-word limit per plaque. Staff offered donors the opportunity to donate items from the commission's "needs list" such as frost-free fountains. Staff had worked on improving uniformity with donated items, including plaques, and only replaced existing benches and tables in need of refurbishment. In terms of costs for donations, benches and picnic tables were reported to cost \$300 for in-house items or \$1,200 for metal-framed benches purchased through a vendor, with plaques, installation and maintenance included in the price of all items.

Commissioners offered several suggested revisions to the current policy. Dickens asked the commission to think about long-term maintenance of donated items. Robertson said the subcommittee could discuss all associated topics in greater detail at their upcoming meeting.

### **Update on Parks Projects**

Dickens provided updates on current park projects:

- Enders Shelter rehabilitation in Lithia Park: for this 100-year landmark project, geotech work completed and footings dug out; 120 days until project completion.
- Atkinson Bridge upgrades in Lithia Park: working on finding a match for finish coating; bridge open to foot traffic; 120 days until project completion.
- Hunter Park maintenance shed repairs: recent re-siding and repainting of shed structure.
- Trails and forestry work: projects ongoing.
- Skate Park water fountain: fountain purchased; installation scheduled for end of July / early August.

## **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Shaw reported on his participation in the Big Al's tennis tournament the previous weekend and said he met people who had visited Ashland for 35 years. The tennis courts were said to attract repeat visitors, similar to the golf course, with many of the visitors expressing appreciation for Parks' efforts to keep the courts in great shape.

Landt suggested forming a subcommittee to explore and discuss ongoing opportunities for open space property acquisitions. He suggested including this item on the August 19 study session agenda.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES & PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

- Study session set for August 19 at 7:00 p.m., Parks office, 340 S. Pioneer Street. Agenda items:
  - Japanese Garden Discussion
  - Perozzi Fountain Restoration
  - Open Space Subcommittee Discussion
- Regular meeting set for August 26 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, with no further business, Seffinger adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Dyssegard  
Ashland Parks and Recreation

# ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM :** Rachel Dials, Recreation Superintendent *RD*

**DATE :** August 21, 2013

**SUBJECT :** Calle Guanajuato Resurfacing Project

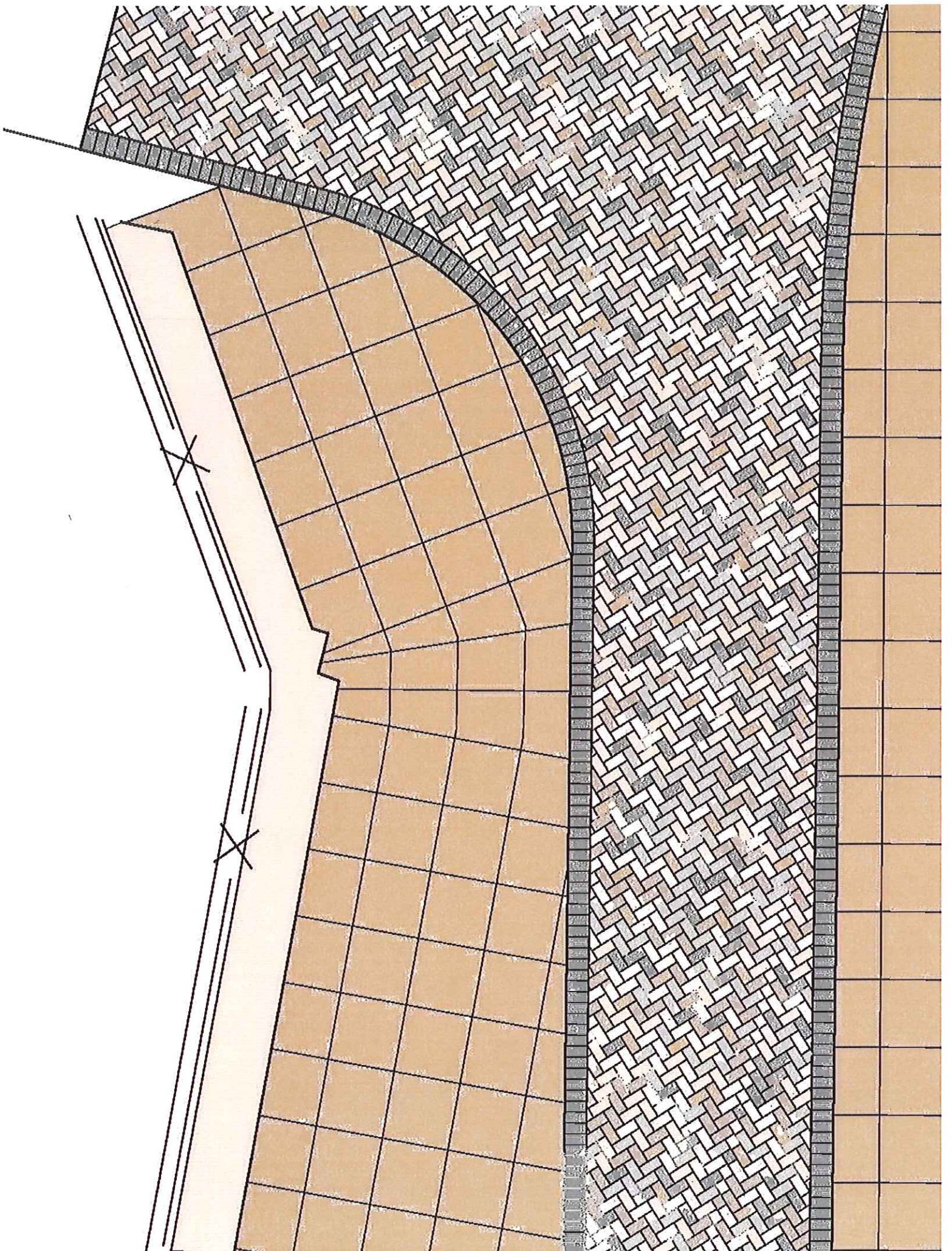
### Action Requested

Information only

### Background

Staff will provide a brief update on the Calle Resurfacing Project. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in late September, with construction commencing by late October.















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## MEMORANDUM

**TO** : Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM** : Don Robertson, Director  
**DATE** : August 22, 2013  
**SUBJECT** : Dog Friendly Parks Status Update: Kestrel, Glenwood, Bluebird

**Action Requested**

Provide staff direction

**Background**

In October of 2012, the commission permanently changed its rules about dogs in certain neighborhood parks, allowing them on and within six feet of paved pathways. Glenwood and Kestrel were excluded because they lacked connected pathways. Bluebird was originally included but later rescinded due to concerns about the riparian area adjacent to the pathway.

In May of 2013, the rules were again changed to allow leashed dogs in certain neighborhood parks on any surface with the exception of Lithia, Bluebird, N. Mountain, Kestrel and Glenwood. The commission requested a further review of Kestrel and Glenwood and two commissioners specifically asked for the inclusion of Bluebird Park.