



## NEWPORT PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Open House #2 Meeting Summary

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Newport Recreation Center

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The City of Newport, with assistance from a consulting team led by Angelo Planning Group and GreenWorks, is preparing an updated Park System Master Plan for the city. As part of this effort, the city and its team are conducting community workshops and other activities to solicit feedback on planning priorities and concepts. The second community workshop, conducted on November 7 from 5 to 7 pm at the Newport Recreation Center, focused on potential future improvements to the park system, including identifying community priorities.

The meeting was announced via the City's Website; emails distributed to several hundred people who have expressed an interest in parks and other planning projects; and a press release that went out to local media outlets. About 35 people attended the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide community members with the opportunity to make comments and recommendations about preliminary recommended improvements to park system facilities, including neighborhood and pocket parks, beach access points, trails and other pedestrian and bicycle connections to and between parks and recreation facilities. In the meeting, the planning team also presented information about project goals and objectives, conditions, level of service, opportunities and challenges, and other work completed to date via a repeating PowerPoint presentation. Participants engaged in two interactive exercises to comment on preliminary recommendations for future improvements to park and recreation facilities, and to identify their highest priority improvements. In addition, representatives of local skate park designer Dreamland worked with participants to identify potential improvements to the Sam Moore Skate Park. Participants also completed a written comment form and were encouraged to participate in an online survey. Following is a summary of the results of the meeting.



## Common Themes

Throughout the interactive exercises and discussions some common themes were prevalent, including the following:

- In general, participants supported the proposed improvements and suggested relatively few additional facilities or changes to the preliminary recommendations.
- Trails received strong support, with several proposed trail improvements being identified as among the highest priority improvements
- Sam Moore Park and Jump Off Joe improvements also were very strongly supported by participants. This may be due in part to the fact that a large number of park users attended the meeting to provide input about potential improvements to the Skate park there.

## Park Improvements Maps

Participants reviewed and commented on two maps (North and South Newport) showing preliminary proposed park system improvements. People provided their suggestions using post-it notes. Following is a summary of comments.

### Opportunities Map (North) Comments

#### **Parks and Beach Access Improvements**

- P-A, Longview Hills Full Service Park:
  - Playground not needed.
  - Longview Hills right name? Confusing.
- P-101, Agate Beach Neighborhood Park.
  - Need parks and pathways for children and adults not living at 55<sup>th</sup>.
  - Single-staff, family friendly, wheelchair accessible, gender neutral restroom.
- 55<sup>th</sup>: City signage at NW 55<sup>th</sup> trail to beach.
- Jump Off Joe:
  - Undeveloped “secret space.” Very special to teens. Do not over-develop.
  - Bike repair and rest pocket park at end of Oceanview and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- S-05, Nye Beach Turnaround: Turnaround as new park.
- Hurbert: Pocket park at 101/Hurbert, NW corner.
- P-E: Ralph Busby Park: Remove Ralph’s name.

#### **Trail Connection Improvements**

- Highway 101:
  - Birch trees.
  - Need full-time city employees for park maintenance and tidying weeds, etc. along Highway 101.
- T-D, Highway 101 Crossing: Have to cross creek right now.
- T-J, Sam Moore Trail: Need to remove barricade to pathway.
- P-11, Literacy Park to NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street: Band shell; public space.
- Neff Way: Need walking trail on Neff Way by Mombetsu Park.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Highway 101 walking trail.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street: Covered walkway from hospital to rec center along 9<sup>th</sup>.

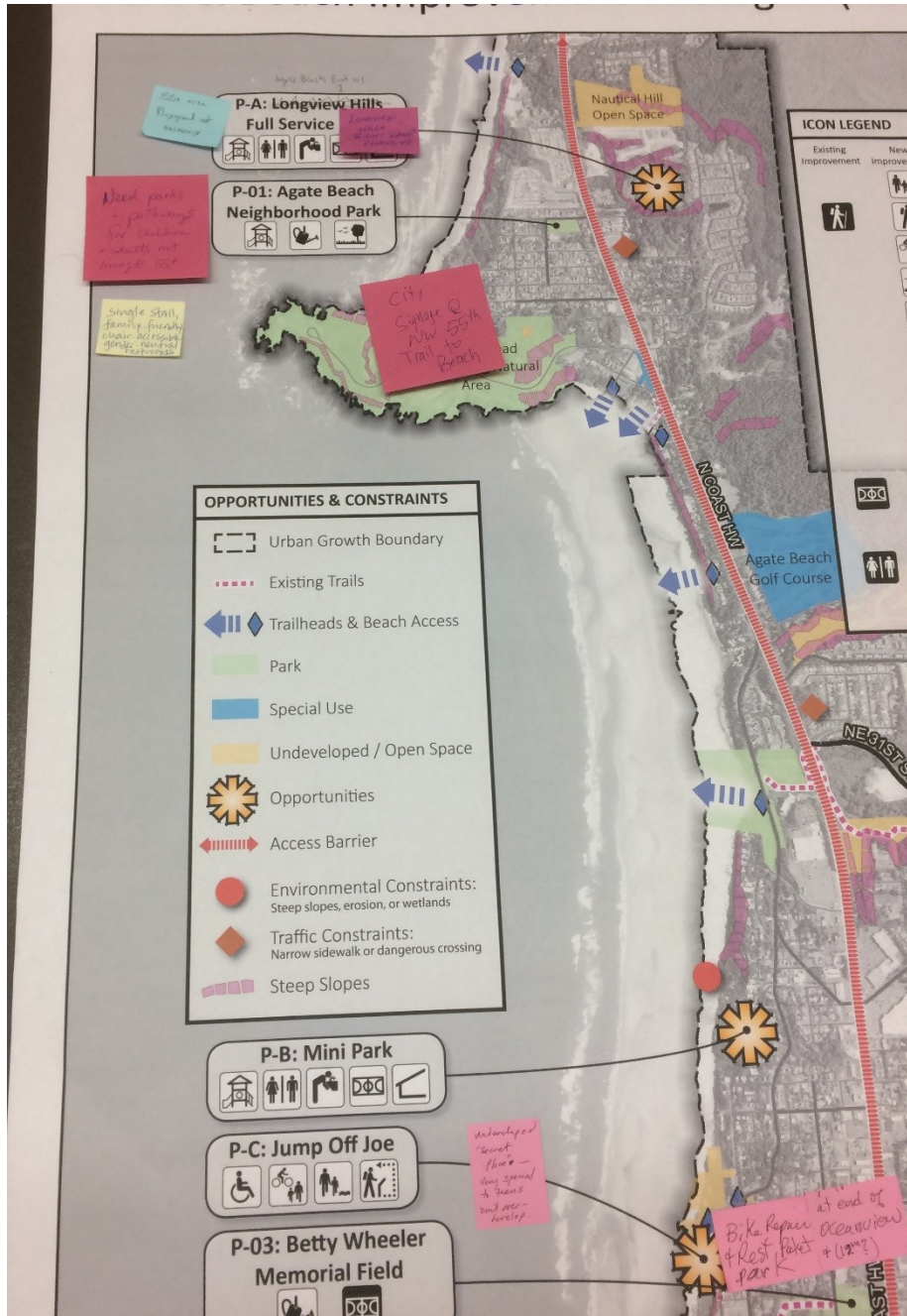
## Opportunities Map (South) Comments

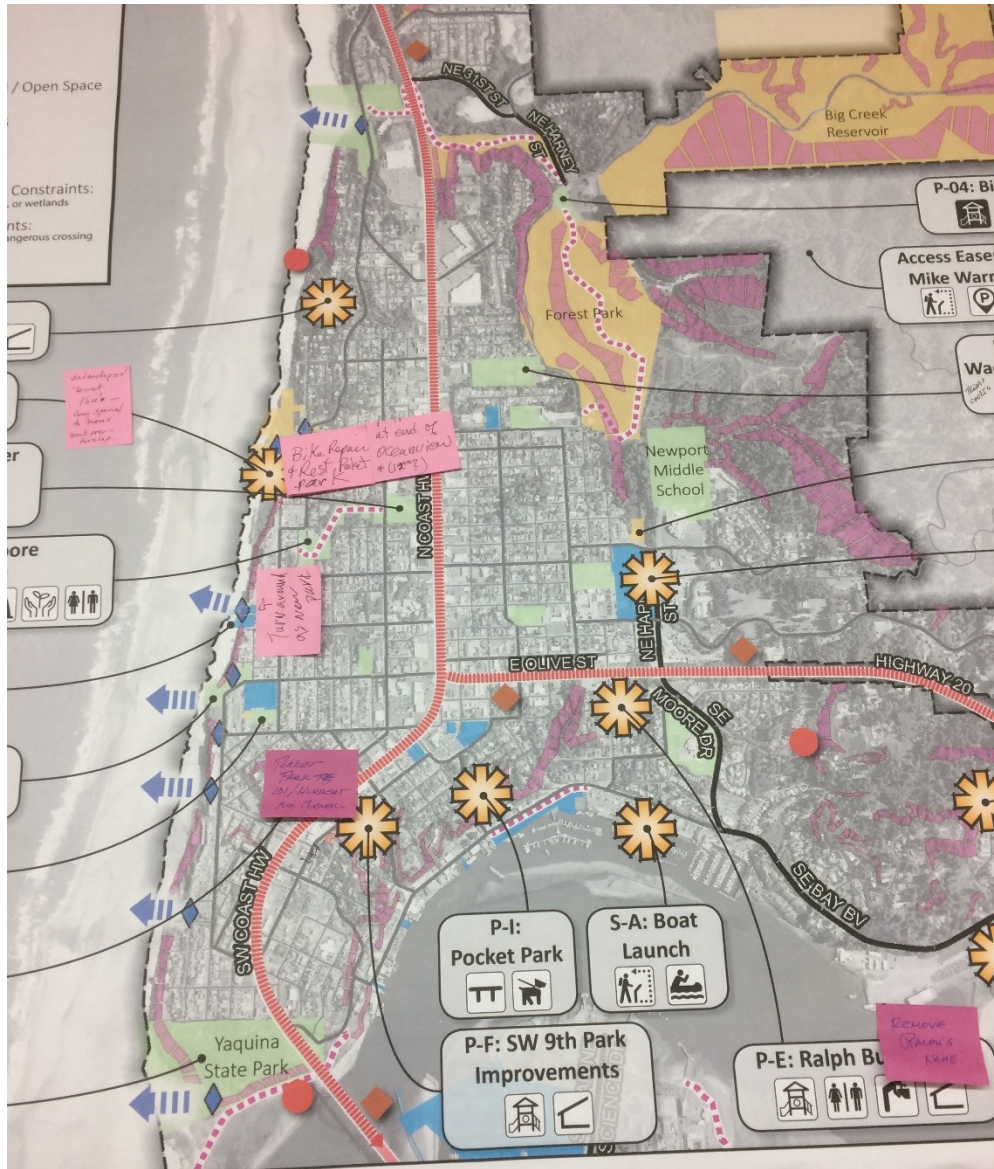
### **Parks and Beach Access Improvements**

- North side of bay: Opportunity for a beautiful garden; formal, flowering, coastal appropriate and demo. Fitting the beautiful sweeping art deco stairs below the bridge. Would make a wedding photo destination and great spot for seniors to socialize. Could work with OSU Master GArdnerns and UofO Landscape Architecture program. Play bayfront walking loop destination.
- T-R, Barton Reserve: Is it OK to have Barton name?
- P-40: Cooper Ridge Trail – from frisbee golf to P-14 (proposed by OPRD?)
- Between P-51 and P-10: Funds budgeted for Chestnut Street extension Trail

### **Trail Connection Improvements**

- Highway 101: Sidewalks along 101 in South Beach.
- General: Handicap beach access partnerships; State Parks, US Forest Service, Suislaw (tribes).





## Priorities Dot Exercise

This dot exercise asked people to identify their top eight priorities for improvement identified on the maps at the meeting. The number of dot votes for support each element is listed below. Rankins are shown for improvements which garnered five or more dots.

Name	Map Identifier	Number of Dots, (Ranking)
<b>Existing Park Improvements</b>		
Big Creek Park	P-04	2
Agate Beach Neighborhood Park	P-01	2
Betty Wheeler Memorial Field (P-03):	P-03	2
Coast Park	P-05	3
Frank Wade Park	P-09	3
Mombetsu Park	P-13	5, (7)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Map Identifier</b>	<b>Number of Dots, (Ranking)</b>
Sam Moore Park	P-17	17, (1)
Yaquina State Park	P-20	2
<i>Nye Beach Turnaround – new public space (added to list)</i>	X-01	2
<b><i>Existing Special Use Facility Improvements</i></b>		
Wilder Dog Park	S-02	2
Newport Municipal Airport	S-08	3
Historic Bayfront Boardwalk	S-A	7, (5)
Marine Science Drive Non-Motorized Boat Launch	S-B	5, (7)
Idaho Point (S-C):	S-C	6, (6)
<b><i>Proposed New Parks</i></b>		
Longview Hills Neighborhood Park	P-A	1
Mini Park South of Agate Beach State Recreation Site	P-B	3
Jump-Off Joe	P-C	11, (2)
Lincoln County Commons	P-D	6, (6)
Neighborhood park south of Highway 20, West of Yaquina View Elementary School	P-E	4
Pocket park at SW 9th Street Property	P-F	0
Neighborhood Park on SE Vista Drive	P-G	0
Dog park at the International Terminal Recreation Area	P-H	4
Pocket Park at South End of Yaquina Bay Bridge	P-J	3
Wilder Neighborhood Park	P-K	0
Wastewater Treatment Plant	P-L	1
Neighborhood park South of Newport Municipal Airport	P-M	1
Pocket Park on NE 7th Street	X-01	1
<b><i>Beach Access Improvements</i></b>		
Don Davis Park	P-06	5, (7)
Nye Beach Turnaround	S-05	5, (7)
<b><i>Existing Trail Improvements</i></b>		
Wilder Trail	T-08	5, (7)
Sam Moore Trail	T-J	5, (7)
Chestnut Street Open Space	T-O	0
Forest Park Trail (X-08):	X-08	9 (3)
<b><i>New Trails</i></b>		
Literacy Park to NW 3rd Street	P-11	4
US 101 undercrossing at NW 68th Street	T-A	1
13th Street and Spring Street	T-B	5, (7)
Agate Beach and Ernest Bloch Place	T-C	0
US 101 By Ernest Bloch Memorial Wayside	T-D	1
West side of US 101 North	T-E	0
North of Agate Beach State Recreation Site	T-F	1
Big Creek Reservoir	T-G	11, (2)
Ocean to Bay Trail Completion	T-H / T-I / T-K	11, (2)
Yaquina Bay Beach (Coast Guard) Trail	T-L / T-M	3
Coastal Gully Open Space Trail	T-N	0

Name	Map Identifier	Number of Dots, (Ranking)
Trail connections from Mike Miller Park to Newport Municipal Airport and areas to the south	T-P	6, (6)
Along US 101 South	T-Q	2
Barton Preserve	T-R	8, (4)
San-Bay-O Trail Connection	X-15	3

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Proposed Improvements - Short term Priorities**

Place a dot next to the improvements you think are most important and should be undertaken in the short term. (8 dots per person) + 1 dot per item

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Name	Map Label	Priority
<b>Existing Park Improvements</b>		
Big Creek Park	P-04	●●
Agate Beach Neighborhood Park	P-01	●●
Betty Wheeler Memorial Field	P-03	●●
Coast Park	P-05	●●●●
Frank Wade Park <i>Tennis courts</i>	P-09	●●●●
Mombetsu Park	P-13	●●●●●
Sam Moore Park	P-17	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●
Yaquina State Park	P-20	●●
Pocket Park on NE 7th Street	X-01	●
<b>Existing Special Use Facility Improvements</b>		
Wilder Dog Park	S-02	●●
Newport Municipal Airport	S-08	●●●
Historic Bayfront Boardwalk	S-A	●●●●●●●●
Marine Science Drive Non-Motorized Boat Launch	S-B	●●●●●
Idaho Point (S-C):	S-C	●●●●●●
<b>Proposed New Parks</b>		
Longview Hills Neighborhood Park	P-A	●
Mini Park South of Agate Beach State Recreation Site	P-B	●●●
Jump-Off Joe	P-C	●●●●●●●●●●●●
Lincoln County Commons	P-D	●●●●●●
Neighborhood park south of Highway 20, West of Yaquina View Elementary School	P-E	●●●●
Pocket park at SW 9th Street Property	P-F	
Neighborhood Park on SE Vista Drive	P-G	
Dog park at the International Terminal Recreation Area	P-H	●●●●

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<b>Proposed New Parks - continued</b>		
Pocket Park at South End of Yaquina Bay Bridge	P-J	●●●
Wilder Neighborhood Park	P-K	
Wastewater Treatment Plant	P-L	●
Neighborhood park South of Newport Municipal Airport	P-M	●
<b>Beach Access Improvements</b>		
Don Davis Park <i>Don's house Davis Park</i>	P-06	●●●●●●●●
Nye Beach Turnaround	S-05	●●●●●●●●*
<b>Existing Trail Improvements</b>		
Wilder Trail	T-08	●●●●●●
Sam Moore Trail	T-J	●●●●●●
Chestnut Street Open Space	T-O	
Forest Park Trail	X-08	●●●●●●●●●●
<b>New Trails</b>		
Literacy Park to NW 3rd Street	P-11	●●●●●●●
US 101 under-crossing at NW 68th St	T-A	●
13th Street and Spring Street	T-B	●●●●●●*
Agate Beach and Ernest Bloch Place	T-C	
US 101 By Ernest Bloch Memorial Wayside	T-D	●
West side of US 101 North	T-E	
North of Agate Beach State Recreation Site	T-F	●
Big Creek Reservoir	T-G	●●●●●●●●●●●●
Ocean to Bay Trail Completion	T-H / T-I / T-K	●●●●●●●●●●●●
Yaquina Bay Beach (Coast Guard) Trail	T-L / T-M	●●●●
Coastal Gully Open Space Trail	T-N	
Trail connections from Mike Miller Park to Newport Municipal Airport and areas to the south	T-P	●●●●●●●
Along US 101 South	T-Q	●●
Barton Preserve	T-R	●●●●●●●●●●
San-Bay-O Trail Connection	X-15	●●●●

## Comment Form and Other Suggestions

Participants were asked to complete a comment form that included questions about implementation of future improvements and/or other general comments or concerns. A summary of these comments follows.



## Comment Form Responses

- 1) Do you have any ideas for strategies to implement the park system improvements identified at this meeting?
  - Yes, going to do by email and survey monkey.
  - Many of the current parks and “green” area in town are currently in disrepair and unkept. So maybe the first priority is to get enough staff to actively maintain what we currently have.
  - I feel strongly that the Nye Beach turnaround be re-visioned as a public space. Prime oceanside city-owned land used as a parking lot. Tie into Don Davis Park and Jump Off Joe as a series of connected public spaces. Bandshell for music/public events. Create more parking east of Coast Street so that visitors travel/walk through neighborhoods. Consider as part of Nye Beach master planning.
  - Like to see more connectivity between parks. Pathways and trails could qualify for grants.
  
- 2) Is there anything else you’d like to tell us about the park system or this master planning process?
  - Newport absolutely needs an outdoor beach volleyball court(s). We live on the west coast where sand volleyball is very popular and part of the culture. Look at how popular Seaside is. Please find a place. It would be used heavily. Thank you.
  - We need sidewalks that are level and walkable. “Healthy people 2020” advocates for walking. You don’t need more parks. We need sidewalks in residential areas.

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