

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Have you attended a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting? If yes, how many?

I have not yet attended a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, although I have attended a City Council meeting as well as numerous committee meetings (around 20) at the State Capitol because of my previous employment as an executive assistant in the Governor's Office.

Please list the citizen advisory committees, civic, charitable or other organizations upon which you have served including the dates and length of service.

Straub Environmental Center Straub Marketing and Communications Committee
Member & Volunteer Salem, Oregon - July 2016-Current SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism)/No Ivy Coalition Volunteer Salem, Oregon - Events in 2012 & 2014
2014: English Ivy clean up at Minto Brown, partnership with City of Salem 2012:
Initiated and coordinated Scott Elementary School neighborhood litter pick up

What do you believe you can contribute to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board?

I know my passion for the environment and my professional work within communications would be an asset to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. I am an active community member focused on volunteer work with environmental organizations and I have a passion for the outdoors, especially within the local Salem area. I am also a frequent member of multiple parks throughout Salem and have lived in multiple areas in Salem including North, South, West, and downtown which would bring an understanding of each unique part of Salem. Above all, I am an ethical and dedicated person, hoping to do good things for the Salem community. As a board member I will contribute honest communication, a listening ear and a commitment to do

the best work I can that benefits the City of Salem and the people of Salem. I know my experiences would allow me to be an exceptional asset to the board and I would love the chance to give back by lending my skills to this board.

How often do you visit Salem's parks?

I visit a Salem park at least weekly depending on my schedule. A favorite pastime of mine is urban hikes where we hike from downtown Salem to a park, which is typically Bush Park or Minto Brown. In doing so, I have walked 10 miles from downtown to Minto Brown, enabling me to see everything I love about Salem.

Do you have a favorite Salem park? Why?

One of my favorite parks is Pringle City Park off of Church Street in Salem. This park is a peaceful hidden spot. What I love most about it, is it's tucked hidden away with the view and sounds of Pringle Creek running alongside it.

What activities do you prefer while visiting Salem parks?

There are many activities I enjoy doing while visiting Salem parks, depending on the day or who I am with. Most often I prefer walking around and taking in the nature settings our parks provide. I enjoy the off-lease dog parks our city offers for my labradoodle. I also enjoy taking my niece and nephew to any of the children's toy sets within our Salem parks especially the Riverfront or Keizer Rapids. I also often ride my bike through Bush Park when I commute to work. I am an all-around user of Salem parks, and I believe they are vital to the health and community Salem offers.

Do you participate in recreation activities? If yes, what type(s)?

Yes. I enjoy any recreational activities that include the outdoors including cycling, walking my dog, going to parks in town, swimming, or hiking around Oregon. I also enjoy yoga and occasional running.

Have or do you currently participate in league play?

I have not participated in any leagues, although I have watched many at Wallace Marine Park including softball and kickball tournaments. Although they are not leagues, I have enjoyed taking part in Willamette Valley Roadrunner's Bush Park Cross Country Run Series in August and Gallagher Fitness's On Your Feet Fridays which often runs through or to parks in the downtown area.

Have you attended public outreach events focused on soliciting public input related to parks or park planning?

I have volunteered with 2 City of Salem park events through SOLVE to remove invasive English Ivy from Minto Brown Park in 2014. Volunteering for this event I procured donations (coffee for volunteer workers), helped sign up and coordinate volunteers for the day of events, assisted with the English Ivy clean up, and took photography for the City of Salem Facebook.

Have you volunteered to work in Salem Parks? If yes, when and which parks?

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What prompted your interest in applying to the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board?

I have been looking for more ways to be involved with the community in order to help the environment and the communities we live in, at the same time I want to continue to learn new skills while utilizing my communication skill set. I believe my skills and interest align with the goals of the board and I am very interested in be a part of the local government process.