



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ACTION SHEET

OCTOBER 11, 2018

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Tony Caito, Woody Dukes, Diana Dickey, Dave Fridenmaker, Bill Fujii, Kasia Quillinan, Carol Snyder, Patty Tipton, Micki Varney

Absent: None.

ISSUE

Should the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) endorse the 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan and forward to City Council a recommendation for master plan adoption?

DATE OF DECISION

October 11, 2018

BACKGROUND

The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has participated in the Riverfront Park master plan process and also received regular updates at their meetings. Board members were also on the email update list to receive survey and meeting announcements throughout the planning process.

On October 11, 2018, the Board received a presentation by lead consultant Jim Figurski, Greenworks, and Patricia Farrell, Park Planning and Natural Resources Manager, that included a summary of the planning process and the final draft master plan. Two public comments were received during the comment period.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion: Chair Quillinan moved to accept the draft master plan, Member Dickey seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor of the motion.

October 11, 2018

City of Salem
Riverfront Master Plan
Public Comment

I am commenting on the disabled accessibility of the proposed amphitheater for the Riverfront Park in Salem, Oregon. I have lived in Salem for 30 years. I love the park and go often with friends, mentees and/or my dog.

Since Riverfront Park was built I have gone to many festivals, movies, concerts and other events in the park. I love the current amphitheater because of the tiered seating.

I am physically disabled with arthritis. I cannot get up and down from the ground, or from chairs lower than 12 inches. The ledge seating is perfect. While the ADA standards are an excellent advancement, there are many considerations to improve the lives of the disabled, which go beyond those standards. One thing the standards do not consider is the perception and feelings of the individual. If I am put in a special area with chairs I am separated from the friends I have gone with to the event. If I am put in a special area I feel like I am singled out and put on display – “hey, look at my disability.” Again, the current amphitheater design avoids both of those issues and functions extremely well. My friends in wheelchairs can sit with us by situating at the end of a row. I probably will not go to events if there are no tiers.

The carousel is a focal point and important (and fun) attraction at the park. I hope that they are able to build their addition.

I would also like to encourage the placement of more public art in the park. I feel that the “River of Peace” mosaic is a perfect fit for the park.

Yours,



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