

February 19, 2020

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C  
Salem Oregon 97301

To Whom it May Concern:

The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is pleased to support the City of Salem's application for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Local Government Grant. The grant would provide funding for assistance to complete the development of Bill Riegel Park in southeast Salem.

Residents in the area served by Bill Riegel Park face barriers to accessing other developed parks on bike or foot, in part due to the neighborhood being bounded by Highway 22 to the east, Cordon Road SE to the south, and Lancaster Drive SE to the west.

The park was partially developed in 2012. If awarded OPRD grant funds, development of Bill Riegel Park can be completed, and the neighborhood will be served by a fully developed park that will provide:

- Hard paths around the perimeter
- 5- to 12- year old playground
- Picnic tables and shelter
- Additional trees and landscape
- Benches and other site furnishings

Full development of Bill Riegel Park will provide access and expanded opportunities for active and passive recreation, community events and enhance overall neighborhood livability.

Thank you for consideration of this OPRD Local Government Grant Application.

Sincerely,



Dylan McDowell  
Chair, Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board





## **SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ACTION SHEET**

**February 13, 2020**

### **BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES**

Present: Alan Alexander, Tony Caito, Diana Dickey, Woody Dukes, Dave Fridenmaker, Dylan McDowell, Paul Rice, Micki Varney

### **ISSUE**

Should the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) endorse an application and provide a letter of support for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant to provide funding assistance for improvements to Bill Riegel Park?

### **DATE OF DECISION**

February 13, 2020

### **ACTION TAKEN**

**Motion:** Member Dickey moved, and Member Rice seconded the motion to endorse an application and provide a letter of support for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant to provide funding assistance for the development of a new restroom facility in the north end of Riverfront Park.

Member Dickey said she would write a letter of support to emphasize how strongly the Board feels about the much needed improvements to this park.

**Vote:** All members voted in favor of the motion.

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