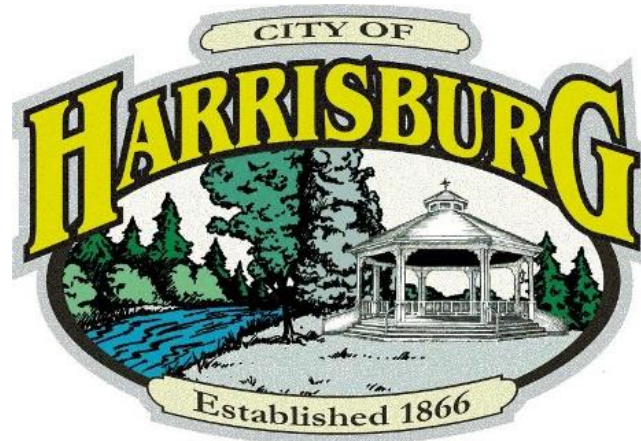


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Harrisburg City Council Minutes March 12, 2024

Mayor: Robert Duncan, Presiding
Council President: Mike Caughey, Absent (Excused)
Councilors Present: Kimberly Downey, Robert Boese, Randy Klemm, Charlotte Thomas, and Cindy Knox
Staff Present: City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, and City Recorder/Municipal Court Clerk Lori Ross
Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

Mayor Robert Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Mayor, Robert Duncan at the hour of 6:29pm.

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: All in attendance were there for items on the agenda.

THE MATTER OF A DISCUSSION IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED MUDDY CREEK SOLAR PARK/FARM OUTSIDE OF HARRISBURG:

- Troy Jones of Gap Rd passed out **Addendum 1** to staff and City Council informing them of the Friends of Gap Road Town Hall meeting scheduled for March 18th at Harrisburg High School.
- Eldridge reviewed her staff report and reminded Council about the reasoning for Staff remaining neutral on this topic due to the proposal being located outside of the City limits. She noted that Council can choose to support or oppose but the decision should be based on what is best for our residents.
- Mayor Duncan recommended that City Council attend the FOGR meeting obtain more information. He commented that he has had ex parte contact with John Langdon previously and wants to stand behind him to a certain degree, but we also have a

fiduciary responsibility for our citizens of the same zip code. His decision will be based on what is best for Harrisburg.

- Boese understands where Mayor Duncan is coming from, but he would hate to see solar panels go in as it makes no sense to him.
- Downey was concerned about the 5% wetlands finding and commented that she spoke with a geologist, and he knows the wetlands are 40-60%. Downey is not crazy about the idea and wouldn't vote for the City to back it.
- Klemm doesn't like it and could never support it and he would let anyone know that as an individual citizen of Harrisburg.
- Thomas commented that she would not choose a side as far as voting. She doesn't like solar panels but likes property owner rights and she could never take that right from Langdon.
- Knox commented that she feels there are more wetlands on the property than what is being indicated. She agrees with Thomas about the rights of owners, but feels they have a responsibility to local farmers. She doesn't feel this is where the solar panels belong.
- Jones apologized to Thomas if she was offended by any uneducated comments made at the previous meeting held at Life Bible. Jones commented that the Langdon's are one of four owners including half of the acreage being owned by a LLC in another country. Jones was asking for the Council's support and voice.
- Mayor Duncan wanted to know if Council wanted to decide or wait until the next meeting.
- Downey would like to wait and discuss this with her neighbors and local citizens.
- Thomas stated that she would not be making a motion.
- Klemm thinks we are a farming community and if we came up with a resolution of support, he would vote in favor.
- Knox suggested to table for a future meeting to attend the meeting held on Monday.
- Jones informed Council there is plenty of time as a formal application has not been submitted yet. Jones commented that he loves the City and is proud of what Council does for Harrisburg.

THE MATTER OF APPROVING SIGNS FOR THE HARRISBURG PARKS SYSTEM: Eldridge referred to page 8 of the agenda which shows current signs for the City of Harrisburg. She pointed out the monument signs on page 9, which are more expensive, and page 10, a simpler design that would work for us. Eldridge stated the signs will be paid for out of park SDC funds.

- Knox likes post style signs.
- Boese asked about having white font on dark background.
- Downey has no opinion and Klemm likes conformity for all the parks.
- Scholz worries about a wood sign and likes engineered grade aluminum signs that can be laminated to allow for the removal of graffiti.
- Eldridge will be bringing back designs with a quote to a future meeting.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE 2ND DRAFT OF THE 2024-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN:

Eldridge reviewed changes made to the 2nd draft of the Strategic Plan. Eldridge questioned removing no. 20 as a Council Priority due to being at the halfway mark for all Master Plans. She noted that things can still be important to the City, even if they are not a Council Priority.

- Boese asked about the numbers for the Council Priorities and if that was the order of importance. Eldridge commented that those numbers are only the objective or action number for the plan.

- Downey agreed with Boese and doesn't like that formatting. Downey would like to have that column removed and just have the priorities listed with the Water Treatment Plant as the top priority.
- Downey would also like to remove no. 21, New Library Program as it is an everyday part of the library. Thomas agreed.
- Eldridge will bring back a final version with the noted changes as well as updated photos.

THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT LIST: No comments or concerns.

- Thomas **motioned to approve the consent list and was seconded** by Downey. **The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Downey, Klemm, Boese, Thomas and Knox. No: None.) A motion to approve the consent list approved the following:
 - **Minutes from the February 13, 2024 City Council Meeting**
 - **The Payment Approval Report for February 2024**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR VERBAL REPORT:

- Eldridge reviewed **Addendum 2;** Harrisburg Eagle Park Trails Project showing the different proposed phases of the park. She stated the City has been provisionally approved for a \$100,000 grant and possibly an additional \$46,000.
- Eldridge informed Council that Harrisburg was not a recipient of the Capital Funding Request. They had 10 total projects and only one was awarded, which was Sodaville. The City will try again next time.
- The position of Administrative Assistant opened last Monday and closes on the 25th of March.
- Ross mentioned the City offering scholarship opportunities for High School students. Thomas was concerned about nobody applying as the Harvest Festival has had very little interest.
- Thomas to investigate if there is any interest in having a youth Councilor or Planning Commission member once again.

The City Council Business Meeting recessed at the hour of 8:36pm.

The City Council Executive Session began at the hour of 8:41pm. Reporter Edie Moro was in attendance.

THE MATTER OF HOLDING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(2)(h) TO DISCUSS A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The City Council exited the Executive Session and the City Council Business Meeting resumed at the hour of 9:17pm. No further discussion.

- Downey **motioned to ask staff to contact Republic Services and ask them to meet with City Council in April of 2024 and was seconded** by Thomas. **The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Downey, Klemm, Boese, Thomas and Knox. No: None.)

With no further discussion, the City Council work session was adjourned at the hour of 9:19pm.

Mayor

City Recorder

Friends of Gap Road

TOWN HALL MEETING

On the Muddy Creek 'Energy Park'

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 PM

held at the

Harrisburg High School - Multi Purpose Room

400 S. 9th St., Harrisburg, OR 97446

Invite your family and friends. We need your support to STOP this project and oppose the destruction of our local farmlands! *- Friends of Gap Road*

Join us for a brief presentation update.

Following the presentation we'll be showing the video:

An Oregon Story
Saving Our Beaches, Farmland & More

Created by Jim Gilbert & Joe Wilson

www.anoregonstory.com/oregon-story-film

*This is a great video that details the history and efforts of Oregonians to protect our beautiful State and Farmlands. It explains how **Exclusive Farm Use (EFU)** lands came to be and reinforces the reason we must stand strong in our position to keep EFU and wildlife refuge properties from being eliminated.*

There will be a Q and A time following the film.

There is more information about the 'Energy Park', a project timeline and comments on the ODOE website at: www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/MCEP.aspx

Below are social media sites where you can find the latest information and meeting dates.

For information on how you can help or to make a donation, go to our website:

FriendsOfGapRoad.com



Stay up to date on events by following us on Facebook and Instagram at:

Friends Of Gap Road



**HARRISBURG EAGLE
PARK TRAILS PROJECT**



HARRISBURG EAGLE PARK

- 1.84 Miles New Trails
- 2.20 Total Miles
- 3 Trailheads:
 - North Park Area
 - North End of Big Pond
 - Inter-pond Location

Northern Eagle Park:

1st Phase:

Dog Park

.36 miles natural (unimproved) trails

3 river viewpoints

3 Signs

ADA/General Use Trail

1 Main River Viewpoint

ADA Accessible Picnic Areas

RTP Improvements:

2 Trailheads in this area

Future Phases:

Natural Field/Boulders

Play field

Playground Area

Picnic Tables

Dock

Boat Launch

Footbridge over seasonal overflow creek



NORTH PARK AREA TRAILHEAD

- ❖ 2 Parking Spaces
- ❖ 500 sq. ft. 'landing'
- ❖ Wayfinder Sign w/legend

Leads to existing (not improved)
.36 miles of recreational/active
trail through forest with two
Willamette River Side Channel
View Point – Connects with ADA
Trail. One interactive Historical
Sign Planned in this section.







ADA/MULTI-PURPOSE
PATHWAY

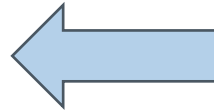


ADA/MULTI-PURPOSE PATHWAY

ADA Pathway links with Wood Chip Recreational/Active Trail.

Includes Willamette River Viewpoint, and Big Pond Viewpoints to the side.

ADA Accessible Picnic Spots and Historical Sign in relation to Morse Bros to be in this location.



TRAILHEAD NO. 2:
2 PARKING SPACES
500 SQ. FT. LANDING
WAYFINDER SIGN &
LEGEND
LEADS TO 5' GRAVEL
PATH TO PONDS

FUTURE GRANT TO
FUND PLAYGROUND,
PLAY FIELD, DOCK, &
BOAT LANDING





Lower Eagle Park Area:

RTP Grant Funds:

1.84 Miles of new Trail

Compacted Gravel in middle pond area

5 Parking Spaces

1 ADA Space

Bulletin Board/Legend/Wayfinding Signs

Woodchip Pathway on west bank of southwest pond

New River Viewpoint

Natural paths with wayfinding signs in Riparian area

ADA Viewpoints on Compacted Roadway with Park Benches

Benches

Future Grants:

Planting Trees on west bank

ADA Accessible Dock

Footbridge over Fish Channel

Disc Golf Course



- Legend**
- Project Limits
 - UGB
 - City Limits
 - Access Drive
 - Multi-Use Path / ADA / Accessible
 - Crushed Rock / Native Compacted Roadway
 - Primary Path Bark / Natural
 - Secondary Path Native Material
 - Future Path Native Material
 - Railway
 - Wetland
 - Upland
 - Shrubs
 - Trees
 - 5-ft Contours
 - Pedestrian Access
 - Head-in Parking
 - Boat Launch (Phase 3)
 - Accessible Fishing Dock (Phase 3)
 - Footbridge (Phase 3)
 - Restrooms (Phase 3) (vault toilets)
- Programming**
- Restrooms
 - Trailhead
 - Benches
 - Playground
 - Bike Trail
 - Running Trail
 - Hiking Trail
 - Fishing
 - Viewpoint
 - Picnic Area
 - Boat Launch
 - Dog Park
 - Disc Golf

**EAGLE PARK
CONCEPT PLAN**

Lower Eagle Park & Ponds

Trailhead No. 3:

- 5 Parking Spaces
- 1 ADA Space
- Bulletin Board/Wayfinding Sign with legend

Future ADA Accessible Dock
Location





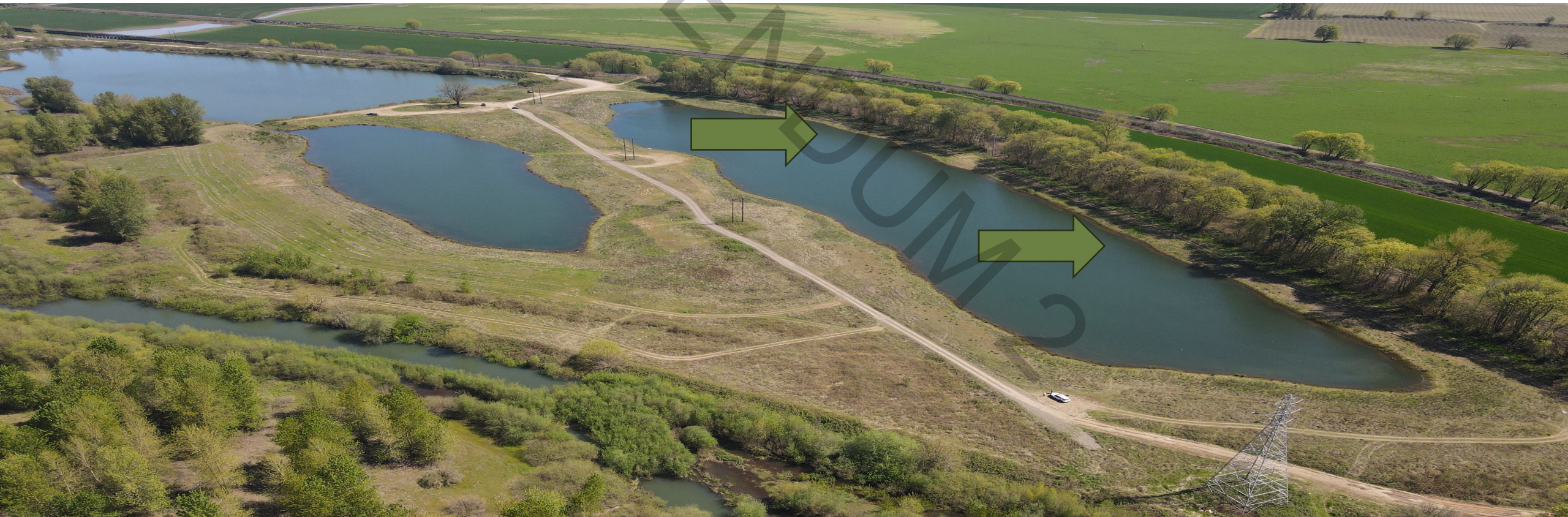
LOCATION OF WOOD CHIP TRAIL ON WEST BANK OF SW POND



- Future Trees to be planted to replace those that have died after the reclamation process on the west bank of the sw pond.
- This trail matches up with the bottom of the Compacted Roadway/ADA Trail on the east bank of the southeast pond.
- People can also walk back on the middle driveway.

ADA TRAIL ON
COMPACTED/NATURAL
ROADWAY BED

- This pathway will be graded to stay level.
- 3 benches to be added to this area for wildlife viewing
- Concrete Bollards to block transportation devices





NATURAL TRAILS
BLAZED IN RIPARIAN
AREAS – WAYFINDING
SIGNS ON TREES TO
ESTABLISH LOCATIONS
AFTER FLOODING



PROJECT BUDGET WORKSHEET

Description	Cost	Match	Request
Native Surface Trail 1.02 miles	\$73,034.00	0	\$73,034
Natural Surface Trail – Existing Compacted Road (.35 miles ADA), expenses for shoring/grading (contracted Labor)	\$12,530	0	\$12,530
Gravel ADA/Accessible Trail	\$78,917	\$31,000	\$47,917
Parking Lot – New Construction, Combined Contracted Labor & City Labor/Supplies	\$13,420	\$4,900	\$8,520
Trail Head Access – New Construction	\$18,466	\$10,800	\$7,666
Totals	\$196,367	\$46,700	\$149,667

THANK YOU

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