

## TOLEDO PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Toledo Planning Commission was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Cora Warfield. Commissioners present: Brian Lundgren and Jonathan Mix. Excused were Anne Learned-Ellis and Dennis Sutherland and absent was Ricky Dyson.

Staff present: Contract Planner (CP) Justin Peterson and Planning Technician Arlene Inukai.

VISITORS: Justin Epiaka

Only three Planning Commissioners were present, therefore, no quorum was reached.

### WORKSESSION: PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECTS AND FACILITIES:

Justin Epiaka of Cascades West Council of Governments provided a PowerPoint presentation on the park facilities and possible list of potential projects. Each park was featured, with potential projects listed as major, medium, or small improvements. Commissioners discussed possible improvements, summarized below:

- Projects could also include providing shelter from the rain, such as a roofed area to play basketball at each park, especially Arcadia Park.
- Recent parks updates have occurred at the nature trail behind the library with the removal of the disk golf course. There could be opportunity to review the needs for this area.
- Provide public awareness, signage, maps, brochures, or apps for the location and features of City parks. Signs can be placed at each City park to show the other park locations. Vehicle travel signs can be added along the roadway to show the driver the location of the park ahead.
- Bright and eye-catching playground equipment for kids. Some parks look old because of the type and age of the play equipment.
- More middle-school age features and activities.
- East Slope Park could provide a good path to link to Butler Bridge Road. It was noted that East Slope Park is misidentified on several online mapping tools.
- The pedestrian trail and bridge from East Slope Road to Sturdevant Road should be completed.
- Increase signage/maps to show trail routes to link the Waterfront Park to Arcadia Park or other locations.
- It was noted that as improvements occur at smaller parks, they will become destination parks. With growing attendance, restroom facilities will also be needed.
- The next phase will have an inventory of the assets at each park, to include features such as seating, BBQs, courts or fields, shade features, and play structures.
- Other projects could include new landscaping or tree plantings.
- Youth participation and input is very important for this project.
- There will be additional public input on the plan. The City hopes to have a public outreach/survey during the Thursday Market this summer to review the projects and priorities. It was suggested to provide a QR code for the survey and provide a prize or raffle for those responding to the survey. Provide the QR code sign at all parks, schools, or community announcement sites.

UDATES SND REPORTS:

CP Peterson announced the Safe Routes to School grant sign project has been finalized and closed-out. The signs are now hard-wired because of the challenges of solar signs in that location. The grant program is on hold at this time because of ODOT's funding challenges. The next application period could be 2027.

Construction of the Memorial Field restrooms started and is expected to be completed by spring/summer.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Commissioners were reminded to watch for emails from Oregon Government Ethics Commission to file their annual reports in April.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mix announced an Emergency Preparedness Open House at Toledo Fire Department on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the City Council is hosting a Town Hall on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.