Parks Manager's Notes for PAB: "What's Happening In Parks" 2017 year in review

November 3, 2017

2017 was another productive year in parks with many achievements, challenges and rewards. With the help of Clark County's Parks Advisory Board, Neighborhood Associations, Partnering Public and Private Entities, Volunteers and Stakeholders, we collectively worked on and achieved several project and planning goals. The following is a list of projects that we worked on in 2017

Parks and Lands Division Growth in 2017:

- Programs added to Parks
    1. Forestry
    2. Environmental Permitting
    3. Vegetation Management

  Kevin Tyler leads these three programs

- New personnel
    1. Office Assistant
    2. Volunteer Coordinator Assistant

Acquisition of new park properties in 2017

- 6 acres - Austin Heritage subdivision - North side of NE 99th Street & approx. 132nd Ave
- 9 acres - Wayne Berry - NE corner of NW 11TH Ave and NW 149th Street.
- 4.55 acres - Eggar Property at Vancouver Lake Park.
- 5 acres- Ashley Pointe land donation at confluence of Lake River & Salmon Creek.
- Andrew Warner/ Erickson Farms Property Trade (still in progress)

Park Improvements:

- Tower Crest Park Construction Completed
- Construction on Otto Brown NH Park is starting in December
- The Vancouver Municipal Senior Softball Association dedicated one new softball ball Field and expanded parking lot at Pacific Community Park. The field was built with their own funding.
- The Washington Timbers and Harmony Sports Association constructed a third synthetic turf soccer field.
- Vancouver Rowing Club boat storage house was dedicated at Vancouver Lake Park

Collaborative Partnerships

- City of Camas Sewer line project through Camp Currie and Lacamas Park
- City of Vancouver North Vancouver Mall Annexation. We provided the COV Kelly Meadows NH Park Property and approximately $261,000 in PIF funds to assist with park development.
- All PAB meetings this year. Very good events.
- Columbia River Estuary Stewardship Team, BPA and Army Corps partnerships on Buckmire Slough/Shillapoo bridge crossing project at Vancouver Lake Park
- Lewis & Clark Trail Project with over 50 partners.
- Columbia River Veterans Organization – Veteran's retreat at Bratton Canyon Park
- Camp Hope Site Plan w/ Camp Hope Non-Profit group

Grants received

- Parks Foundation Grants for Children's Garden at Felida Community Park
- Parks Foundation Grant for Way-finding signs at Whipple Creek
- RCO Youth Athletic Facilities Grant for Lighting at Luke Jensen Sports Complex

Park Planning / Looking forward

- 100' x 100' easement purchase for future West bridge access to Hockinson Community Park
- Conservation Futures Call for Projects. Originally 12 projects now 10 projects going forward to BOCC
  Hearing next Wednesday, November 7th. We need your help to advocate for the projects.
- Children's Garden and Overflow parking at Felida Community Park with Felida NH Assoc.
- Curtin Springs Wildlife Habitat donation & master plan update and site plan with Jane Kleiner and PW Divisions
- Disc Golf Course at Hockinson Meadows Community Park
- Lewis & Clark 46 Mile Trail - Charrette on November 18th
- Camp Bonneville Master Plan
  Buckmire Slough/ Shillapoo project with WDFW, CREST & BPA
- 2018 RCO Grant Cycle – Curtin Springs & Cougar Creek Woods Community Parks

Budget

<u>Spring decision Packages (approved)</u>

1. Add budget for .75 FTE OAII for parks
2. Add FTE Parks Volunteer Program Assistant
3. Allocate FTE time to manage Heritage Farm
4. Roll over funding for Camp Hope Master Plan
5. Approve PIF funding for Otto Brown NH Park Development
6. Approve funding for Curtin Springs Wildlife Habitat development

Fall decision Packages (pending)

1. Increase Grounds Maintenance Specialist from .75 to 1.0 FTE
2. Add Grant Writer/ Planner positon
3. Install four automated parking fee pay stations
4. Replace two vehicles & add one new vehicle to parks fleet
5. Funding to implement Camp Hope master plan (site plan & permitting)
6. Site Plan for Felida Community Park Children's Garden & overflow parking lot
7. Site Improvements at Hockinson Community Park
8. Budget authority for Camp Bonneville Master Plan
9. Budget adjustment to Bonneville timber fund
10. Build parking lot at Grove Field for new Off-Leash area
11. Add Park Impact Fee transfer to Clean Water for staff time on Curtin Springs master plan
12. Update budget for annual PIF development expenses
13. Heritage Farm increase Farm Specialist position from .5 to .75 FTE
14. Heritage Farm Irrigation main replacement
15. Heritage Farm Master Plan update
16. Heritage Farm Tractor purchase
17. Heritage Farm General Fund budget support