

#1 Proposed Park Plan Policies (Draft) - Planning Commission 10-14-21 Public Hearing

Policy	Comments from 8/31/21 CC & PC work session	Priority	Agreement
1. Existing City -Owned Parks to be Preserved			
2. Existing Zoning Classifications to be Preserved	Add cross reference to Parks Master Plan in Zoning & Subdivision ordinances. Consider adding Necanicum Estuary 50' riparian setback standard to P Zone. Add bench policy to P Zone		
3. Benches, Dunes and Estuary to be Preserved in undeveloped state	Consider existing city policy permitting industrial-like mowing of beach grass on public and private dune property sometimes in state jurisdictional portion of dunes?		
4. Vegetation in the Dunes to be Managed as Allowed under Zoning Ordinance			
5. Lesley Miller Dunes Meadow Park to be Maintained Primarily as Ocean-View Open Space	Delete "primarily" and/or broaden "ocean" to "scenic or open" views		
6. Tennis, Pickleball and Basketball Courts to be Maintained			
7. Trails End (Centennial) Park to be Further Developed for Certain Activities Consider senior exercise equipment/space			
8. Ridge Path to be maintained in natural state, promote native vegetation, prohibit gravel or pervious surface improvements	Avoid/enforce overgrown vegetation in ROW. Avoid extensive signage. Prepare a trail map instead		
9. Other Existing Pedestrian Trails to be Maintained and Better Marked			
10. Latourette Garden			
11. Maintenance of Existing Parks and Park Improvements to be Given Higher Priority			
12. Gearhart Parks Commission to be Created for Oversight of Parks System	Assign to existing land use oversight. The Planning Commission can't appoint a Parks Advisory Committee.		
13. Parks Commission to Explore Potential Acquisitions of Additional Park Properties	Staff support costs costly. New parks will be considered in the review of some new developments, as well as city acquisition		
14. Parks Commission to Explore Potential Development of New Parks Programs	New Public Works position (Parks) \$80,000 est. Questionable need and requirement that members on Commission must own home.		
15. Vehicles on Beach and Dunes	Define "grooming". Policy explanation confusing. Say City not interested in closing access which is integral to community		
16. Environmental integrity maintained in public parks	Develop a new policy and define. Protection of flora and fauna habitat.		
17. Benches in Dunes, Along Estuary, and in Other Park Properties			