



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Board Session Agenda Review Form**

Meeting date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Department: Public Works

Title:

Consider approval of application submittal regarding Parkdale through OPRD's Local Government Grant Program and Letter of Support

Management Update/Work Session Date: March 5, 2024

Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 10 minutes

Contact: Kevin Thompson

Phone: 503-566-4158

Requested Action:

Request for approval of application submittal for Parkdale through Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program and letter of support.

Issue, Description  
& Background:

The Local Government Grant Program requires a resolution to apply from the applicant's delegating authority and requests letters of support for the applicant's project from community organizations such as delegating authorities.

This application is intended to support development of a unique, neighborhood park that will provide residents with increased access to outdoor green space, and increase educational opportunities for children to learn about nature through interactive play and interpretive features. New amenities will include a new walking pathway, benches, interpretive signage, picnic areas, and a play area. Current amenities on site include a small gravel parking lot and a small gravel picnic area.

Financial Impacts:

The funds required for the Parkdale park development will come from ARPA funds and the awarded funds from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program.

Impacts to Department  
& External Agencies:

None.

List of attachments:

Resolution for grant submittal, letter of support

Presenter:

Kevin Thompson

Department Head  
Signature:

*Brian Stuehl*

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

Request for Marion County Parks to apply for a local )  
government grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation )  
department for development of Parkdale park and delegating )  
authority to the Board of Commissioner to sign the resolution )

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS,** the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS,** Marion County Parks desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements and enhancements; and

**WHEREAS,** Marion County Parks staff have identified improvements at Parkdale park as a high priority need in Marion County; and

**WHEREAS,** This project will expand on the current amenities in the park. Currently there are three picnic tables, a barbeque and trash receptacles provided for park visitors. These items are located on an asphalt pad with an asphalt trail that leads to the parking area. These amenities will be replaced with a mix of concrete and crushed pad picnic areas, a walking trail throughout the park with interspaced benches and interpretative signage, and a play area.; and

**WHEREAS,** Marion County Parks has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

**WHEREAS,** Marion County Parks will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MARION COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The Board of Commissioners demonstrates its support for the submittal of a grant application to the Oregon Park and Recreation Department for development of at Parkdale park.

Section 2: This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2024.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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March 20, 2024

Mark Cowan  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Subject: Letter of Support, Parkdale Development Grant Application

I am proud to recommend the application of Marion County Parks for your favorable consideration in the current OPRD Local Government Grant Applications process. As the Marion County Board of Commissioners, I heartily endorse Marion County Parks selection of the development of Parkdale Park for this grant.

The addition of this neighborhood park within the Marion County Parks system is highly desirable and supports the goals and objectives of the Parks Master Plan. East Salem is an underdeveloped community when it comes to natural green space and park amenities. The Hayesville neighborhood is experiencing rapid growth with the addition of several large housing developments currently under construction in the area. However, this area has only four parks on the east side of Lancaster Drive, including Parkdale Park. Only one of these sites (Hoodview Park) offers typical neighborhood park amenities, such as sports courts, play structures, and walking paths. Two of the parks are sports fields for nearby schools and the last park is Parkdale with limited development in its current state. The community has expressed a desire for the county to improve Parkdale Park and provide additional amenities on site, identifying a walking trail and play features as their desired improvements. Development of this site will provide the community a much-needed space to recreate, relax, and enjoy the outdoors.

I strongly support the application from Marion County Parks for a grant award. If you have a need for any additional information, feel free to contact me using the number below.

Please accept my appreciation for your kind consideration in this matter.

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Commissioner

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