



City of Warrenton Parks Advisory Board

Agenda

City Hall, 225 S. Main Warrenton, OR 97146

Monday, February 10, 2025

The meeting will be broadcast via Zoom at the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4187499938?pwd=UWx3dThwdVRYTVB0ZG1rYWZLbEFkZ09&omn=85300829337>

Meeting ID: 418 749 9938 | Passcode: Parks | Dial-in Number: 253-215-8782

Public Comment: To provide public comment, participants should register prior to the meeting. All remarks will be addressed to the whole City Commission and limited to 3 minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to delay any action, if required, until such time as they are fully informed on a matter. Once your public comment is submitted it becomes permanent public record.

You may provide public comment using the following methods:

1. In-person: Complete a public comment card and submit to the Public Works Executive Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.
2. Via Zoom: Register with the Public Works Executive Secretary, at publicworks@warrentonoregon.us no later than 12pm the day of the meeting. Please ensure that your zoom name matches the name registered to comment.

Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting 4:00 PM

1. Call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consent Calendar

A. Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 2024.12.09

4. Reports

- A. Warrenton Kids Inc. –
- B. Public Works Operations – Dale McDowell, Interim Public Works Director
 - i. See Exhibit A regarding Tennis Court Resurfacing
 - ii. Carruthers Memorial Dog Park Restroom Roof Replacement
- C. Warrenton Parks Alliance – Brooke Terry

5. Public Comment

6. Business Items

- A. City Website Trails Map List
- B. Community Garden Relocation
 - i. City of Warrenton Schedule Update
- C. WIKI Field

7. Discussion Items

A. Adopt-A-Park Policy

8. Adjournment

Warrenton City Hall is accessible to the disabled. An interpreter for the hearing impaired may be requested under the terms of ORS 192.630 by contacting Dawne Shaw, City Recorder, at 503-861-0823 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting so appropriate assistance can be provided.



City of Warrenton Parks Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

City Hall, 225 S. Main Warrenton, OR 97146

Monday, December 9, 2024

1. Parks Advisory Board meeting called to order at 4:01 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Parks Board Members	Present	Excused
Anya Schauermann		X
Ron Dyer	X	
Sammi Beechan	X	
Bert Little	X	
Brooke Terry	X	
Sara Long, Chair	X	

Staff Members Present	
City Manager, Esther Moberg	Public Works Director, Greg Shafer
PW Executive Secretary, Savannah Cummings	

3. Consent Calendar

*Items on the Consent Calendar have previously been discussed and/or are considered routine. Approval of the Consent Calendar requires a motion, a second, and no discussion, unless requested by a member of the City Commission.

A. Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – 10.14.2024

Motion:	Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.				
Moved:	Ron Dyer				
Seconded:	Sara Long	Aye	Nays	Absent	Recused
Vote:	Schauermann			X	
	Dyer	X			
	Beechan	X			
	Little	X			
	Terry	X			
	Long	X			
Passed:	5/0				

4. Reports

A. Warrenton Kids Inc.

Following up from the previous meeting, no new President has been announced. Board member Bert Little will share the contact information for Warrenton Kids Inc. so an invitation to future board meetings can be made.

B. Public Works Operations – Greg Shafer, Public Works Director

Greg Shafer, the Public Works Director spoke briefly, largely centering his comments around announcing this would be his final Parks Advisory Board Meeting, as he is retiring at the end of the year. City Manager Esther Moberg assured the Board that there will be an interim Director at the first Parks Advisory Board meeting of the new year.

C. Warrenton Parks Alliance – Brooke Terry

Board Member Brooke Terry reported that the Warrenton Parks Alliance met monthly, with the December meeting scheduled for the 10th. Chairperson Sara Long asked that Board member Brooke Terry coordinate with the Warrenton Parks Alliance to invite and ensure that a member will be present at future Parks Advisory Board meetings. Brooke agreed to invite the members of the Parks Alliance to the Parks Advisory Board meetings. Board member Brooke Terry also reported that the Warrenton Parks Alliance was working on creating goals to accomplish, one short-term goal, a medium-term goal and a long-term goal. City Manager Esther Moberg advised that all goals made by the Warrenton Parks Alliance be brought to the Public Works Director for review and approval. Board member Brooke Terry concluded with informing the Parks Advisory Board that the surveys conducted by the Warrenton Parks Alliance were going well and they plan to utilize more surveys in the spring when the weather is more favorable.

5. Business Items

A. City Website Trails Map List

City Manager, Esther Moberg sent out a master list of the trails to the Parks Advisory Board and is waiting for updates from the Warrenton Parks Alliance on the accuracy of the information. She acknowledged that more information may be given when the weather is better and more people are likely to take advantage of the trail system. She also showed the Parks Advisory Board the new trail signs, which were appreciated and admired. They will be installed in the Spring, when the ground is not as wet.

B. Community Garden Relocation

Board Members Ron Dyer and Bert Little informed the Parks Alliance Board of an additional option to the material used in creating garden beds, having researched some. They presented Bego Beds, which are a metal trough looking bed, with no metal piece on the bottom. Board member Bert Little described the process of preparing the beds for use would require use of the branches and sticks as a base layer followed by mulch and dirt. Board member Ron Dyer suggested that he would check with Home Depot and see if any materials were available for donation. The community Garden project will be fully started when the ground is clear. Public Works Director Greg Shafer reported that Public Works Crews have made headway in their clearing of the brush pile, before the weather turned and will resume as weather and time allows. Public Works Director Greg Shafer also cautioned that the material in Bego Beds (the metal siding) works well in a home garden but may deteriorate faster because the material is easily dented and the likelihood of being struck by machinery is high within this space. City Manager Esther Moberg concluded this item by explaining the difficulty of funding and making this project and opportunity available to people within the community as the City does not have the budget to finance it. All materials and maintenance must be donated or funded by efforts from the Parks Advisory Board or Warrenton Parks Alliance.

C. WIKI Field

Board member Ron Dyer reported that there are no significant updates. He is waiting for information from an irrigation company on the logistics of irrigating Field 2.

D. Voting on Chair

Motion:	Vote to sustain the Board Chairperson, Sara Long				
Moved:	Ron Dyer				
Seconded:	Bert Little	Aye	Nays	Absent	Recused
Vote:	Schauermann			X	
	Dyer	X			
	Beechan	X			
	Little	X			
	Terry	X			
	Long	X			
Passed:	5/0				

E. Voting on Vice Chair

Motion:	Vote to sustain the Board Vice-Chairperson, Sammi Beechan				
Moved:	Brooke Terry				
Seconded:	Ron Dyer	Aye	Nays	Absent	Recused
Vote:	Schauermann			X	
	Dyer	X			
	Beechan	X			
	Little	X			
	Terry	X			
	Long	X			
Passed:	5/0				

6. Discussion Items

A. Adopt-A-Park Policy

Parks Advisory Board Chairperson Sara Long opened this discussion item with an inquiry of any comments and concerns over the necessity of enacting this policy. Vice Chairperson Sammi Beechan voiced that this policy was seemingly unnecessary and undesired within the community at this time. The Board unanimously agreed to remove this item from the discussion items in future meetings until more information and interest is brought forward. City Manager Esther Moberg supported this decision stating that focusing on projects that the community is interested and invested in is an excellent way to be strategic in their goals and efforts to gain community support. Chairperson Sara Long closed this discussion item by inviting board members to invite the community to join the board meetings, and encourage more involvement.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Sara Long adjourned the meeting at **4:42 p.m.**

Approved:

Attest:

Sara Long, Parks Advisory Board Chair

Savannah Cummings, Public Works Executive Secretary



SaddleBrooke Progress

The Official News of SaddleBrooke Resort Community

SPORTS, MARCH 2022

Why Are Tennis Courts Blue?

March 15, 2022



Photo by TJ Duffy

TJ Duffy

Premier amenities make SaddleBrooke one of the most desirable places in the country to live. Thankfully, our golf courses are built and maintained for residents to play golf, and bocce ball courts are built and maintained for residents to play bocce ball. So it follows that our tennis courts are built and maintained for residents to play tennis. But why are all of the tennis courts in SaddleBrooke (except those at the Tennis Center) blue?

Tennis is a dynamic game with a myriad of skills/requirements for a person to play the game effectively. Tennis strokes, body position, body movement, court position, and strategies, etc. are all important aspects of the game. However, aside from how well an individual has learned and mastered tennis, none of that matters unless the player does this one thing on every shot: focus on the optic-yellow tennis ball prior to and during the stroke. This is especially true in SaddleBrooke due to our aging eyes.

Age Effects on Our Eyesight—Objects Blending into Backgrounds

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, “It may become more difficult to distinguish objects from backgrounds of similar color, such as milk in a white cup. This is called loss of contrast sensitivity. There are low vision techniques to help with this, such as using opposite colors around the house.”

Lots of aging individuals have excellent eyesight but still have reduced vision in practice. Contrast sensitivity plays a large part in this. Contrast is, at its most basic definition, the difference between two colors, shades, or tones. When we’re discussing vision, contrast is a huge part of what allows us to identify and distinguish objects from the scenes they’re in. This is particularly true for the SaddleBrooke tennis player who must visually track a moving object, the yellow tennis ball, so they can play and have fun with their friends or effectively compete in USTA matches.

Blue Is In

To coin a never-before used phrase, “It’s all about the science.” When the U.S. Open switched to a blue in-bounds court in 2005, the change came from the experts at California Sports Surfaces, which based the change on an extensive study of the optimal color for tennis. The idea was to visualize how the neon yellow tennis ball would stand out against the court’s color. After a lot of consideration and testing on the color wheel, the opposite of neon yellow-green was chosen, which settled at the blue-purple spectrum. This is when the colors blue and purple were starting to ease into the tennis world. The blue hue, now trademarked as U.S. Open Blue, is just about the exact opposite color of a yellow Wilson tennis ball on the Isaac Newton color wheel, providing the most contrast for players and spectators.

Once the U.S. Open decided to switch to blue tennis courts, they did so for every major tournament played in the U.S. This increased the popularity of the color, so other countries wanted to associate tennis with blue courts as well. Consequently, green courts, which serve to camouflage the ball, are not considered professional anymore. This is due to the fact that green is right next to yellow on the color wheel, thus producing minimal contrast. These court colors are falling out of style, and more and more schools, public parks, and private tennis clubs are upgrading to blue courts. All the major tennis facilities in Tucson, including the University of Arizona LaNelle Robson Tennis Center, have blue courts. This change has helped the sport in a lot of ways. Players benefit from the color choice, and spectators enjoy it as well.

As more and more facilities around the world upgrade their courts, it’s only a matter of time before blue is almost exclusively the color of hard courts. It’s a perfect change for everyone involved in the sport, and it’s somewhat of a surprise that it took so long.

Watch for my next article on why golf courses are green—it will be quite brief!