

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Joint Work Session
CITY OF NORTH PLAINS
CITY COUNCIL and NORTH PLAINS PARKS BOARD
JESSIE MAYS COMMUNITY HALL
30975 NW Hillcrest Street
Monday, February 18, 2014 – 6:05 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of Joint Work Session agenda
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** *(Persons wishing to speak on matters not on the agenda may be recognized at this time. Speakers must complete a “Public Comment Registration form” on the information table and return it to the City Recorder. You are not required to give your address when speaking to the City Council, only your name. Presentations are limited to five minutes.)*
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Discussion of development, maintenance and purpose of parks in North Plains and establish agreed upon goals between City Council and Parks Board.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, Oregon 97133

Date: January 30, 2014
To: Mayor and City Council
From: North Plains Parks Board
Subject: Ideas and Goals Proposal for Council

Request: The North Plains Parks Advisory has met over the past few years. Each meeting we discussed improvements in our parks, creation of new parks & trails and upgrading Jessie Mays building. In the fall 2013 we officially became the North Plains Parks Board. Since the new board's creation we began to formalize a plan to meet the community's wants and needs. We have discussed many dog park locations, and a wish list for the Jessie Mays building.

Since becoming a Board we have discussed the need for a dog park. We had a survey at the Chili Cook-off, which really supported the want. We have discussed possible locations at several meetings. Our November meeting brought in adjacent neighbors to the possible undeveloped Lenox Street site. We also talked about the large tract the city owns in McKay Creek subdivision—possibly obtaining an easement from the property owner to the north. To date, all of these sites have been contentious, so we will keep looking.

The ideas for improvements to, not only the Jessie Mays building, but the park itself have been long going with many suggestions being brought forward. Currently there is no final plan in place, but all members agree this will need to be a phased-in process. Some of the discussion items have been: outdoor restrooms, pavilion or gazebo, children's play area, benches, basketball & tennis courts as well as the parking area itself. For the building we have discussed the need for an improved defined entrance, expansion of the hall itself—possibly to the east, have the ability to partition rooms for meetings, enlarge the kitchen, add to restrooms and remove the stage area.

We are still in the dreaming stage with nothing final. However, we have chosen two items to focus on: 1) improve the entrance and 2) expand the park itself.

We recommend the Council request city staff to begin "Request for Proposal" for the entrance of the Jessie Mays building. Again, we want to emphasize we do not have a plan. It is our hope that the "Request for Proposal" not only bring in a variety of options, but bring in options we haven't thought of. Once we have a proposal we can begin working on a plan as well as associated costs to bring back to Council.

Our second request is for Council to look at expanding the Jessie Mays Park itself. As adjacent properties come up for sale, we recommend the Council purchase the properties. Currently park land within the city is limited, so this would be the only way to

obtain a large park. All of the properties south of the park are zoned C2 and are within the Urban Renewal district. This will allow several options when considering funds to purchase them. Currently there is a property for sale by owner for \$180,000. The Parks Board recommends the Council purchase this property.

Summary of items to move forward with by priority:

- **Request City Council to direct City staff to begin “Request for Proposal” for Phase 1 improvements to the entrance of the Jessie Mays building.**
- **As adjacent properties to the Jessie Mays Park come up for sale we request that the City Council consider their purchase as an expansion to the park.**
- **Other items that the Parks Board are discussing for future projects are a Skate Park and a Dog Park**

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact with this item.

Environmental Issues: None

Recommendation: This item is informational only.