



PARKS, RECREATION & TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION



AGENDA

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

6:00 p.m.

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Calapooia Room, City Hall

333 Broadalbin St SW

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Rolf Herstad- Related to tree code 7.98.140

Persons wanting to provide comments may:

- 1- Email written comments to Debbie.little@albanyoregon.gov, including your name, before noon on the day before the meeting.
- 2- To comment virtually during the meeting, register by emailing Debbie.little@albanyoregon.gov before noon on the day before the meeting, with your name. The chair will call upon those who have registered to speak.
- 3- Prearranged – appear in person at the meeting and register to speak.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 6, 2026

5. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

- a. Discussion Items

- 1) None

- b. Action Items

- 1) None

- c. Reports and Updates

- 1) Capital Projects Update – Kim
- 2) Program Updates – Staff

6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - Virtual

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Dear Debbie,

Please save for tree Commission meeting:

This photo shows a large Fir with codominant stems next to my fence. Note the large cracks in the very old pruning scar just below the union of these stems. Also note the large drooping branches. Large cracks , and large drooping branches indicates structural weakness. The codominant stems are a natural weak point even in a healthy tree.

Target zone: These decayed branches with Basidiomycete infection(SEE OSU REPORT VERIFYING this) overhang my driveway and the axis of direction should the codominant stem snap in a strong wind is right in line with my home.(bedroom area) This type of infection in a large branch(SEE REPORT) strongly indicates a high probability that the main stems are affected. The risk is severe. After several years of large branches hitting my vehicles and my roof and yard there can be no doubt a massive failure at the union of these stems is imminent. Just this last April, in only about a 15MPH wind a 8 foot section of one of the two tops has cracked and leaned over and is directly over my fence about 75 feet in the air. I am parking my New truck in the front yard and I have instructed my daughter to also park in the yard when she comes over with our granddaughter and to NOT walk in using the driveway. Yes this top is only Christmas tree size and the base is only 4 inches across but imagine that falling 75 feet! This is a hazard right now. This alone without a major failure is a severe death or injury hazard at the present time. What am I to do when the fall winds come? Sleep in the other end of the house? Make a mudhole out of my front yard by the need to avoid the driveway?

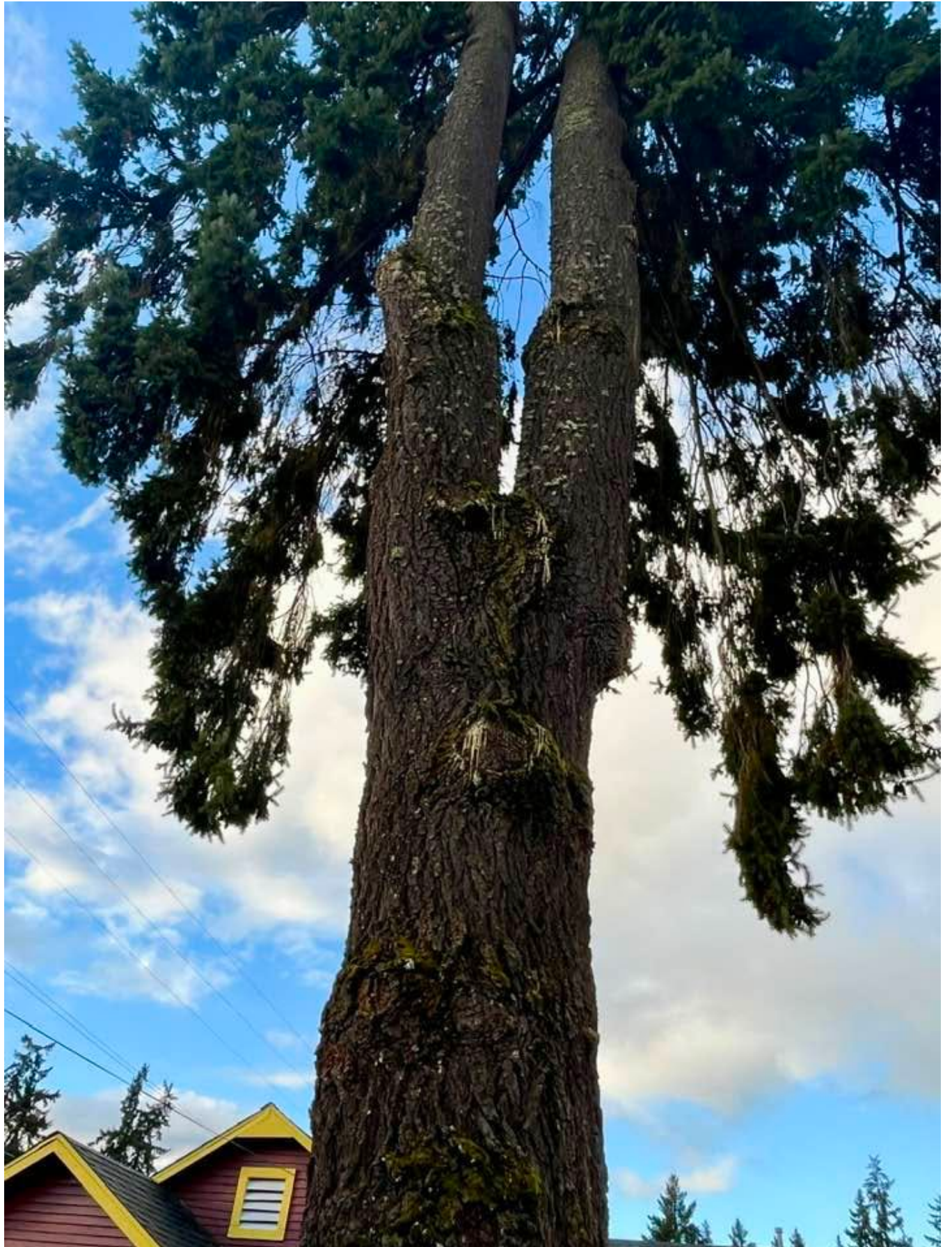
Even if my fear of the failure of the main stem union does not happen this year- just the threat of the remaining very large branches and the "Sail" effect on the rotten branches represent, given the verifiable recent history and the OSU report, a severe and intimidating threat to both my property, and sadly, to my family.

Truthfully,

Rolf Herstad

2015 Front Ave.NE

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Attached are views of the trees very old "Flush cuts" that removed large branches decades ago. These cuts removed the trees Natural "collar" preventing proper wound closure and inviting decay. When combining with the high mechanical stress or codominant stems, these cracks means the trunk or joint is actively splitting.

Attached photos show the subject tree's large cracks in pruning scars. to see the cracks better please enlarge the photos.

These views are from 3 different sides.

The picture with part of the house in it is quite telling as the very large limb scar is just below the weakest part of the codominant stems. The wounds from improperly removed branches that have large cracks have a purplish pitch covering that in some wounds cover a bit of the cracks but the cracks are there.

Please include e-mail text with photo attachments for meeting material.

With Kindest regards and gratitude

I am, Rolf Herstad











OSU Botany and Plant Pathology <diagnostics@plantclinic.bpp.oregonstate.edu>

11/23/2025 8:30 AM

Plant Specimen Diagnostic Report # 2025-1641

To skei@comcast.net



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OSU Botany and Plant Pathology

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PLANT SPECIMEN DIAGNOSTIC REPORT Specimen # 2025-1641

SUBMITTED BY Rolf Herstad 2015 Front Ave. NE Albany, OR 97321 skei@comcast.net		PLANT Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)		METHOD SUBMITTED WALK-IN
		VARIETY Main Branch		CLASS NATIVE PLANT
		INTERNAL LAB NO.	LAB FEE \$87.00	REPLY FROM LAB November 23, 2025
PHONE (541) 990-6141	COUNTY LINN, OR	PLANT MATERIAL		RECEIVED BY LAB November 3, 2025
CONDITION UPON ARRIVAL		DIAGNOSTICIAN(s) Mana Ohkura William Gerth		
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS [Submitter Comments]: Loss of structural integrity due to fungus/brown rot. Note the square appearance of breaks in branch. Please check for degrading of cellulose network.		DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUE(S) ☐ Bioassay ☐ Incubation ☐ Nematode Extraction ☐ Biochemical ☐ Lab Test ☐ Serological ☒ Culture ☒ Microscope ☐ Soil Analysis ☐ Image ☒ Molecular ☒ Visual Observation		
GROWER INFORMATION Rolf Herstad 2015 Front Ave. NE Albany, OR 97321 (541) 990-6141 skei@comcast.net		REFERRAL INFORMATION		

Diagnosis/Recommendations

Diagnosis: Armored scales (Family Diaspididae)

Category: INSECT

Diagnosis: Wood decay fungus (Unidentified Fungus)

Category: FUNGAL

Comments: Thank you for submitting the Douglas fir sample. We received a branch piece with a wound and some wood discoloration and some insect borer holes. The wood discoloration appeared to have

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continued into the second piece of branch that was also included. The smallest branch that was included had some chlorosis and necrosis.

Our entomologist, Bill Gerth, examined the material under the microscope and observed armored scales on the branch piece with needles. These are likely the Black pine scale and responsible for the needle damage.

I suspect the larger branch was damaged by insects, and a wood decay fungus invaded from the holes. To check for potential wood decay fungi, we cultured for fungi from the discolored wood, and we recovered a Basidiomycete fungus, which most wood decay fungi belong to. Because these fungi do not sporulate in culture and there are many possible wood decay fungi, I'm afraid we cannot narrow down the identification further by microscopy. To see if we can narrow it down by molecular testing, we tested the discolored wood for *Laetiporus* and *Porodaedalea* by PCR, but it tested negative for both fungi. We will test it for *Fomitopsis* as well, and update you with the results. I'm afraid we may not be able to narrow down which wood decay fungus is present without DNA sequencing, which will be an additional cost (\$128).

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Kind regards,
Mana Ohkura

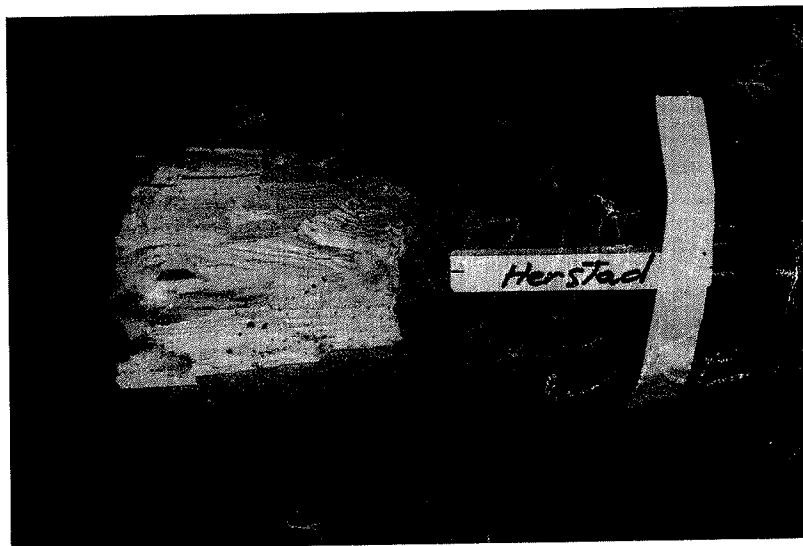
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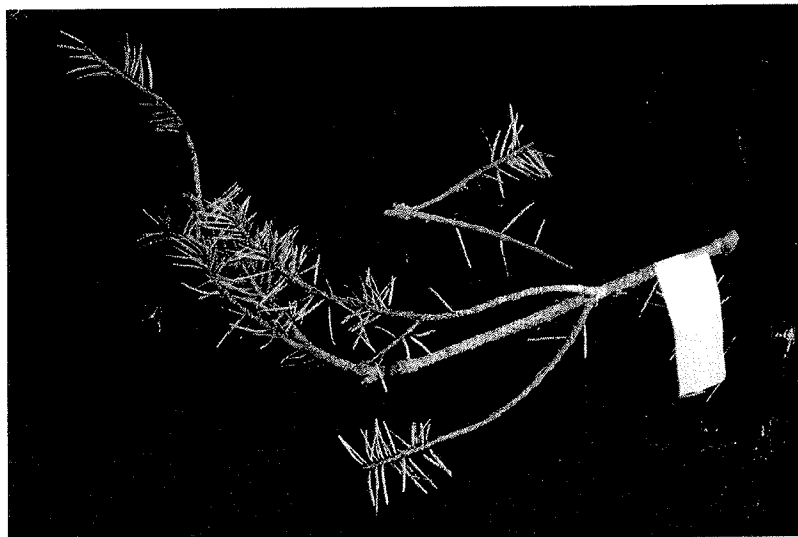
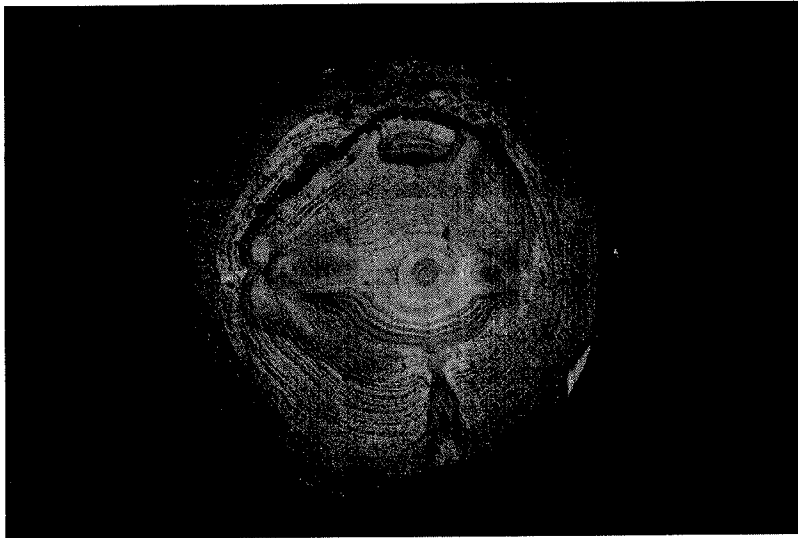
Invoices are sent separately.

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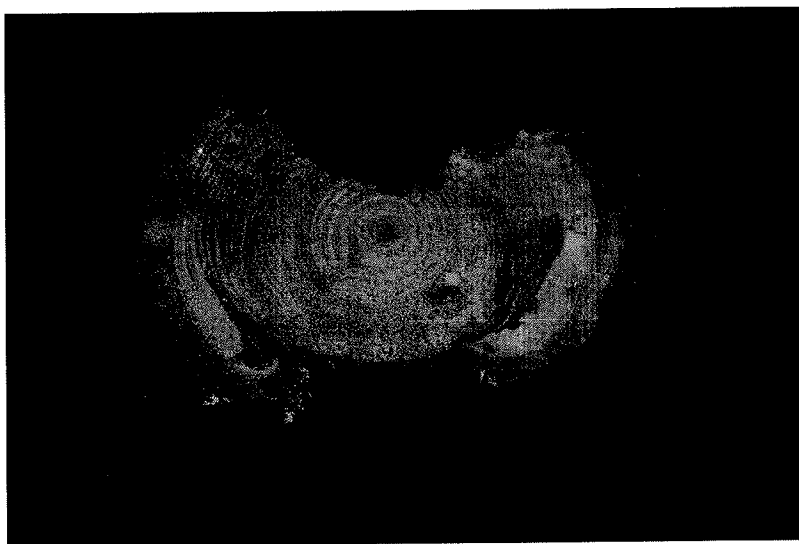
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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6 p.m.

REMOTE

Approved: Draft

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Konopa, Jill VanBuren, Joyce Thompson Graham, Bill Stonerod, Nick Anderson, Anna Roller

Members absent: Gabrielle Roesch-McNally (excused)

Staff present: Kim Lyddane, Director; Tommy Reeder, Parks & Open Manager; Tyler Reece, Recreation Assistant; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator

Guest present: None

Business from the Public

1) None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6:01 p.m.

March 4, 2026

MOTION: Konopa moved to adopt the minutes. VanBuren seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6:01 p.m.

a. None

ACTION ITEMS

a. None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

6:02 p.m.

a. Capital Projects

Lyddane noted Deerfield Park is open, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held May 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Lyddane reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet. Possible future projects include the plaster, lip and boiler at Cool Pool along with three park playgrounds. Brief discussion followed.

STAFF REPORTS

Reeder provided an update on Park Maintenance.

- Working on a removal of a tree that fell on the swings at Elenor Hackman Park.
- Wood fiber is going in at park playgrounds.
- New paddle boats have been delivered.
- Playground quotes are being sourced for Grand Prairie, Pineway and Draper.
- Youth soccer, baseball, adult softball and tournaments are running.

- Seasonal staff have been hired.
- Park restrooms are open for the season.
- Park rentals have started.
- Love Locks sculpture is installed at Timber Linn Park.
- Erik Tuneberg, Park Operations Specialist, is working on park events with Adopt a Park volunteers.
- Tree watering scheduling is in process.

Lyddane provided an update on recreation programs.

- GAPS has completed the bid process for the Therapeutic Spa at ACP and it is targeted to be installed this summer, early fall.
- COOL Pool and Waverly paddle boats scheduled to open June 20, 2026.
- Voting to name the new paddle boats is taking place.
- Looking at options to handle the aquatic growth at Waverly Lake.
- Restoration on the Waverly duck is in process
- Working with LBCC students for a mural on the restroom building at Waverly Park.
- River Rhythms performers have been announced.
- Summer programming has expanded.
- Fundraising for the Waverly duck is process through the Albany Parks & Recreation Foundation and Sybaris for a fundraising dinner.
- Contracting with Portland Rose Balloons to provide paid hot air balloon rides at Northwest Art & Air Festival this year.
- Summer staff have been hired.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

7:45 p.m.

Roller noted she recently visited Talking Water Gardens as a parent volunteer and was very impressed with staff and thanked staff for all their hard work.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Debbie Little
Administrative Services Coordinator

Kim Lyddane
Parks & Recreation Director

Capital Projects Report

PROJECT	Estimate	STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	NOTES
Deerfield Park Playground Replacement	N/A	Moniotring trees as some are struggling.	Constrcution completed.	Outstanding items: Little Library and Repainted Bouncer Animals.
COOL Boiler	\$65,000	Completed	Summer 2026	Needed to be replaced.
COOL! Epoxy	\$41,000	Compeltd	Summer 2026	Materials and oversight. Instead of \$300K+ plaster repair. Will allow for us to drain the pool in the winter saving on chemicals, CO2, and staff time.
Park Mainteance Shope LED Light Replacement	\$7,000	Completed	Summer 2026	
RCC Hood Replacement	\$20,000	Completed	Summer 2026	Emergent need
ACP Theraputic Spa	\$230,000	August 10- September 6. Currently in permitting and mobilization.	Fall 2026	\$200,000 from grassroots fundraising.
Park Irrigation Controls	\$25,000	Information gathering	Fall 2026	Control via phone/tablet. Efficient watering.
RCC LED Light Replacement	\$25,000	Scheduling	Fall 2026	
COOL Interior and Swanson LED Light Replacement	\$15,000	Scheduling	Fall 2026	
RCC Accessible Back Door	\$15,000	Information gathering	Fall 2026	
Swanson HVAC Replacement	\$15,000	Scheduling	Fall 2026	Emergent need
Park & Playground Sign Update/Replacement	\$50,000	Information gathering	Spring 2026	Need to bring up to date and provide consistency.
COOL! Coping Replacement	\$150,000	Design	Spring 2027	Replace current tiles around the whole pool.
Draper Park Playground Replacement	up to \$300,000	Design submission	Spring 2027	
Grand Prairie Playground Replacement	up to \$350,000	Design submission	Spring 2027	
Pineway Park Playground Replacement	\$250,000	Design Submission	Spring 2027	