



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION

REGULAR MEETING
HYBRID (VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON)
440 HARCOURT AVE (CHAMBER)
Monday, August 21, 2023
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - PARKS AND RECREATION

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Chair
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair
James White	Commissioner
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner
Chris Moulton	Commissioner
Robert Daniels	Commissioner
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner
Karla Lobo	Commissioner

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. JULY 10, 2023 MINUTES

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. TOUR OF SEASIDE PARKS

- Encanto Park
- Wheeler Tennis Courts
- Pacchetti Dog Park
- Farallones Park
- Trinity Park

**B. DISCUSSION ON REINSTATING THE YOUTH COMMISSION
(COMMISSIONER LOBO)**

**C. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION'S FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE (VICE CHAIR MAXWELL)**

- D. DISCUSSION ON HAVING LOCAL NON-PROFITS GIVE PRESENTATIONS REGARDING THEIR PRIORITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND GOALS FOR 2023 (COMMISSIONER LOBO)**
- E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHAPTER 9.08 "PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS" OF THE SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE (COMMISSIONER LOBO)**
- F. DISCUSS HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING FOR ANOTHER PARK TOUR**
- 7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF**
- 8. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF**
- 9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Scheduled Special Meeting:
September 18, 2023
5:30 PM

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MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
HYBRID (VIRTUAL & IN PERSON)
440 Harcourt Avenue (Chamber)
Monday, July 10, 2023
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at: 5:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch	Chair	<u>X</u>	
Bobby Maxwell	Vice Chair	<u>X</u>	
James White	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Dianne Nielson	Commissioner	<u>X</u>	
Chris Moulton	Commissioner	<u> </u>	(Excused Absence)
Robert Daniels	Commissioner	<u>X</u>	
Jeanette Walton	Commissioner	<u>X</u>	

STAFF:

Dan Meewis X Terry Navarro X

3. GUESTS:

* Alex Miller – City Councilman

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

* Alex Miller reported that they got the Monterey Bay Union FC to work with them. He stated it is going to be a great partnership for the community because kids are involved with soccer and recreation. The manager and the City Council has agreed to put a flag out for the season for them when they win and light up City Hall with their colors. On July 11, 2023 they will have their first flag raising for them and they will be making a short commercial at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday, July 15, 2023, the game will be on ESPN and their short commercial will be on ESPN. There will be a total of eight games that will be on ESPN. Alex invited the Commissioner to attend the flag raising on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

5. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2023 MINUTES:

* Bobby Maxwell/Jeanette Walton M/S/P

* No public comment

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA:

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required)

- * Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. due to technical issues.
- * Jeanette Walton/Dianne Nielson M/S/P
- * Meeting reconvene at 5:47 p.m.
- * Commissioners voted and accepted the Agenda as is. (5 yes and 1 no)
Bobby Maxwell/Karla Lobo M/S/P
- * No public comment

7. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO STAFF REGARDING THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT OF THE REVISED PUBLIC DRAFT GENERAL PLAN:

- * Andrew Myrick stated that the General Plan is the blue print of the City. The General Plan is generally updated once every twenty years. What this is meant to do is give policy direction for future decision making over a couple of decades. In order to do that it divides everything into twelve elements (chapters). Andrew stated that in 2015 the city began the process of creating a comprehensive General plan update, intended to provide a vision for the City through 2040. The document has now been updated to reflect changes to the California law that have occurred over the past few years.
- * Andrew stated that the purpose of this presentation is to provide a broad overview of the contents of the general plan as well as a summary as well as a proposed process for completion of the document. City Commissioners are being provided the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft General Plan for Elements with their subject matter. Comments will be reviewed by staff for possible incorporation into the final version of the of the General Plan. Please see the attached Parks and Open Space Elements for more information and details.
- * Commissioner Lobo asked how is the funding sustainable for the future if funds are always allocated for the future. Andrew stated that the General Plan has no control over the funding. The City Council makes the final decision about the allocation of funds. Commissioner Lobo wanted to know how the goals and policies were being implemented. Andrew went through that information in the presentation. Commissioner Lobo asked about the community engagement and why the consulting agency that was to do the charrettes never did the presentation in 2021 and 2022. She wanted to know if the results were included in the General Plan. Andrew stated that was part of the DPZ (the land portion). They were looking at Seaside East that is currently zoned mostly for low density residential housing and some open space areas. They are taking the existing zoning and changing it to an overlay that just says Seaside East Specific Plan. There will be a whole big public process to do this. There has been some concerns that the City should not be developing east of General Jim Moore. Andrew stated that if they would have that conversation now, that would delay the General Plan a couple years. Karla recommended more traveling trips for youths in the plan. She also would like more engagement with MPUSD and staff.

- * Commissioner Daniels asked if the vacant lots are owed by the City and do they plan on making them parks. Andrew stated that most of the vacant lots are being used for the housing element to satisfy the housing need requirements. They are required to demonstrate their ability to build 616 new units.
- * Commissioner Nielson asked about how they communicated to Spanish Community. They did an informal outreach. Andrew stated that they probably did not have events in Spanish, however, they probably had staff reach out to Individuals and contact organizations that were involved with it. They may Have had translation services at some of the workshops they did.
- * No public comment.

B. RECEIVE UPDATE AND HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THE TREE GIVEAWAY PROGRAM:

- * Staff reported that they received 132 applications for vouchers. 122 participants picked up their voucher and 112 participants picked up their tree. Staff has called and emailed the participants to remind them to pick up their voucher and tree. Six trees were given to Commissioner Nielson to plant in some of the parks in Seaside. Two tree are being planted at the Teen Center.
- * Vice Chair Maxwell asked if this program will continue next year. Staff stated it could be added to the Parks & Recreation Work Plan.
- * Commissioner Daniels thanked and congratulated Commissioner Nielson for her hard work and success of the project.
- * No public comment.

C. DISCUSS WORK PLAN ITEM "IMPLEMENT A WATER SAFETY PROGRAM FOR LOCAL YOUTH" THAT IS ON THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 2023/2024 WORK PLAN (COMMISSIONER LOBO):

- * Staff reported that this item came from Former Commission Pacheco. He helped push forward Seaside's Largest Swim Lesson program. The program provides a free swim lesson. They offer this once a year. The plan is to offer this twice a year for basic water safety. Staff stated they do not know how to incorporate the water infiltration system in to this. The two would not merit themselves together.
- * Commissioner Daniels wanted to know how to increase the program. Staff stated that they working on ways to increase the enrollment. Commissioner Daniels stated he would like to get more involved in this.
- * Commissioner Walton asked if staff knows how many children are turned away. Staff stated a lot of children do not get in because they need more staff to take more children. Safety is very important and the ratio between staff and the children is part of it.
- * No public comment.

D. DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION'S FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR VICE CHAIR MAXWELL, AND COMMISSIONERS' NIELSON AND DANIELS (CHAIR GAINES-LYNCH):

* Commissioner voted on the motion: "To approve the appointment of the three Commissioners named to be appointed to the Neighborhood Improvement Commission's funding Sub-Committee." Jeanette Walton/Karla Lobo M/S/P

* No public comment.

E. DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROJECTS FROM THE 2023/2024 WORK PLAN AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION FOR 2023/2024 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

* Vice Chair Maxwell stated his priority is the Tree Giveaway Program.

* Commissioner Lobo priorities are the ADA equipment, irrigation for the parks and sand for the volleyball court.

* Commissioner Walton recommended that we number the goals on the Parks & Recreation Commission's Work Plan. Staff will update the Work Plan.

* Commissioner Nielson request is the Wheeler Tennis Court to be refurbished.

* Commissioner Daniels priorities are the water safety program and enhance the community garden at Havana Soliz Park.

* Commissioner voted on the motion: "To recommend the six project to the Neighborhood Improvement Commission's Funding Sub-Committee for consideration. The six projects are the Tree Giveaway Program, more ADA equipment in the parks, more irrigation for the parks, sand or turf for the Volleyball Court, refurbish the Wheeler Street Tennis Courts and garden enhancement at Havana Soliz Park." Dianne Nielson/Jeanette Walton M/S/P

* No public comment.

F. DISCUSS AND ASSIGN COMMISSIONERS TO BE LIAISONS FOR OTHER CITY COMMISSIONS:

* Staff discuss the different Commissions and Committees that they could be assigned to. The assignments are as followed:

Commissioner Daniels – Art & History Commission,

Commissioner Nielson – Neighborhood Improvement Commission &
Environmental Commission

Chair Gainer-Lynch – Homeless Committee

Vice Chair Maxwell – Youth Commission (not active at this time)

Commissioner Lobo – Community Safety Advisory Commission

Commissioner Walton – None at this time

* No public comments

G. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHAPTER 9.08 "PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS" OF THE SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE (COMMISSIONER LOBO):

- * The Commissioners and staff discussed Chapter 9.08 "Parks and Recreation Areas of the Seaside Municipal Code.
- * Commissioner voted on the motion: " Review Chapter 9.08 "Parks and Recreation Areas" of the Seaside Municipal Code at home to see if there are any recommendations to add or subtract from the Municipal Code".
Dianne Nielson/Jeanette Walton M/S/P
- * No public comment

H. CONSIDER DRAFTING A LETTER TO SUSTAINABLE SEASIDE AND FOSPA (COMMISSIONER LOBO):

- * Commissioner voted on the motion: " To having a private special meeting with FOSPA and Sustainable Seaside with a mediator"
Jeanette Walton/Dianne Nielson M/S/P
- * No public comment

I. DISCUSS HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING FOR ANOTHER PARK TOUR:

- * Commissioners stated to put the park tour on the August Parks & Recreation Meeting if there is time for it.
- * No public comment.

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION STAFF:

- * Staff reported the Red, White, and Blues Event was on July 04, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall Lawn. The headlining was "Coco Montoya" and they had two local acts which were Rosewood and John Broadway Tucker. They had a few carnival rides, games, bounce houses, and free hotdogs for the kids. It had a pretty good turn-out. Blues in the Park started on Sunday, July 09, 2023. It was a great start to the summer's concert series. Staff is looking forward to the next four Sunday. There is a change for next Sunday. Instead of "Rollin and Tumblin" Opening, it will be "831 All Stars". The last weeks of camps are happening: The Country Western Older Adult Luncheon & Dance is on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

9. REPORTS FROM PARKS STAFF:

- * Staff reported that the bid came in for Highland Otis Park. The construction on the basketball court at Lincoln Cunningham Park has started. The construction at Cutino Park is going on strong there.
- * Staff reported that the grass at Laguna Grande Park is not looking so great because of all the events that has been going on there. It should get better after all the summer events.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

- * Commissioner Walton went to the first Blues in the Park and she saw the signs that said “no dogs allowed in the park”. She is concerned because people were ignoring the signs. Staff stated the staff does talk to those people and the Police do walk around. Commissioner Walton suggested that a certain area should be designated for people who have dogs. She was also concerned about not having enough handicap parking.
- * Vice Chair Maxwell stated he would like a parks staff person to be at the next meeting in person to give a report on the parks, especially about the problems at Cutino Park because it is getting worse. There will be a Basketball Three Point Competition for kids ages 5 years old to 17 years old at Ellis Park on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. It is a free event. There also will be a kickball tournament on Saturday, July 16, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cutino Park. It is a free event. On July 11, 2023 they will have their first flag raising for the Monterey Bay Union FC at City Hall.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at: 8:16 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Terry Navarro, PRC Clerk

Alicia Louise Gaines-Lynch, PRC Chair

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting

August 21, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m.

HYBRID (Virtual & In-Person)

Attachments from
the July 10, 2023
Meeting



CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

BY: Andrew Myrick, Economic Development & Community Planning Manager

DATE: July 10, 2023

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO STAFF
REGARDING THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT OF THE
REVISED PUBLIC DRAFT GENERAL PLAN**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Presentation

BACKGROUND

A General Plan, colloquially referred to as a local government's constitution, is a document which guides long-term development - it represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to define the vision and goals of a community. This is accomplished by outlining city goals and policies within distinct chapters called "Elements." California Government Code Section 65300 requires that all cities and counties adopt and maintain a General Plan.

The City of Seaside last updated its General Plan in 2004. In 2015, the City began the process of creating a comprehensive General Plan Update, intended to provide a vision for the City through 2040. Extensive public outreach occurred in the preparation of this document. The effort was put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic, and was reinitiated in late 2022. The document has now been updated to reflect changes to California law that have occurred over the past few years.

The purpose of this Report is to provide a broad overview of the contents of the General Plan as well as a summary as well as a proposed process for completion of the document.

The City of Seaside's General Plan consists of the following chapters:

- Vision and Guiding Principles
- Land Use & Community Design Element
- Economic Development Element
- Housing Element
- Mobility Element
- Parks and Open Space
- Conservation Element
- Healthy and Sustainable Community Element
- Community Facilities and Infrastructure Element
- Safety Element
- Noise Element
- Implementation

Each of these Elements has been structured to present a vision for the community. Further, each Element identifies specific actions that the City can take in order to implement this vision. The final Chapter on Implementation summarizes these proposed actions and assigns priorities and timelines associated with them.

City Commissions are being provided the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft General Plan for Elements within their subject matter. The Parks and Open Space Element is attached. The intention of this item is to provide Commissioners a chance to ask questions of staff and/or provide feedback, either individually or as a group. The public is also welcome to submit their thoughts during this item as well. Comments will be reviewed by staff for possible incorporation into the final version of the General Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chapter7- ParksOpenSpace- Seaside GP - 051023

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:


 Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager





chapter seven

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Easy access to safe and well-maintained parks, open space, and recreation facilities is vital to Seaside as a community. Quality green spaces can encourage physical activity, improve well-being, provide a respite from developed areas, serve as habitat for native species, and provide an aesthetic backdrop to the city. Taken together, such parks and natural areas can contribute to a healthy, more livable, and attractive urban environment. In addition, parks and open space provide urban sanctuaries that reduce stress and promote good mental health, accommodate trees and vegetation that reduce the heat-island effect of paved developed areas. The City is committed to supporting community-led efforts to protect and improve existing green spaces, build social capital, enhance natural habitat, protect scenic views, and broaden support of conservation.

This chapter covers these topics:

- *Park types and needs*
- *Regional parks and open spaces*
- *Seaside coastal zone*
- *Recreational facilities*
- *Recreational programming*

Statutory Requirements

The Seaside Parks and Open Space Element meets state of California requirements for the Open Space Element as defined in Sections 65302(d) and 65302(e) of the Government Code, California Coastal Act requirements. State law requires all general plans to contain an Open Space element. Over and above the State requirements for a Parks and Open Space Element, this chapter includes policy guidance about recreation services and facilities in the city.

California Coastal Act

The California Coastal Act requires that the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) contain specific coastal access and beach management components to ensure public access to the coastal and public recreation areas is provided. This Element is consistent with the LCP and contains goals and policies related to intergovernmental coordination, protection of scenic views, enhanced coastal access, and identifying and preserving environmentally-sensitive habitat.



Blackhorse and Bayonet Golf Courses.



Fernando Park clean-up.

Setting the Scene

Parks and recreation facilities provide a critical benefit to the city. They provide space for active and passive recreation, enhance the visual appearance of the city and contribute to increased residential and commercial property values, among other benefits. New and well-maintained parks and open space are essential to the quality of life of existing and future residents.

Existing Parks and Recreational Facilities

As shown in Table 13, the City of Seaside owns and maintains twenty-eight park and recreational sites totaling approximately 55 acres. In the Seaside city limits, there are other large open space areas, including the Bayonet and Black Horse golf courses (359 acres), the Fort Ord National Monument lands (918 acres), and the Seaside Beach (6 acres). These additional open space areas total 1,333 acres. Figure 33 illustrates the distribution of parks and open space in City.

Currently, the City provides nearly 13 acres of park space per 1,000 residents within a combination of mini, neighborhood, community, regional, and golf course park types. This ratio exceeds the California Quimby Act target of 3.0 acres per 1,000 acres (CGC 66477). With the addition of over 12,000 new residents expected by 2040, maintaining 13.0 acres per 1,000 residents would require an additional 180 acres of new parks and open space. Seaside's demographics – with more children than the County average – highlights the demand for new park spaces, but the buildout of Seaside East alone is anticipated to add new open space. Similarly, it is

anticipated that the Fort Ord National Monument will open and provide access to over 900 acres within Seaside. This would achieve a ratio greater than 28 acres per 1,000 residents in 2040.

Seaside's parks are generally spread out across the City, with some areas being better served than others. Many residents in the Terrace West, Terrace East, and Olympia neighborhoods (see Figure 33) are more than a ½ mile walk from a park. These neighborhoods have some of the highest population densities, greatest number of children, and largest BIPOC populations. Improving access to parks and open spaces by adding new green spaces, re-programming unused spaces for public use, and improving pedestrian and bicycle connections to existing parks and open spaces can make it easier for Seaside residents to use public spaces, especially in these neighborhoods.

Figure 33: Existing Parks and Open Spaces



Table 12: Parks and Recreational Areas by Type

	Park Name	Acres	Park Type
1	Beta Park	1.1	Mini
2	Capra Park	0.8	Mini
3	Durant Park	0.5	Mini
4	Ellis Park	0.4	Mini
5	Farallones Park	0.8	Mini
6	Fernando-Montgomery Park	0.1	Mini
7	Highland-Otis Park	1.2	Mini
8	Manzanita-Stuart Park	0.8	Mini
9	Martin Park	0.6	Mini
10	Portola Leslie Park	1.1	Mini
11	Sabado Park	0.4	Mini
12	Trinity Park	0.8	Mini
13	Havana Soliz Park	2.6	Neighborhood
14	Lincoln Cunningham Park	2.9	Neighborhood
15	Mescal-Neil Park	2.2	Neighborhood
16	Metz Park	2.1	Neighborhood
17	Pacchetti Park	1.7	Neighborhood (Dog Friendly)
18	Cutino Park	5.6	Community
19	Soper Field and Community Center	4.2	Community
20	Laguna Grande Park	10.7	Regional
21	Robert's Lake Area	5.7	Regional
22	Fort Ord National Monument (within City)	918.7	Regional
23	Wheeler Tennis Courts	1.6	Special Use
24	Oldemeyer Center	2.4	Special Use
25	Pattullo Swim Center	2.0	Special Use
26	Stephen E. Ross Memorial Park	1.3	Special Use (modular office buildings now occupy a portion of the park)
27	Youth Education Center	1.1	Special Use
28	Encanto Park	0.2	Undeveloped
29	Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Courses	359.6	Golf Course
TOTAL		1,333.2	

Park Types and Needs

The Seaside park system includes various types of parks, each of which provides different recreational opportunities, and serves different geographies and segments of the population.

Mini-parks. Mini-parks are small, single-purpose play areas designed primarily for small children or as little oases to break up urban areas. Due to their size (less than one acre), the facilities are usually limited to a small grass area, a children's playground, and a small picnic area. Mini-parks mainly serve people living within walking distance.

Neighborhood parks. Neighborhood parks are one to five acres in size and serve people living within walking and bicycling distance. Typical facilities found in a neighborhood park include playgrounds, picnic areas, trails, open grass areas for passive use, outdoor basketball courts, and multi-use open grass areas for practice fields.

Community parks. Community parks typically range from five acres to ten acres and serve people living within a short drive of the facility. Community parks provide active recreational uses, including athletic fields and swimming pools, and they can provide for passive recreational opportunities, such as walking, viewing, sitting or picnicking. They may also provide a community center or facilities for group uses. Cutino Park, and the Soper Field and Community Center are community parks in Seaside.

Regional parks. Regional parks are large recreational areas designed to serve an entire region, often beyond the city limits. These areas offer unique recreational opportunities and are often managed by county, state, or federal agencies. Examples of regional parks in Seaside are the Fort Ord National Monument, Seaside Beach, and Laguna Grande Park.

Special use areas. Special use areas are miscellaneous public recreation areas or land occupied by a specialized facility. Some of the uses that fall into this class include special purpose areas, community gardens, single purpose sites used for field sports, or sites occupied by buildings. The five special use areas in Seaside, include the Oldemeyer Center, Wheeler Tennis Courts, and the Pattullo Swim Center.

Golf course. The City owns two, 18-hole golf courses: the Bayonet and Black Horse Courses.



New park equipment.



Blues in the park.



Bayonet and Blackhorse golf courses.

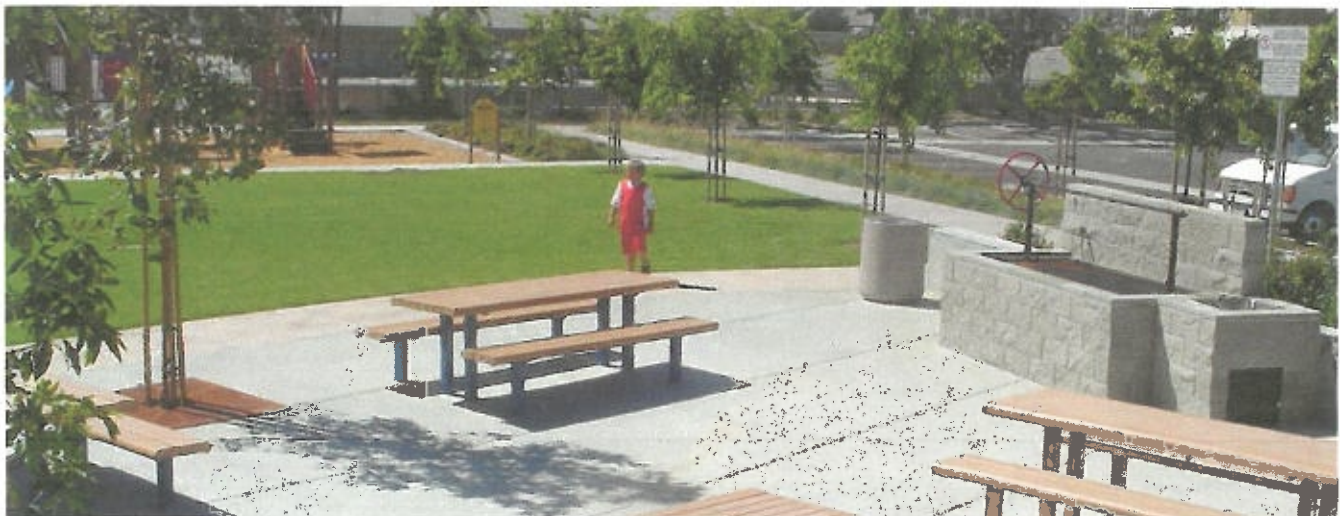
Table 13: Park Types and Characteristics

Park and Recreation Type	General Size and Service Characteristics		Count and Area in Seaside		
	Service Area	Size	Number	Acres	Percent of Total Acreage
Mini-Park	¼-mile	½ to 3 acres	12	8.7	< 1 percent
Neighborhood Park	1-mile	3 to 7 acres	5	11.5	< 1 percent
Community Park	Entire City	20 to 50 acres	2	9.8	< 1 percent
Regional Park	Entire region	75+ acres	3	935.1	70 percent
Special Use Area	Entire City	N/A	5	8.4	< 1 percent
Golf Course	Entire region	N/A	1	359.6	27 percent
Undeveloped	N/A	N/A	1	0.2	< 1 percent
TOTAL			29	1,333.3	

Table 13 summarizes the number and acreage of park and recreational sites by type. The City has a large number of mini-parks (12) compared to all other types, as there are five neighborhood and two community parks. Together, mini, neighborhood, and community parks make up approximately two percent of all park land in the city. More neighborhood and community parks are needed to ensure communities are being served with appropriate park spaces.

Some of Seaside's parks are well-maintained and equipped with high-quality amenities. The City could benefit from a more consistent revenue stream for the maintenance and improvement of park and recreation facilities. This could facilitate new irrigation systems, upgraded

turf, replacement landscaping, improved accessibility, replacement of children's play equipment, and additional signage, trash and recycling bins, drinking fountains, and benches, among others. Due to water restrictions, several parks become very dry in the summer months as they do not receive any water other than rainfall. Community volunteers are welcomed to help with park maintenance in conjunction with Public Works. Currently, Friends of Seaside Parks Association (FOSPA), a volunteer-led non-profit organization that supports the development and maintenance of parks and open green spaces does work to improve city parks.



Soper Park.

Regional Parks and Open Space

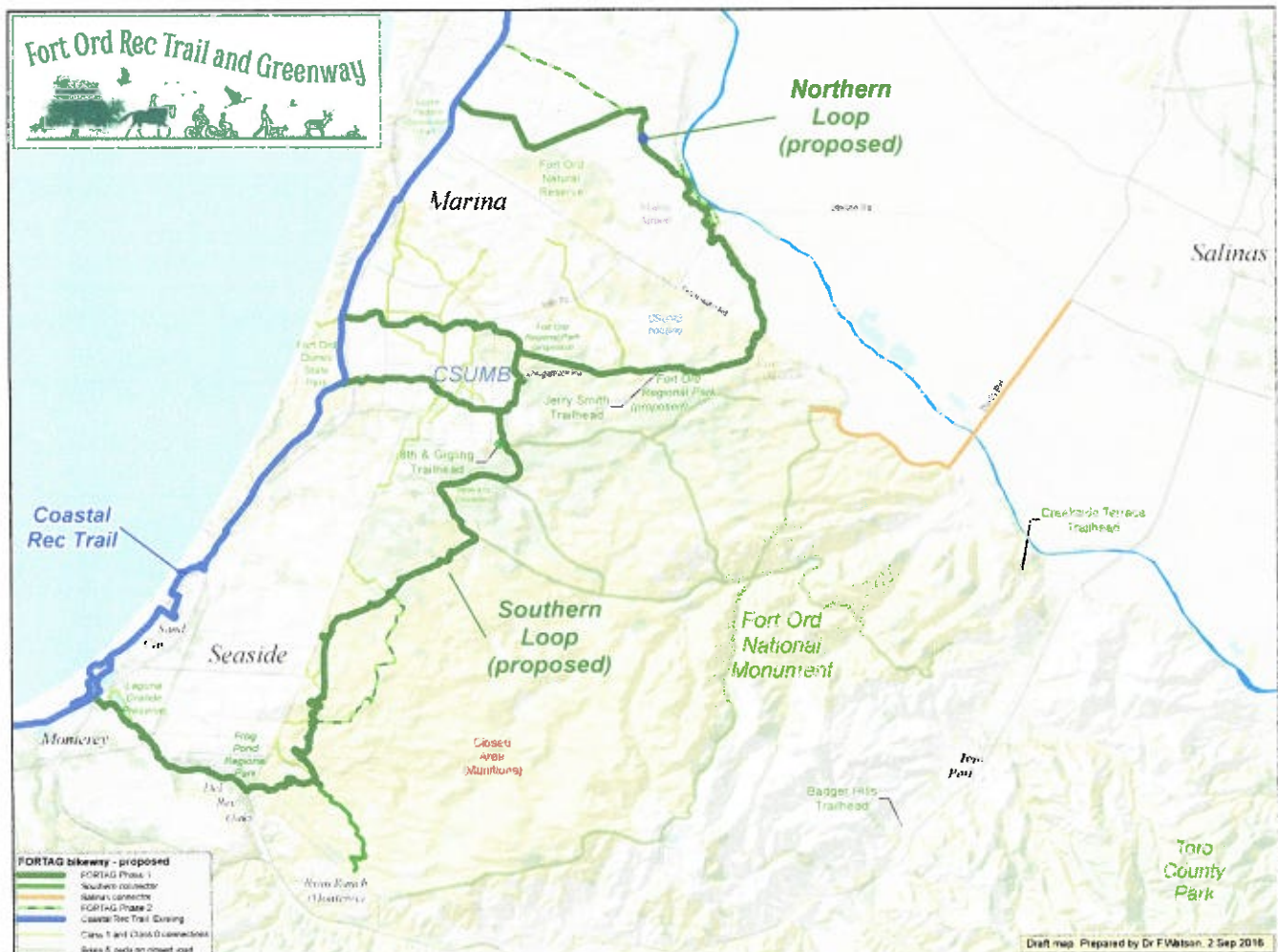
Seaside's location places it at the center of three regional parks and open spaces: the Fort Ord National Monument, the Fort Ord Dunes State Park, and the Monterey Bay shoreline. These regional parks and open spaces provide the City with an opportunity to increase park access, and to leverage these areas for visitor-serving amenities.

Created in 2012, the Fort Ord National Monument offers hiking, biking and equestrian trails for residents and visitors to Monterey County. Located on the former Fort Ord military base, the National Monument covers over 14,600 acres, including 918 acres in Seaside; however, only 7,200 acres are open to the public. The remainder of the area, including the portion in Seaside, is undergoing munition hazard cleanup by the U.S. Army and is anticipated to be open as soon as feasible. The potential

future entry points into the National Monument at Gigling Rd, Broadway Ave, and Eucalyptus Rd, as well as informal and formal trailheads.

The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) is a community-proposed 28-mile regional network of paved recreational trails and greenways connecting communities to open space. The project was included in the Transportation Agency for Monterey County-authored and 2016 voter-approved Transportation Safety & Investment Plan (Measure X). FORTAG is anticipated to run through the Seaside section of the National Monument, as illustrated in Figure 34. The Phase 1 Segment of FORTAG stretches 1.5 miles along the State Route 218 and Can-yon Del Rey corridor through Del Rey Oaks and Seaside and is currently in process.

Figure 34: FORTAG



Seaside shares much of its western border with the Fort Ord Dunes State Park, which opened in 2009. The park area includes approximately 990 acres of State parkland, including a boardwalk, four mile path with beach access, and interpretive exhibits. Visitors can enjoy the coastal landscape via bike or foot. Fort Ord Dunes is dominated by a continuous coastal sand dune formation and remnants from former Fort Ord's military history. The California Coastal Commission approved a permit for California State Parks to build a campground in Fort Ord Dunes State Park including 45 RV sites, 43 tent sites and 10 hike-in/bike-in sites.

South of the Fort Ord Dunes State Beach, Seaside Beach serves as a gateway to more than 21 miles of coast linking six contiguous beach front parks: Monterey State Beach, Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Marina State Beach, Salinas River State Beach, Moss Landing State Beach, and Zmudowski State Beach. These parks are linked together by the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail, which connects to the City of Monterey in the south and Marina in the north, extending to Pacific Grove and just south of Castroville. The trail is paved, provides access to cyclists and runners/walkers, and offers coastal views and access to the beach, natural habitat, and some of the highest dunes on California's central coast.



Oak Woodlands on former Fort Ord lands.

Seaside Coastal Zone

The Seaside LCP identifies the coastal zone with approximately 90 acres of land that extend from the Pacific Ocean to the terminus of the Canyon Del Rey Creek on the southeastern portion of Laguna Grande. The coastal zone includes a beach visitor parking lot and the Monterey Bay Trail system, in addition to access to Sand Dunes Drive and Highway 1. The area includes approximately 500 feet of beach frontage along the Pacific Ocean.

The coastal zone area is part of a former estuarine complex, composed of Robert's Lake at the center and Laguna Grande to the south. Highway 1 separates the beach from Robert's Lake, although they are connected by an outfall located at the foot of Humboldt Street and in the seawall adjacent to the Monterey Beach Hotel. Del Monte Boulevard and the abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way separate Robert's Lake from Laguna Grande.

Recreational Facilities

Along with the park and recreational sites, Seaside owns a variety of recreation facilities, including the Oldemeyer Center, Pattullo Swim Center, Soper Community Center, Wheeler Tennis Courts, the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Courses. These centers are designed primarily for large group gatherings and provide activities for all age groups.

The City also owns sport facilities, such as fields and courts, which are incorporated into existing park and recreational sites. These sport facilities include three youth baseball/softball fields and a new soccer field at Cutino Park.

The City also partners with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to use their athletic facilities as a short-term alternative. Seaside should benefit from additional specialized recreation facilities including a skate park, multi-use and soccer fields, a group picnic area, amphitheater, adventure playground, and additional off-leash, dog areas

Recreational Programming

The Recreation Services Department provides recreational activities and classes to serve the needs of Seaside residents of all ages. The department offers targeted programs for youth, adults, and seniors, including the following:

- **Youth program** offerings vary in length, including daily, weekly, monthly, and seasonal programming. Activities are scheduled year-round and include athletic leagues, dance, recreational swim, and youth camps. The City also provides two types of educational programs: Tiny Tot University offers a preschool program for children between the ages of three and five; and the Kids Club, an afterschool program emphasizing the arts, environmental activities, and indoor and outdoor physical activity for students from kindergarten to fifth grade.
- **Adult classes** offer dance, exercise and swim programming for all levels. The City also partners with local organizations to support emotional and physical well-being, parent workshops, and other educational resources.
- **Senior programs**, activities, and services are meant to serve and enhance quality of life for older members of the Seaside community. Programming includes swimming, social activities, game nights, arts and crafts, and support services. The department also organizes a variety of day trips, walks, and excursions that are open to adults of all ages.



Examples of Seaside recreational programs.

Goals and Policies

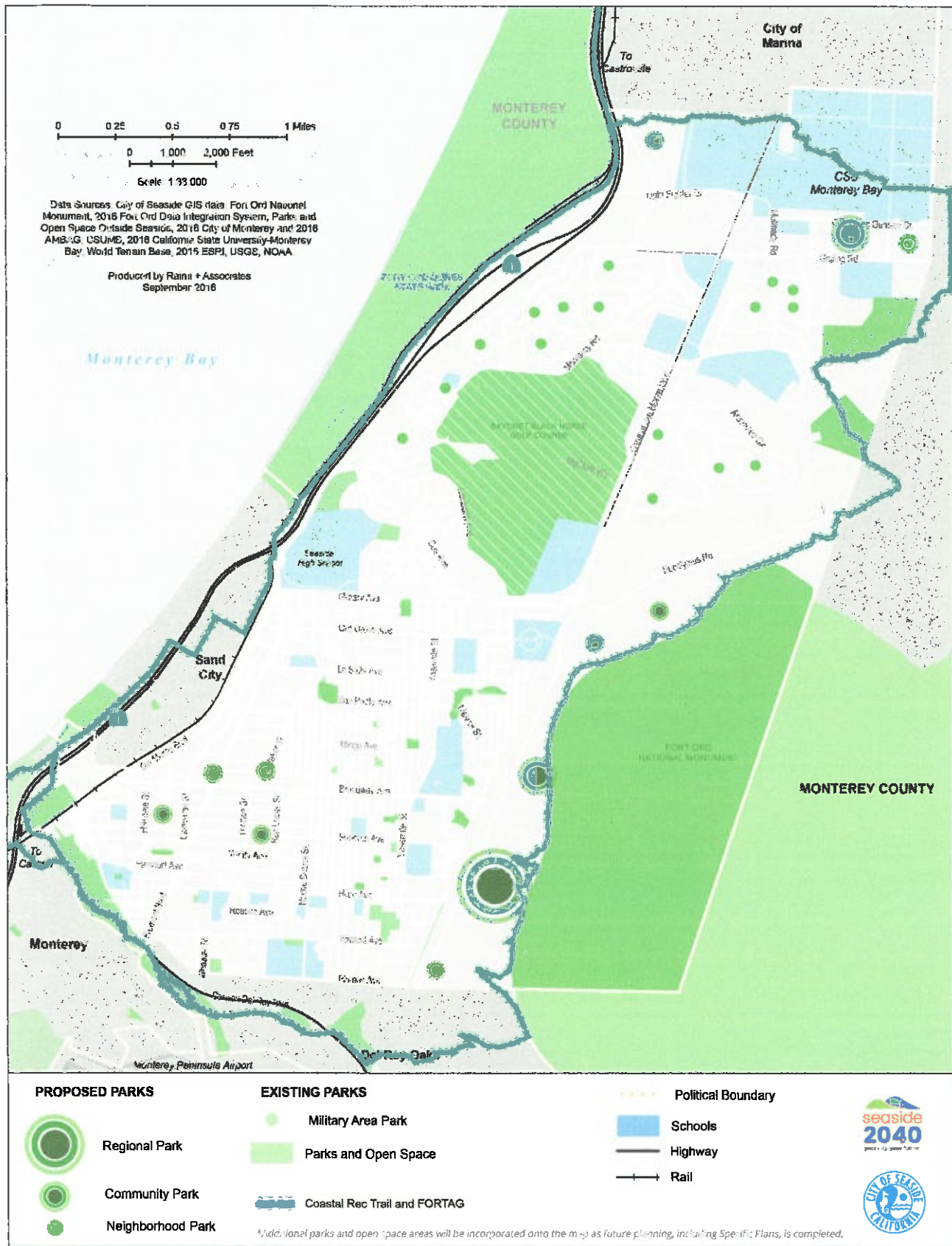
Goal PO-1: Park and recreational facilities to serve Seaside.

Intent: Close proximity to parks, open space, and recreational facilities encourages use, but can also facilitate opportunities to engage in physical exercise. Creating new parks in areas with limited access to park space is particularly important. Incorporating the principles of active design can help improve health and promote civic engagement. This goal seeks to increase the amount and availability of park and recreational facilities for all Seaside residents and future residents. Figure 35 illustrates a complete vision for the proposed additions to Seaside's open space network.

Policies:

- **Park ratio and standard.** Meet a city-wide park standard ratio of three acres per thousand residents, (excluding the Fort Ord National Monument and Bayonet) reflecting the standard requirement in the Quimby Act.
- **Minimum on-site open space.** Require a minimum amount of open space in higher density residential and mixed-use projects. Carefully and deliberately integrate these spaces into project design and require maintenance by the property management organization.
- **Parks in existing neighborhoods.** If sufficient water supply is available to make the project feasible, increase the number and acreage of mini- and neighborhood parks in areas with low park levels of service, including the Terrace, Olympia, Noche Buena, and Rousch neighborhoods. Ensure that all neighborhoods are served by a park within a reasonable walking or bicycling distance. Maintain existing parks, as funds allow, and supplement with volunteer opportunities or partnerships when possible.
- **Parks on former Fort Ord lands.** Provide a range of park types and community recreation facilities on former Fort Ord, including a regional recreation area in Seaside East.
- **FORTAG.** Support implementation of the FORTAG regional trail and coordinate with FORTAG on trail design and connectivity and promote trail art.
- **Innovation in park design.** Encourage innovation in new park design allowing community gardens, urban agriculture and orchards, paseos, plazas, tot lots, roof-top gardens and other urban parks and green spaces.
- **Art in public spaces.** Ensure new park facilities have adequate spaces and equipment for active and passive recreation as well as public art.
- **New fields, courts, and gyms.** Provide multi-purpose fields and courts and new indoor gyms for Seaside residents and visitors.
- **Funding and dedication requirements.** Explore park funding and dedication requirements for new development, including the addition of park-like features, such as tot lots, paseos, and urban orchards in new developments.
- **New park maintenance.** In addition to the adopted Community Facilities District explore options for Quimby Act fees, other developer impact fees, disposition and development agreements or other mechanisms to provide funding for improvements.
- **Recreation programs.** Promote opportunities for physical activities for all ages and abilities by improving and expanding community recreation programs.
- **Park and open space plans.** During the creation of specific plans, master plans, or other similar area planning processes, create a park and open space plan that shows the location and extent of future parks, open space, and recreation-open space areas. Develop a comprehensive and connected network of trails and non-auto circulation that improve access to parks, open space, and other community spaces.
- **Education in public spaces.** Promote community use of public places, including parks, schools, and community centers, as neighborhood educational facilities.

Figure 35: Existing and Proposed Open Space Network



Goal PO-2: Natural open space on former Fort Ord lands.

Intent: As former Fort Ord lands redevelop, this goal aims to create a high-quality and well-connected series of natural open spaces that support expanded recreational opportunities. Open space corridors include trails connecting to the Fort Ord National Monument, parks, and other destinations. It also includes passive corridors to preserve habitat.

Policies:

- **Active open space corridors and trails.** In partnership with regional and local agencies, develop active open space corridors that support natural vegetation communities, scenic vistas, and sensitive habitats within former Fort Ord lands. Open space corridors should connect to formal and informal trailheads in the National Monument where possible.
- **Open space buffer.** Provide an open space buffer/fuel break consistent with the BRP, HMP, and potential HCP between future development in Seaside East and the National Monument.
- **Partner with outside agencies.** Participate in regional and federal programs and partner with land trusts or other nonprofits to seek funding to preserve, maintain, and manage natural open space.
- **Educational opportunities.** Promote educational opportunities to emphasize the need to maintain and manage biological resources to maintain the uniqueness and biodiversity of the former Fort Ord.
- **FORTAG trail.** Coordinate trail design and connectivity of parks and other open spaces with the FORTAG regional trail.

Goal PO-3: Well-maintained and safe parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces.

Intent: Safe and well-maintained parks encourage greater community use. Improving infrastructure around parks, implementing safer park design, and ensuring adequate staff and resources support active and passive recreational opportunities for existing and future residents.

Policies:

- **Park upgrades.** Continue making improvements to existing parks and recreational facilities, including ADA and Title 24 compliance, upgrading and adding new recreational equipment, and enhancing park sustainability.
- **Low-maintenance design.** Promote low-maintenance design principles in the renovation and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.
- **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).** Utilize CPTED principles in the design and renovation of existing parks and open space facilities to improve safety.
- **Lighting.** Provide appropriate lighting and visibility in park facilities while minimizing adverse impacts to adjacent properties.
- **Resources and staff.** Provide the appropriate resources and staffing to improve and maintain existing park and recreational facilities in Seaside.

Goal PO-4: Accessible connections to parks, recreational facilities, and open space.

Intent: Safe and accessible bicycle and pedestrian connections to the park, open space, and recreational facilities encourage greater park use. These access improvements include providing bicycle and pedestrian priority routes to parks, as well as ADA and Title 24 improvements. Transportation improvements and wayfinding can also increase access to regional open spaces, such as the Fort Ord National Monument and Seaside beach.

Policies:

- **Access to parks.** Increase connectivity between parks and open space through bicycle facilities and priority pedestrian routes.
- **ADA improvements.** Support ADA and Title 24 improvements to improve access to existing parks.
- **Park visibility.** Increase park visibility through signage, wayfinding, and well-marked entry points.
- **National Monument connectivity.** Promote the development of trails within Seaside East to the National Monument.
- **Coastal and beach access.** Improve coastal and beach access from existing Seaside neighborhoods.
- **On-site open space.** Encourage on-site open space, (e.g. courtyards, to be connected to streets and other public spaces through physical access and sightlines).
- **Trail standards.** Strive to meet California State Parks' standards for accessible trail design.



Example of safe and visible access to parks.



Example of open spaces connected with bikeways.

Goal PO-5: The coast is easily accessible from existing Seaside neighborhoods and former Fort Ord lands by different transportation modes.

Intent: Providing public access to California's coast is a central premise of the California Coastal Act. This goal seeks to maintain and enhance public access through the provision of multiple access points, increased visibility and signage, and increased opportunities for alternative modes to safely travel to the beach.

Policies:

- **Public access areas.** Implement pedestrian and bicycle access improvements along Canyon Del Rey Boulevard and from the Main Gate area to provide safe passage to the coast consistent with the pedestrian improvement focus areas (in the Mobility Element) and FORTAG implementation.
- **Signage program.** Implement the coastal access / directional signage program for all public access points.
- **Coastal parking.** Provide free and unrestricted parking at all public access and public parking areas within the coastal zone during daylight hours. Pursue opportunities to share existing parking lots with adjacent businesses, such as the Embassy Suites Hotel.
- **Trails and bicycle network.** Continue to participate in regional trail planning efforts, such as FORTAG, and local bicycle planning to better link existing Seaside neighborhoods and former Fort Ord lands to the California Coastal Trail.
- **Minimal impact to access.** Require new development and substantial redevelopment projects to minimize impacts to existing public access to the coast.

Goal PO-6: Partnerships and agreements that improve park access.

Intent: The Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, CSUMB, federal government, and Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District all maintain parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities within or directly adjacent to Seaside. Area nonprofits also help with park design, construction, maintenance and funding. This goal seeks to maintain and expand joint use agreements with these agencies and organizations to facilitate greater park access for Seaside residents and visitors.

Policies:

- **Joint use agreements.** Establish and maintain joint use agreements with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, CSUMB, federal government, and Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District to allow greater park access.
- **Partnerships.** Strengthen public-private partnerships with groups, such as the Friends of Seaside Parks Association (FOSPA), to build and maintain public parks and recreational facilities. Continue working with Sustainable Seaside and other partners, when programming ecology education.
- **Regional coordination.** Participate in coordinated regional planning for parks and open space development and access.
- **Green space near schools.** Work with Seaside schools to ensure that students have adequate access to green space.

Goal PO-7: Environmental sustainability and awareness at new and existing park and recreational facilities.

Intent: Reducing energy and water use, diverting solid waste from the landfill, and capturing stormwater onsite can improve the environmental sustainability of Seaside's parks and open spaces. This goal seeks to increase the City's sustainability efforts in parks, using these actions as an opportunity to educate the community about sustainability.

Policies:

- **Conservation and efficiency.** Increase energy and water conservation and efficiency at new and existing park and recreation facilities.
- **Stormwater infiltration.** Design future parks to use natural processes to capture, treat, and infiltrate stormwater.
- **Solid waste diversion.** Promote solid waste diversion at City parks and recreation facilities through recycling and composting.
- **Education.** Increase awareness of environmental sustainability practices by highlighting conservation practices at park and recreational facilities.
- **Environmental literacy.** Promote environmental literacy classes or urban ecology programs for youth.

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C 8.	Historic Resource Survey. . Use the Historic Context Statement to guide, establish, and maintain an historic resource survey for Seaside	High	Ongoing	Planning, Art and History Commission
C 9.	Siltation Program. Seaside, in consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, shall develop a program that will provide, to every landowner, occupant, and other appropriate entities information concerning vegetation preservation and other best management practices that would prevent siltation of waterways in or downstream of the former Fort Ord.	High	Short	Planning, Public Works
C 10	Update Zoning Code. Update the zoning code and requirements for all new land use development applications to establish standards that further the health and diversity of Seaside's urban forest. Updates should include tree planting guidelines, accommodation of trees during infrastructure design for projects, and preservation of mature trees where possible.	Medium	Short	Planning,
PO 1.	Wayfinding program. Implement a wayfinding and signage program to improve visibility to key City parks, the National Monument, Seaside Beach, and the State Dunes Beach.	Medium	Short	Public Works, Planning, Recreation Services
PO 2.	Joint use with MPUSD. Maintain existing joint use agreements with MPUSD to allow residents greater park access.	High	Short	Public Works, Planning, Recreation Services
PO 3.	Joint use with CSUMB. Strive to establish a formal joint use agreement with CSUMB allowing Seaside residents to use campus sports and recreation facilities.	Medium	Short	Public Works, Planning, Recreation Services
PO 4.	Joint use with US Army. Strive to establish a formal joint use agreement with the US Army allowing Seaside residents to use publicly-accessible parks and open spaces.	Medium	Short	Public Works, Planning, Recreation Services
PO 5.	Seaside history. Create a short history of Seaside and its peoples for distribution to schools, visitors and interested businesses.	High	Short	Arts and History Commission
PO 6.	Maintenance plan. Develop a park maintenance plan that specifies the types of maintenance required for each park and timing of such work.	High	Short	Public Works



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CITY OF SEASIDE

Parks and Recreation Commission

FY 2023-2024 Work Plan & FY 2022-2023 Accomplishments

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Seaside Recreation and Parks Commission is to promote and advocate for parks and recreation services in an advisory capacity, to advance and preserve parks and recreation services, and to ensure safe parks and recreation facilities are available for all residents and visitors to the City of Seaside.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City of Seaside Recreation and Park Commission consists of seven appointed members who hold office for three years. The Commission was established by Ordinance No. 1 on October 13, 1954. At that time SECTION 1-218 authorized the creation of three special committees of three members each; Recreation and Parks Committee, Public Works Committee and Financial Committee. Since then the committee structure was replaced by a Commission structure. Currently the duties of the Recreation and Park Commission are:

1. To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, Recreation Director and the boards of trustees of the school districts and to cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound park and recreation planning and programming.
2. Recommend policies on recreational services and facilities to the Recreation Director and the City Council;
3. Consult with the Recreation Director on matters relating to the administration and development of recreation areas, facilities, programs and improvements.
4. Make periodic inventories of recreation services that exist or may be needed and interpret the needs of the public to the City Council, the school boards of trustees and to the Recreation Director.
5. Aid in coordinating recreation services with the programs of other public agencies and voluntary organizations.
6. Advise the Recreation Director in the preparation of the annual budget and a long-range recreation capital improvement program.
7. Advise the City Council on matters regarding trees, plants, landscape, etc.

8. Develop, keep current, and aid in the facilitation of a plan for the development, conservation and care of trees, trails, and parks.
9. Develop and review annually a long-range plan for trees and parks, both naturally occurring and planned.
10. Review, in cooperation with other City Commissions, plans for landscape, planting, trails, etc.
11. Coordinate or conduct planned projects for the advancement of trees, parks, and other outdoor recreational areas.
12. In collaboration with other City Commissions, inform residents regarding landscape projects and care.

FY 23-24 WORK PLAN

The Seaside Recreation and Parks Commission desires and encourages community participation in the decision making process.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION
FY 23-24 CIP and budget review	To review, consider and endorse recommended budget for FY 23-24.	High	April 2024
Increase the communities awareness of the of the public input process for parks and recreation programs and projects	Promote the input process through the City's social media, tabling at events, and collaborate with other non-profits, and community based organizations to increase awareness.	High	Ongoing
Seek grant funds	Advocate and seek public funds available through the Office of Grants and Local Services and National Recreation and Park Association, etc.	High	Ongoing
Work cooperatively with FOSPA and other City Commissions: Homeless, NIC, SAHC, Environmental	Collaborate with other City Commissions and FOSPA. Participate in park clean ups and other activities and events.	High	Ongoing
Attend workshops	Encourage Commission attendance.	Medium	Ongoing

Seek Input for needs within Recreation Department & funding for those needs	Gather, review, and endorse needs and funding for inclusion in FY 23-24 budget.	High	March 2024
Explore Trail System in Seaside at Havana Soliz Park, Lincoln Cunningham Park and Manzanita Stuart Park	Look for areas of improvement and connectivity.	High	Ongoing
Review Seaside Municipal Code section 9.08	Make necessary amendments to code.	High	Fall 2023
Blues in the Park collaboration	Have commission have more of a hands on approach with.	High	Spring/Summer 2023
Institute Adopt a Park program	Put together policies and guidelines for a community base program.	Low	June 2023
Work with environmental commission for tree plantings	Goal of planting at least 15 new trees in City parks.	Medium	Ongoing
Implement a water safety program for local youth	Once per year field WSI and screened volunteers to run a drown proofing for the community.	High	Summer 2023/Winter 2024
ADA Playground Equipment	Add ADA Playground equipment to the parks.	High	Ongoing
Irrigation for parks	Look into long-term irrigation for the parks.	Medium	Ongoing
Community garden	Work on a community garden.	Medium	Ongoing
Wheeler Street Tennis Courts and Pickleball	Work on relining the pickleball courts and resurfacing all the Courts. Adding porta-potties and more trashcans.	High	Ongoing

Youth involvement in parks	Advocate having youth interns assist in parks.	High	Ongoing
Improve the Sand Volleyball Court at Highland Otis Park	Research cost, and work with the Public Works Department on the purchase and installation of new sand.	High	FY 23-24

ONGOING PROJECTS

<i>PROJECT</i>	<i>ACTIVITIES</i>
Manzanita Stuart Park	Continue to seek community input into park as required by grant.
Recreation and park facilities	Encourage attendance to all parks, recreation center, pool and facilities. Attend and promote events.
Promote recreation and park activities	Blues in the Park, youth, adult and older adult activities.
Monitor park improvements	Ellis Park, Laguna Grande, Capra Park, Highland Otis Park, and Manzanita Stuart Park.
Work collectively with Environmental Commission	Promote and recommend flora in parks and around the City.
Work collectively with Homeless Commission	Provide solutions to ensure parks, trails, landscape, and adjacent park areas can be enjoyed by all.

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION
Review greenspace area along GJM Blvd	Research possible uses for area.	Low	TBD

PRIOR YEARS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING GOAL	STATUS
FY 22-23 CIP and budget review	To review, consider and endorse recommended budget for FY 22-23.	Completed
Promote public input in 2022/23	Gather, review, and endorse needs.	Completed
Seek grant funds in 2022/23	Advocate and seek public funds available through the Office of Grants and Local Services and National Recreation and Park Association, etc.	Completed
Work cooperatively with FOSPA and other City Commissions: Homeless, NIC, SAHC, Environmental in 2022/23	Collaborate with other City Commissions and FOSPA.	Completed
Seek Input for needs within Recreation Department & funding for those needs	Gather, review, and endorse needs and funding for inclusion in FY 22-23 budget.	Completed
Attend workshops in 2022/23	Encourage Commissioner attendance.	Completed
Work with environmental commission for tree	Goal of planting at least 30 new trees in City parks.	Completed
Signs for parks	Get signs to parks that do not have signs.	Completed

Implement a water safety program for local youth	Once per year field WSI and screened volunteers to run a drown proofing for the community.	Completed
Community garden	Work on a community garden.	Completed
Submitted SPP Grant	Submitted a competitive grant in order to encumber funds available to underserved CA communities.	Completed
Provide doggy bag stations at all parks	Allocated funding and personnel for installation.	Completed
Major renovation of Cutino Park	Opened to public August 2019.	Completed
Improve Highland Otis Park	Allocated funding for Playground structure, BBQ, ADA, volleyball court improvements.	Completed
Improve Metz Park and Rubio Field	Allocated funding for ADA improvements, Basketball and Futsal resurface and stripe.	Completed
Roberts Lake ECO Park Peace Pole	Provided funding and locations for Peace Poles.	Completed
Improve Durant Park	Allocated funding for Playground structure, ADA and BBQ improvements.	Completed
Community input regarding Manzanita Stuart Park	Public forum held regarding facility additions and construction.	Completed
Community input regarding Ellis Park	Public forum held regarding park improvements.	Completed
Improve basketball court at Capra Park	Allocated funding for resurface.	Completed
Attend Parks and Recreation Workshops during FY 22-23	Five members attended various workshops.	Completed
Submit CDBG Grant	Submit a competitive grant in order encumber funds.	Completed
ADA playground equipment	Provide ADA playground equipment at Laguna Grande Park.	Completed

March 2023

Chapter 9.08 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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9.08.010 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise apparent from the context, certain words and phrases used in this chapter are defined as follows:

"Caretaker" means the person or persons who are responsible for the care and maintenance of the city park areas or facilities.

"Director" means the director of recreation services.

"In-line skates/roller blades" means a form of skate with nonmetallic skate wheels mounted to the bottom of each boot or shoe, one in front of the other, running down the center of the boot or shoe.

"Other wheeled recreational device" means nonmotorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, or wheelchairs.

"Park area" or "facility" means any public park, playground, recreational area, recreational facility or building, swimming pool, greenbelt, landscaped area around a public building, or other area in the city owned or used by the city and devoted to active or passive recreation.

"Person" or "applicant" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, league or organization of any kind who desires to use or uses any city park area or facility.

"Roller skates" means a form of skate with four nonmetallic wheels affixed to the bottom of each boot or shoe with a wheel situated at the outer four corners of each boot or shoe.

"Scooter" means a vehicle that typically has one front and one rear wheel with a low footboard between, is steered by a handlebar, and is propelled by pushing one foot against the ground while resting the other on the footboard.

"Skate park" and "park" mean the cement surface that is designed and used for skating. The park area includes the bowl.

"Skate park facility" means the skate park together with the adjacent public parking, picnic and seating areas, if any.

"Skate park user" means a user of any wheeled recreational device allowed by SMC [9.08.040](#).

"Skateboard" means a wheeled device for riding upon with an oblong rigid material mounted on nonmetallic skate wheels and propelled by human power.

"Vehicle" means any wheeled conveyance, whether motor-powered, animal-drawn or self-propelled.

"Vehicle" includes any trailer of any size, kind or description. An exception is made for vehicles in the services of the city. (Ord. [1065](#) § 2, 2019; Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

9.08.020 Jurisdiction.

All park areas and facilities shall be under the administrative jurisdiction of the department of recreation services. (Ord. [1065](#) § 3, 2019; Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

9.08.030 Recreational buildings.

Recreational buildings shall be used primarily for programs operated or sponsored by the city. The director may issue permits for group use of such buildings provided the use, number of persons and hours of use do not conflict or interfere with the primary use. (Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

9.08.040 Permits.

A permit shall be obtained from the director for the exclusive use of any park area, facility, or portion thereof. The director may impose reasonable conditions to granting such permits.

A. Application. A person seeking issuance of a permit shall file an application with the director on a department form, not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days prior to the proposed use. The director may waive the thirty-day period if the applicant waives all appeal rights.

B. Standards for Issuance. The director shall issue a permit when it is found that:

1. The proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park area or facility;
2. The proposed activity or use will not interfere with or detract from the promotion of the public health, welfare, safety, and recreation;
3. The proposed activity or use is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime, or disorderly conduct;
4. The proposed activity or use will not entail unusual, extraordinary, or burdensome expense or police operation by the city;
5. The facilities desired have not been reserved for other use on the day and hours required in the application;
6. The applicant agrees to provide a reasonable means of informing all the persons participating in the proposed activity or use of the terms and conditions of such permit;

7. The applicant is able to and agrees to provide insurance, if required, naming the city as additional insured, in an amount established by the director;

8. The proposed use is consistent with the city policies, rules, regulations and/or ordinances concerning the use of the requested park area or facility.

C. Issuance or Denial. Within ten working days after the receipt of an application, the director shall issue the permit or apprise an applicant in writing of the reasons for refusing a permit.

D. Appeal. An applicant shall have the right to appeal in writing any condition attached to a permit, or the denial of a permit, within five working days after receipt of the determination of the director. The applicant shall appeal to the parks and recreation commission under the standards set forth in subsection B of this section, and thereafter may appeal any adverse decision to the city council.

E. Effects of Permits. A permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all applicable laws fully as though the same were inserted in such permits.

F. Liability of Permittees. The person or persons to whom a permit is issued shall be liable for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by any person whatsoever by reason of the negligence of the person or persons to whom such permit shall have been issued.

G. Revocation. The director shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding of violation of any rule or law or upon good cause shown.

H. Fees and Deposits. Any fees or deposits required for the use of city personnel, equipment, park areas or facilities shall be submitted with the application for permit. Required fees shall be paid in full by the applicant within thirty days prior to the proposed use or as otherwise specified in the permit. If the fees are not paid within the time allowed for payment, the permit shall be null and void. (Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

9.08.045 Skateboarding areas.

A. Rules and Regulations. Skate park users in violation of the facility rules and regulations shall be subject to administrative citation pursuant to the Seaside Municipal Code:

1. All skate park users shall wear a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads at all times when using the facility. All safety equipment shall be in good condition and repair and must fit the skater properly.

2. Hours. It is unlawful for any person to use or be present upon the skate park facility at any time other than the approved hours of operation. Signs shall be posted about the skate park facility indicating the hours of operation.

3. In addition to the rules set forth in this section, the director may establish other reasonable rules and regulations to protect the skate park facility or the skate park and the persons using them from injury or damage.

4. Bicycles are not permitted to be used in the skate park.

B. Unsupervised Venue — Assumption of Risk. The city of Seaside skate park is an unsupervised recreational venue. The director shall cause to be posted signs at the skate park, facing the interior and exterior of the skate park, stating, at a minimum:

1. Use of skateboards and other wheeled recreational devices is a hazardous activity.

2. Use of the facility is at the user's own risk.

3. Skate park hours.

4. Helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads are required to be worn while using the designated skate park area.

5. Failure to wear helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads in the designated skate park area will subject persons to citation (SMC [9.08.070](#)). (Ord. [1065](#) § 4, 2019)

9.08.050 Rules and regulations.

The director may establish rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper administration and regulation of park areas or facilities. Such rules and regulations shall be approved by the city council, upon recommendation of the director and the parks and recreation commission. All persons using the park areas or facilities shall comply therewith. (Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

9.08.060 Prohibitions generally.

A. Dogs and Animals in Public Places.

1. Any supervised and on-leash dog is allowed at all city of Seaside parks, natural trail or path with the exception of Pachetti Dog Park which allows for supervised and off-leash dogs. When in public areas, all dogs must be on a leash that cannot exceed six feet in length.

2. No dogs are allowed on city athletic fields or in designated skate park facilities.

3. The city may, by regulation, prohibit dogs at designated community events for public safety reasons. The city shall promulgate regulations to ensure that use by persons with dogs is compatible with use of these areas by other persons.

4. No dog may be left unattended and/or attached, tied or chained to any object.

5. Dog owners or custodians are required to pick up their dogs' droppings.

B. Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages.

1. No person using a park shall consume or have in his/her possession an open container of any alcoholic beverage.

2. The consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at the Oldemeyer Use Center upon prior written approval of the director. Individuals or groups seeking such approval shall comply with and be subject to the provisions of SMC [9.08.040](#).

3. A person organizing or sponsoring an event in conjunction with the city may apply for a one-day permit to operate a beer garden at Laguna Grande Park for the sale of beer and wine. An applicant seeking issuance of a permit shall file an application with the director on a department form, not less than sixty days prior to the proposed use. The parks and recreation commission shall issue the permit in accordance with the standards set forth in SMC [9.08.040](#)(B), and except as otherwise provided, the applicant shall comply with and be subject to the provisions of SMC [9.08.040](#).

C. Firearms, Fireworks and Fires. Unless prior written authorization is obtained from the director, no person using a park shall:

1. Have brought, or have in his or her possession, or set off, or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, or other fireworks explosives of inflammable material, or discharge them or throw them into any such area from land or highway adjacent thereto.

2. Make or kindle a fire for any purpose except at places provided for such purpose.

D. Park Property, Buildings, Trees, Animals. Except for authorized city maintenance, construction, or pest control activities, no person using a park shall:

1. Wilfully deface, disfigure, injure or remove any building, structure, equipment, park property, or portion thereof, either real or personal;
2. Dig, remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or cut any tree, plant, shrub, bloom or flower, or any portion thereof, growing in any park;
3. Hunt, molest, kill, tease or throw objects at any living creature.

E. Pollution, Refuse. No person using a park shall:

1. Place in any lake or stream, by any means, any substance which will or may result in the pollution of waters;
2. Dispose of any refuse or trash, except in proper receptacles. Where receptacles are not provided, refuse or trash shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

F. Model Airplanes, Boats, Crafts. No person using a park shall fly model airplanes or operate model boats or model automobiles or model crafts of any kind or description except in areas set aside for those specific activities or by authorized permit.

G. Swimming. No person using a park shall swim, bathe, or wade in the waters of any lake or stream.

H. Picnic Areas and Use. No person using a park shall:

1. Picnic, lunch or loiter in a place which interferes with the use of active recreation areas. City park caretakers or recreation personnel shall have the authority to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end. Individual fireplaces, tables and benches shall be used on the basis of "first-come, first-served" unless reserved by permit.
2. Leave a picnic area before their fire is completely extinguished and before all trash and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided.

I. Closing Hours. No person shall use, camp, sleep, remain, occupy, be present, or loiter in any park area or facility between dusk and dawn, except when participating in city-sponsored or city authorized activities or programs.

J. Traffic, Parking, Bicycles. No person using a park shall:

1. Fail to comply with all applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code of the state of California in regard to equipment and operation of vehicles;
2. Leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is a space available;

3. Ride or drive any vehicle on any area except the paved or gravel park roads or parking areas, or such other areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary parking areas by the city;
4. Ride a bicycle on other than a vehicular road or trail designated for that purpose. (Ord. [1065](#) § 5, 2019; Ord. [1050](#) § 1, 2018; Ord. [987](#) § 2, 2010; Ord. [777](#) § 1, 1990; Ord. [767](#) § 1, 1989; Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

9.08.070 Enforcement.

A. The director of recreation services, the chief of police, and their duly authorized employees shall enforce the provisions of this chapter, and shall have the authority to eject from park areas and facilities any person acting in violation of these rules and regulations, and to confiscate any property being used in such a manner so as to endanger persons or property.

B. Administrative Citations, Fines, Parent/Guardian Responsibility and Administrative Hearing.

1. The director, and his/her designee, shall have authority to issue administrative citations and administrative fines in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter [2.56](#) SMC and this chapter.
2. The parent or legal guardian having control or custody of an unemancipated minor whose conduct violates this chapter shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for the amount of any administrative fine imposed pursuant to this section.
3. Administrative citations and fines issued under this section shall be subject to the administrative hearing provisions of Chapter [2.56](#) SMC. (Ord. [1065](#) § 6, 2019; Ord. [695](#) § 1, 1986)

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