

Ridgefield Parks Board 2021 Work Plan

The plan for 2021 involves being intentional and strategic. Our goal is to focus on fewer items and see more tasks completed.

- I. **Strategic Planning & Goals:** Prioritize implementation of enhancements to current parks, maintaining focus on universal accessibility. Potentially, create a tool/calendar to help guide projects and set goals.
 - A. Abrams Nature Play Park
 1. Work with Counselor Onslow to get materials and volunteers for the project
 2. Use City Volunteer Sign-up to set dates to work on project
 - B. Signage
 1. Implement standards for **trail** signage
 - a) There is money in the 2021 budget to purchase and install signs.
 2. Set design standards for **park name** signage.
 - a) Standard design for park name sign
 - b) Consider making it a developer requirement to include signs.
 3. Set design standards for **Historical/Interpretive** signage
 - a) Focus on the Boyse Property and Rose Homestead Park
 - b) Research should be ongoing, possibly a working document to track history/email (Historical Society; Story Core; Audio Recording; Clark County Genealogical Society)
 - C. Trail Connections/Linkages
 1. Use updated Parks Comprehensive Plan to identify segments of trail to focus on for 2022 (consultant/construction crew)
 - a) Gee Creek South (review preliminary designs)
 2. Input on design done by a consultant
 - a) Smythe Road segment parallel to Pioneer (Reiman to Mayor's Meadow)
 - b) Gee Creek North segment (Heron Drive to Main Ave.)
 3. Identify trail segments that could be constructed/repaired by volunteers.
 - a) Use City Volunteer Sign-up to set dates to work on sections selected.
 - b) Partner with other Community Organizations (Lions Club, Garden Club, Rotary Club, Ridgefield School District, etc.) to help complete these segments or assist with maintenance on other trails.
 - D. Non-motorized Boat Launch (Mill to Lake River)

1. Review preliminary plan.
2. Focus on creating an aesthetically pleasing, grassy area to stage non-motorized watercraft.
3. Collaborate with outside organizations for grants/input.
 - a) Lower Columbia Estuary; REI grant; Big Paddle booth, Parks Foundation

E. Refuge Park

1. Revisit concept designs for the space. Make adjustments as needed.
 - a) Paved trail completed.
 - b) Dog park completed.
2. Conduct Community Outreach events in order to gain insight as to what the citizens would like to see the space used for.
 - a) Earthworks Park
 - b) Skate Park
 - c) Community Orchard
3. Identify phases for construction.
4. Investigate grants to help fund projects.
 - a) Federal Lands Access Grant

F. Overlook Park Annex

1. Create a design concept.
 - a) Incorporate some form of water feature.
 - b) Money in 2021 budget for design consultant

G. Boyse Property

1. Tour property.
2. Make recommendations to Council for usage.
 - a) Initial ideas include bike/pump track, trails, benches
 - b) Family oriented
 - c) Wildlife preservation

H. Skate Park

1. Discuss location and features of a permanent park.
2. Research potential grant opportunities.
3. Discuss repurposing of Community Park.

I. Veterans Memorial

1. Discuss desire to relocate the memorial.
 - a) Research what steps would need to be taken to relocate the memorial.
 - (1) The city owns the property it is on currently

2. If relocation is desired, make a plan for a new location and design of the new Veterans Memorial.
 - a) Look at Battle Ground's new memorial for ideas
 - b) Install a flag
 - c) Research American Legion Grant money
 - d) Potential locations should be downtown: Davis Park, Overlook Park, Waterfront

II. **Collaboration:** Continue working with local organizations and citizens in development of parks/trails..

- A. Ridgefield School District
- B. Garden Club
- C. Harper's Playground
- D. Port of Ridgefield
- E. Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
- F. Ridgefield Art's Association
- G. Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce
- H. Ridgefield Mainstreet
- I. Rotary Club
- J. Lion's Club
- K. American Legion
- L. Gleaners
- M. Washington Trails Association
- N. Citizen Outreach
 1. Experience Ridgefield
 2. Big Paddle
 3. Refuge Park
 4. First Saturdays
 5. Creative solutions during Covid restrictions

III. **Potential Property Acquisition for Parks and Trails:** Provide recommendations for location, usage, design of future parks.

- A. Conduct annual Parks and Trails tour with members of the City Staff, City Council, and Planning Commission
- B. Visit sites of future parks in order to make more educated recommendations for the space.

C. Receive development updates from City Staff to stay informed about current and future parks and trails.