

January 7, 2019

Honorable Mayor Hodson and City Council,

Thank you for your interest in future park development for a growing Canby. This is just be a brief summary of our thought process for siting of the splash pad. We will be on your agenda at the second January meeting for a more in-depth discussion and a plan for future priorities both long- and short-term.

The splash pad was selected as a project that could be completed quickly and would receive favorable approval from the community. The goal is that the splash pad can be completed by early June so that it could be used this summer.

In selecting the location, we listed all possible sites that could accommodate a splash pad. The top three locations were Maple Street, Wait Park, and Legacy Park. Also considered, and dropped for various reasons were the Swim Center, Ackerman property, site of the old library, or near the new library. For the top three sites we listed all the pros and cons for siting of a splash pad. All were desirable for being established parks with other amenities.

Maple Street		Wait Park		Legacy Park	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
Utilities	Sports events	Downtown	Trees/shade	Restrooms	Utilities
Grandfathered water	Limited shade	Utilities	Requires redo of park layout	Snack Bar	Parking
Parking		Grandfathered water	Lack of parking	Sunny	No Shade
Restroom		Restroom	Events		Deep Lot
Covered picnic area		Events			
Potential snack bar					
Multiple locations					
Sunny					
Added use w/Canby Community ed					
Sports events					

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s next step would be to solicit public input by the end of the month and bring results of the public input back to the city council as soon as the agenda will allow. We still would like to fast track this project to allow use of it this summer season if possible.

Thank you,

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board