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**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026, 6:00 PM, MT**  
[Zoom Link](#)

Pursuant to the Public Meetings Laws and Rules within the Oregon Revised Statutes, the Parks Committee has the authority, ability, and standing to take action on any items on the Agenda, or add items to the Agenda, during a meeting, as long as all public meeting notice requirements have been met.

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call: Tom Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Braden \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Maeda \_\_\_\_\_ Tyler Whitaker \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandy Shelton \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-Chair Michael Partin \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Mike Pratt \_\_\_\_\_

Council Liaison \_\_\_\_\_ City Manager/Community Development Director \_\_\_\_\_ Public Works Director \_\_\_\_\_

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

This Agenda was posted on March 17, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available at City Hall and on the city's website at [www.ontariooregon.org](http://www.ontariooregon.org).

**3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**4) MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES**

A) February 19, 2026

**5) PUBLIC COMMENTS** Citizens may address the Parks Committee; however, the Parks Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the members and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

**6) PRESENTATIONS**

A) Greenworks-Greenspace Master Plan Draft

**7) NEW BUSINESS**

A) Moore Park Masterplan - Tom

**8) HAND-OUTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A) N. Verde Sports Complex - Dan Cummings

**9) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

**10) ADJOURN**



**PARKS**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday February 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m. MT**

The scheduled meeting of the Park’s Committee was called to order by Commissioner at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Committee members present in person or attended via Teams were, Mike Pratt, Sandra Shelton, Michael Braden, Tom Thompson, Tyler Whitaker (Teams); Michael Partin and Andrew Maeda were excused.

Others present in person were Ex-Officio City Manager/Ex-Officio Economic Development Director Dan Cummings, and Public Works Director, Casey Mordhorst.

Michael Pratt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

This Agenda was posted on February 18, 2026; copies of the agenda and minutes are available at the Public Works Headquarters and on the city’s website at [www.ontariooregon.org](http://www.ontariooregon.org).

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Miller – perspective on Project.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 15, 2026

**RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MCHAEL BRADEN SECONDED BY SANDRA SHELTON TO ADOPT JANUARY 15, 2026, MINUTES: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## PRESENTATIONS

### A) Eastern Oregon Border Board Leadership Academy – Build a stage at Moore Park – Tatiana Burgess.

- **Tatiana Burgess** – Building and Planning Director Presented
- Handouts provided during the meeting.
  
- **Dan** – North-side may be a better location for the stage. City may have matching funds to help with cost.
- **M. Pratt** – are there any interfering utility easements along that north side?
- **Dan** – nothing that I know of.
- **Tatiana** – we can have the stage on either side of the utility easement, so we don't have to modify.
- **M. Pratt** – will this need electricity?
- **Tatiana** – not at this moment, it will just be a “concrete slab” for lack of better terms for now.
- **Casey** – I completely support it; it will be a great addition to Moore Park.
- **Tom Thompson** – Revitalize Ontario.
- Met with downtown merchants, Mike Miller helped us with the draft plan.
- Master Plan Draft for location of stage.
- ADA Ramp cutoff by 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

### **RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION**

#### **MOTION TO ACCEPT AND PROMOTE THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF THE PROJECT.**

**TOM THOMPSON – YES, MICHAEL BRADEN – NO, TYLER WHITAKER – YES, SANDRA SHELTON – YES, MICHAEL PRATT – YES (4-1-2) MOTION PASSES.**

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### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Parking will need to be discussed.

### ADJOURN

### **RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION**

**THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY (COMMITTEE MEMBER) AT 7:00PM; (COMMITTEE MEMBER): MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR March 19, 2026, AT 6:00PM.**

Approved:

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Signature

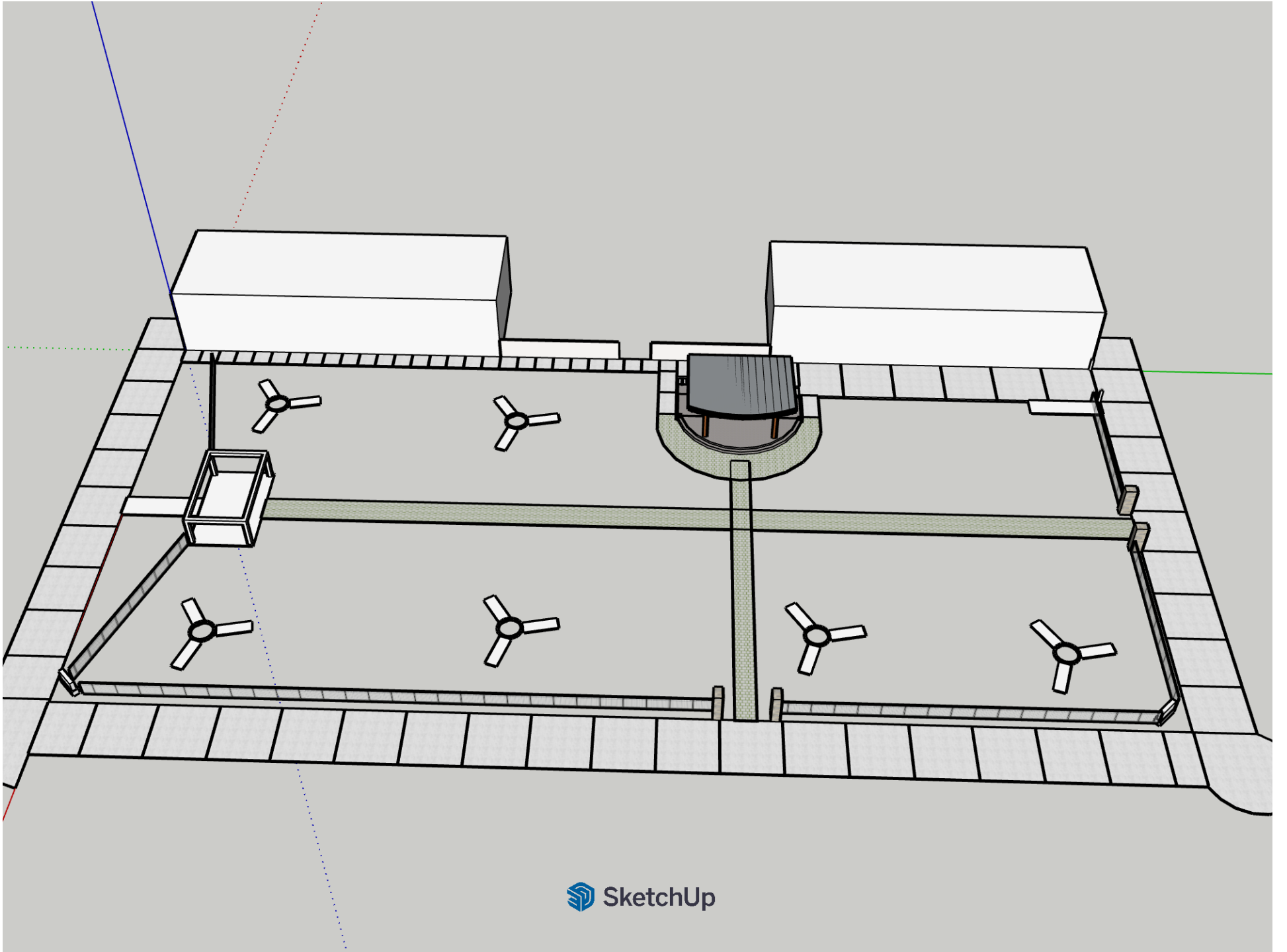
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(Chairman Michael Pratt, Vice-Chairman Michael Partin)

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## Moore Park Update

1. The Moore Park master plan is going to be broken into 3 phases
  - a. Phase 1 – Stage and Connecting Sidewalks
  - b. Phase 2 – Fencing, Signage, and Park Benches
  - c. Phase 3 – Brick Walkways, Additional Lighting, Trees, and Landscaping.
2. Ontario City Council has initially approved a \$500,000.00 fund for the park. It will officially be voted on next week. Initial estimates for Phase 1 of the project are expected to be upwards of \$275,000.00. Once we have structural drawing appropriate bids can be collected.
3. Revitalize Ontario is applying for a \$100,000.00 grant with the Eastern Oregon Border Board for the design, engineering, and other pre-construction costs required to complete the master plan.
4. Revitalize Ontario has switched our focus on the project to selecting an engineer for the project to provide structural drawings as soon as possible.
5. One of the focuses of Phase 1 is to move the electrical, irrigation, and any other controls into a room behind the stage that would allow the City to turn on/off electrical outlets as needed and protect the sprinkler timers and take them off the pole.
6. Revitalize will begin to reach out to the two neighbors to get any input and discuss replacing their fences with a vinyl fence product.
7. We will continue to update Parks as more details are available to assure the Committee is in agreement with our plans and to receive any input.





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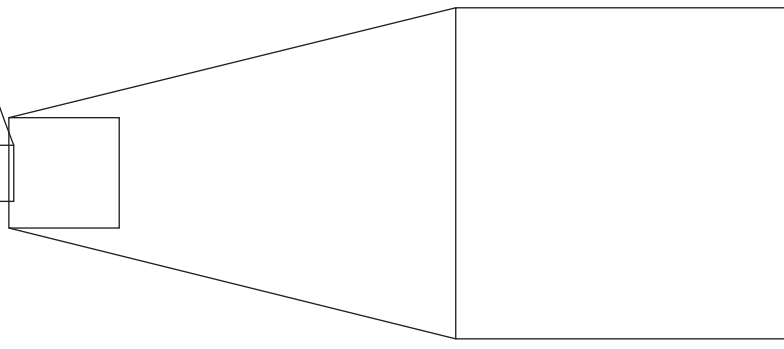
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## Verde Regional Sports Complex

Citizens were surprised to learn of the property owned by the city just outside of the town designated as a regional sports complex. There were as many ideas for its use as there is potential. Once again there was no dominate answer that garnered more than 50% of the votes by respondents, but the property is large enough to accommodate many things for many people users.

There many layout options for the Verde Sports complex with opportunities to for soccer fields of varying size from U6 all the way to U19, with the opportunity for baseball and softball backstops that overlap soccer fields. At the time the city is ready to develop the property the city should spend time with a parks professional laying out the best option to accommodate the most uses. Incorporating trails in the park and to the park is also an important consideration. Playground equipment and shelters will make it an attractive for families. The facility is large enough to host weekend tournaments for both soccer and baseball.

The image below demonstrates a possibility with the amount of space available at the site.

