



PROS Plan North Ashland Neighborhood Group

Date: April 24, 2025

Location: First United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall

Attendees: Cori Frank, John Frank, Jack Cannon, M. Cross, Margie McKinsley, Rick Landt, Abe Genack, Molly Killerfar, Sidney Brown, Mik McKee, Jocelyn Sanford, Kathy McNeill, Lyn Owens, Mark Jamieson, Celeste Marokus, Todd Lantry, James Hoban, Richard Kate

Staff: Rocky Houston, Rachel Dials, Amber Shroy, Lonny Flora, Sulaiman Shelton

Summary: Director Houston facilitated a conversation on parks and facilities in the north portion of Ashland. The results of this conversation and group exercises follow:

Group Exercise #1 – What’s going well/positives

- Staff is courteous and polite
- Senior Services program and staff
- Pickleball wire to repair fence around courts – Kevin
- DM Pool running well, staff is great
 - Staff works with groups who use the pool off season
- Pool – water polo team use
 - Water polo camp maxed out at 40 kids
- Trail system – excellent
- Senior Center – corrections or connections in programming
- Improvements in Parking, poop bags at Oredson–Todd Woods

Group Exercise #1 – What’s missing/needs improvement

- Unstable Budget
- Staff is doing a good job but there are places that need improvement
- More challenges in parks
 - Trees dying
 - Infrastructure not holding up



- More pickleball courts
 - More partnering between Parks and Rec and Ashland Oregon Pickleball Club
 - Grants
 - Suggestion to come out and play pickleball
 - “Shot down” on their idea for a tournament
- RFP at Golf Course – how do you know you are making money on it?
- Ashland is hard to compare to other towns
- We need a multi-use intergenerational pool
- Improvement in advertising ourselves/marketing parks

Group Exercise #2 Dot Voting

There were seven different panels.

PANEL: Sport Courts	VOTES
Basketball	0
Futsal	0
Bike Polo	0
Pickleball	44
Game Court	0
Tennis	0

PANEL: Sport Fields	VOTES
Baseball	0
Flag Football	0
Lacrosse	0
Soccer	0
Softball	0
Ultimate Frisbee	0



PANEL: Trails	VOTES
Paved	0
Gravel	0
Hogs Fuel	2
Natural (4 votes for Mt. Biking)	14
Boardwalk	0
Hardened	0

PANEL: Play	VOTES
Open Areas/Trails	4
Organized	1
Unstructured	2
Playground	1
Nature Play	0
Educational	1

PANEL: Park Experiences	VOTES
Solitude	7
Nature	11
Exercise	0
Events	7
Developed	0
Educational	0



PANEL: Park Amenities	VOTES
Shade Structure	1
Seating	5
Tables	0
Story Circle	0
Artwork	0
Ed./Interpretive Signs	1

PANEL: Facilities/Parks	Votes
Senior Center	12
Golf Course	0
Nature Center	15
Ice Rink	0
E Main Park/Com Garden	0
Daniel Meyer Pool	29
The Grove (added by attendee)	3