

NORTH BEND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
October 23, 2024, 6:30pm
North Bend City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be held in-person at City Hall.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order, opportunity for public comments
2. Minutes of July 24, 2024 Parks Commission meeting
 - a. (No quorum of Parks Commissioners for September 25 Meeting and Shoreline Open House, so no formal meeting or associated minutes).
3. Parks Commission recommendation on use of Small Parks Improvement Budget for photography images for downtown trash and recycle cans.
 - a. Downtown Foundation and North Bend Arts and Industry are coordinating seeking photos from local photographers and/or Mt. Si High-School student photographers.
 - b. \$6543.23 remaining for 2024.
4. Inquiry from Public Works Director about importance of bike lane on Healey Ave. vs. parking lane with sharrows marking.



Local access street in Comp Plan.

Bike lanes not typical in local access streets, 25 mph speed. sharrows could be painted.

Bike lane does not continue on Orchard St. in front of Si View Park (but becomes wider sidewalk).

5. Arbor Day Friday November 1, Ribary Creek Planting Site with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of July 24, 2024
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall and was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Tim Talevich, Kyle Braun, Brian Duncan, Minna Rudd and Matt Miller. Absent: Eric Thompson.
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty

Draft June 12, 2024 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rudd requested an amendment to the minutes to note that resident Ward Bettes met the Commission on one location during the parks tour. Commissioner Braun made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Commissioner Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations on images for downtown garbage and recycling cans

Senior planner McCarty reported that new garbage and recycling receptacles for the downtown area can have images on them to make them more attractive. Several images were presented and reviewed by commissioners. Commissioner Talevich suggested images of higher quality were available of Snoqualmie Valley scenes and offered to source some for further review.

Downtown Plaza Concepts

Senior planner McCarty explained that a consultant has drafted five concepts of a proposed plaza for Ballarat Avenue, intended as an attractive, usable space between the train depot and the downtown commercial district. Commission members commented on the concepts, including these topics: Make it clear that the area is a pedestrian space, with a clear visual distinction to separate traffic; how much parking would be lost; a possible covered area for rainy time of the year; and flexibility for events.

Conceptual Middle Fork River Overlook Plaza

This plaza would serve as a connection between Tanner Road and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and is considered a valuable public space right off the river. Commissioner Braun noted a picnic shelter might not be feasible here, because there's no parking and no restroom. Commissioner Rudd suggested having benches and an interpretive sign. Other comments were to have seating with a focus on river viewing and Mount Si, with ample

landscaping to protect the seating area from the road, with the seating area potentially covered if feasible.

Shoreline Public Access Plan

Facet, a consultant, is preparing a draft Shoreline Public Access Plan for the City. Public input will be gathered through an online survey posted on the city's website and through a public open house in September. Commissioner Braun, representing Facet, explained that the plan is a guiding document to help support shoreline access, trails and more, as requested by the public. Braun said the plan could potentially include 10 to 15 projects, from trail connections to garbage can placement. A joint Planning Commission and Parks Commission session on the plan will be held in early 2025.

Upcoming Farmers' Market Parks Booth

The Parks Commission will have a booth at the July 25 Farmers' Market in North Bend with information on all major current topics, such as the WH Taylor and Riverfront Park Master Plans, Middle Fork Plaza, Shoreline Access Plan, and more. Commission members signed up for sessions in the booth.

Small Parks Improvement Budget

Senior planner McCarty presented an update on the 2024 Small Parks Improvement Budget. These topics were covered:

- 1) Park directional signs. They are ordered and in production.
- 2) Bike racks downtown. They have arrived and are awaiting installation.
- 3) Dog waste bag stations for Tenant Trailhead and Dahlgren Family Park. They are ordered and are awaiting delivery. An extra station might be available; it was suggested it could be used at the east end of Dahlgren Park, or somewhere suggested by city parks crew members.
- 4) Potential picnic tables. Two would be for Tollgate Park and one for Torguson Park near the pump track. The city is awaiting price quotes to determine costs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich

Agenda Item #3

Mike McCarty

From: Mike McCarty
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 2:22 PM
To: 'Jessica Self'
Cc: James Henderson; Tim Talevich; Parks Commission; Mark Rigos.; David Miller; Debra Landers
Subject: RE: Waste Can Decorating
Attachments: CG35-D107.pdf; RE: Graphic template for Securr Waste and Recycle Cans

Hi Jessica,

It was nice to meet with the North Bend Downtown Foundation Design Committee and Deb Landers to discuss the idea of the NBDF coordinating securing photos for the trash and recycle cans downtown. Here are some of the basic parameters:

1. Funds available: There is a total remaining amount of \$6,543.23 in the Small Park Improvement Budget in 2024 that the Parks Commission may choose to award to this. I have a Parks Commission meeting on October 23 to discuss this further and hopefully confirm their support for the use of these funds for this purpose. Let me know if you anticipate needing additional, and I could inquire with the Parks Commission about using a portion of their 2025 funds for this purpose as well. I'll be meeting with the Parks Commission next Wednesday, October 23, so it would be good to know if additional funds might be needed beyond their 2024 remaining budget.
2. Photo needs: Vertical photos will fit best onto the cans. See attached template image for dimensions of the cans, which will show about how much space is available for the photos, although we can adjust/crop the photos to fit. Minimum graphic resolution for the images is 1600 dpi.
3. Remainder of graphics: I'm hoping to use the same recycle and trash graphics as what the City of Seattle used (cans/bottles/recycle symbol), and wish to place the City of North Bend's logo at the bottom of the image, depending on how that comes out (depending on colors). If you have someone that would want to coordinate that as well, terrific. I've attached the most recent correspondence I have with Seattle for that and will hopefully have the graphic template shortly.
4. Contact at the can manufacturer in case you have questions regarding the cans:

Steve Thompson
Director of Marketing and Sales
Compumeric Engineering Inc.
Dba BearSaver and Securr
sales@securr.com
909-212-5386 -office
714-225-4306 – cell

Please let me know what other questions you may have, and thank you again for your interest in taking on this topic. This should be a great opportunity to bring improvement to the downtown!

Sincerely,
Mike

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From: Mike McCarty
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 7:47 AM
To: Jessica Self <jessica@northbenddowntown.org>
Cc: James Henderson <jhenderson@northbendwa.gov>
Subject: RE: Waste Can Decorating

Hi Jessica – Yes, I could drop in to discuss the waste can images at the NBDF Design Committee meeting. James is out this week, but I'll be happy to share more info on this. I've also left a message with Deb Landers with North Bend Arts and Industry and there may be opportunity there as well for Deb to coordinate this effort.

I'll see you tomorrow.

Mike

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From: Jessica Self <jessica@northbenddowntown.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 9:16 AM
To: James Henderson <jhenderson@northbendwa.gov>
Cc: Mike McCarty <MMCCARTY@NORTHBENDWA.GOV>
Subject: Re: Waste Can Decorating

You don't often get email from jessica@northbenddowntown.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

Thank you, James, and hello Mike!

We actually have a Design Committee meeting Wednesday 10/9 at 10:30 AM at Snoqualmie Valley Real Estate if you would like to join and talk to us about this plan. And I love this because this was actually some of our conversations in the past and I've taken photos from other cities like Ruston and Anacortes 😊

Would you be able to come and meet with us?

Jessica Self

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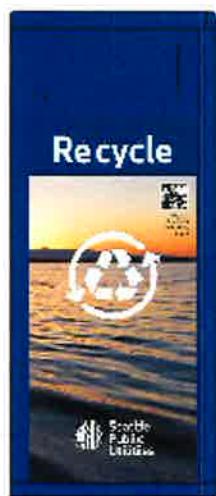
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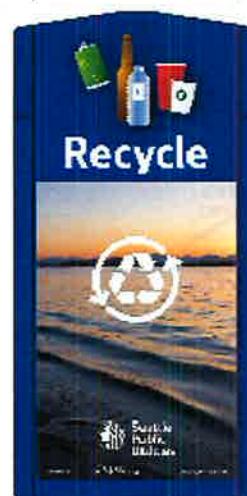
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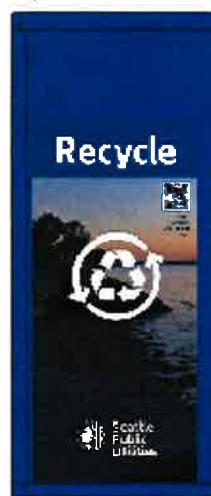
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Mike McCarty

From: Tim Talevich
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Brian Duncan; Minna Rudd; Matt Miller; Kyle Braun; Eric Thompson
Cc: Mike McCarty
Subject: Images for downtown garbage and recycling containers
Attachments: Container images.pdf

Hello team,

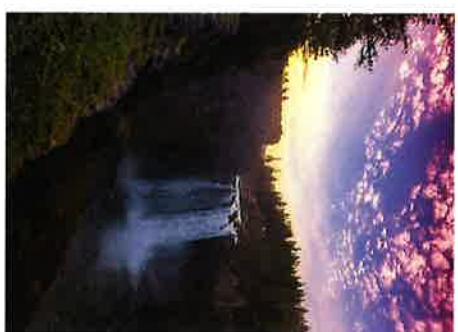
As noted, we have several excellent local photographers with extensive collections of Valley scenes. I have contacted a few of them to inquire about using images for our new garbage and recycling containers. Attached is a contact sheet of images we can use. One of the photos was in the packet Mike shared at our last meeting.

I'm not certain how many receptacles are involved. We can brainstorm whether to put just one image per receptacle, or two; and what combinations to use, etc.

Mike will fill us in on the next steps for this project. We might be able to get these photos for no charge; otherwise there may be a modest fee. Mike has indicated we could use our discretionary budget to cover that cost.

Tim T.

Agenda Item #3



Agenda Item # 5

Arbor Day Recognition, November 1, 2024

2pm – 3pm, South Fork Snoqualmie River and Ribary Creek Planting Area

Left Bank (Nintendo side) of River

Accessed from downtown North Bend Park and Ride

2pm – Welcome and Thanks, and Proclamation of Arbor Day

- Mayor welcomes public, thank volunteers
 - Thank the members of the general public attending
 - Value of public participation in City's efforts
 - Importance of events like this that help us care for our community
- Mike McCarty – Recognition of importance of native species and tree planting
 - Description of future levy setback project here, and tree planting ahead of that work so that the forest can have a bit of a head-start.
 - Description of this project, and broader work between City and MTSGT over the years on Ribary Creek and South Fork Snoqualmie River (Tollgate, Meadowbrook, Riverfront Park, and other areas).
 - Threat of invasive species and importance of care for the forest.
 - Public is an important part of that process.

2:08 - Mayor reads proclamation declaring November 1, 2024 as Arbor Day in North Bend

2:10 – Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Staff - Demonstration of tree planting techniques, associated Q&A.

2:10 – 4pm (as volunteers are available) – Tree Planting

Agenda Item # 5

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North Bend Arbor Day 2024

(from Mountains to Sound Greenway
Trust website)



[Register](#)**Date & Time**

Friday, November 1, 2024 | 2pm-4pm

Location

South Fork Snoqualmie River Riparian Restoration

Cost

This event is free to attend, but we welcome donations to support tree planting and care in the Greenway. For every \$25 donation, we'll plant a tree in your name in the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area. PLUS, thanks to Carter Subaru, your impact is doubled—so two trees will be planted! Learn more and donate at mtsgreenway.org/trees.

Difficulty

Easy to Moderate

Age Restriction

Open to all ages. Participants under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

What to Bring

For safety, volunteers are required to wear:

- Long pants (we'll be working with tools, so no shorts!)
- Sturdy, close-toed shoes (absolutely no sandals)

- Gloves (provided)

In addition, we recommend that participants bring:

- Warm layers, especially during the fall, winter, and spring
- Rain gear
- Big sack lunch
- At least one full water bottle
- Small daypack for lunch, extra layers, etc...

Driving Directions

Please park at this park and ride area: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Aj53W7D5QfSJaoU56> Look for Greenway staff and trucks.

Additional Information

Join us and the City of North Bend for its 2024 annual North Bend Arbor Day event! We will be planting in priority areas along the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River.

