



RESOLUTION NO. 7308

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALBANY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT THROUGH OREGON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR DEERFIELD PARK

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Parks and Recreation Department desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Deerfield Park was created in the 1950s by Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the parks and recreation department purchased the 10.89-acre park from GAPS; and

WHEREAS, in the 2021 Parks Master Plan, Deerfield Park was selected for improvements within the five-year plan, as the park has not seen any improvements since the playground equipment was installed 40 years ago; and

WHEREAS, for years there has been community interest and requests for improvements at the park, as the current set-up is insufficient for community needs and ADA accessibility; and

WHEREAS, a rehabilitation project for the park will include multiple components: the construction of a new playground, walking path, basketball court, and a nine-hole disc golf course; and

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation department has available matching funding to fulfill its share of the obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation department will provide adequate funding for the on-going operation and maintenance of this park should grant funds be awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council:

1. Demonstrates its support for the submittal of a grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the rehabilitation of Deerfield Park, and
2. Authorizes the parks and recreation director to execute any and all documents related to the grant application and to effectuate its award.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk