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Staff Report

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To: City Commission

From: Community Services Director Phil Lewis

Status: Public Hearing

Agenda #: 6e.

File Type: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 18-1017, Designating the Property Known as Richard Bloom Tots' Park as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-1017, Designating the Property Known as Richard Bloom Tots' Park as a Park Under Oregon City Charter Chapter X.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was established in 1983 by the City Commission to advocate for recreational opportunities for Oregon City and to oversee implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To ensure recreational opportunities are preserved in Oregon City, the PRAC has undertaken the review of the charter park status of all Oregon City parks which are owned and managed by the Oregon City Parks and Recreation Department.

Oregon City owns thirty-six parks, eleven of those are identified in Section 42 of Chapter X of the City Charter making them charter parks. Two more parks (Abernethy Creek Park and Jon Storm Park) were added to the charter through the provisions outlined in Section 43, which allows charter park designation through ordinance adoption. Identification in the City Charter ensures park protection by preventing the transfer, sale, vacation or major changes to charter parks without a legal vote of the people.

Of the remaining twenty-three non-charter parks, the property identified as Richard Bloom Tots' Park was gifted to the City in 1952. The 1999 Parks Master Plan identified the park as a .2 acre partially developed mini-park. Adoption of Ordinance No. 18-1017 will designate Richard Bloom Tots' Park as a park under Chapter X of the City Charter and ensure protection of the land as a park.